

Computer forgery:

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Forgery in information technology is the equivalent of forgery in writing, except that it is done digitally. Since forgery in writing requires a 'writing', it was not possible to punish forgery in digital data before the introduction of this crime.

Also for computer forgery, a number of elements must be present. It must involve the falsification of the truth through data manipulation. This data manipulation is done by entering, changing or deleting data from a computer system. Falsification of information must be done with fraudulent intent or with the aim of causing damage. The damage does not necessarily have to have already been done, it is sufficient that damage was reasonably possible. Using data that is known to be false, without the user falsifying it himself, is also punishable.

For more information about this crime, a concrete punishment and/or tailor-made advice, please contact our criminal lawyers at info@studio-penale.be.