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Authorities from all over the world are struggling to reduce piracy
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[Armenia Rules the World when It Comes to PC Software Piracy](#) *Followed by Bangladesh and Azerbaijan*

A research conducted by the Business Software Alliance revealed that Armenia has the highest piracy rate of all the countries in the world with no less than 93 points in 2007 and 95 in 2006. Armenia is followed by Bangladesh and Azerbaijan, with 92 points each. According to findings published by BSA, the global piracy rate is now at only 38 percent, but the total PC software losses almost reached \$48 billion. "We are making much-needed progress in the battle against PC software piracy, and that's good news for governments, end users, businesses, and the industry," said BSA President and CEO Robert Holleyman. "The battleground is now shifting, however, to emerging markets where many of our collective challenges remain." If you're curious which the countries with the lowest piracy rates are, find out that the United States leads the chart with 20 %, being followed by Luxembourg and New Zealand with 21 % and 22 % respectively. It's interesting to note that most countries with low piracy rates come from Western Europe, including here Austria (25 %), Belgium (25 %), Finland (25 %), Switzerland (25 %) and Sweden (25 %). Moreover, the losses recorded in these countries are also pretty low compared with the ones brought by other countries such as Russia (more than \$4 billion) and China (more than \$6 billion). For instance, Luxembourg, which has a piracy rate of 21 %, recorded losses of only \$16 million. "By the end of 2007, there were more than 1 billion PCs installed around the world, and close half had pirated, unlicensed software on them," said John Gantz, chief research officer at IDC. "The study shows that government and industry anti-piracy efforts are working in many countries, however, their attention will increasingly turn to combating piracy in emerging economies." More coverage on this topic is also available on [Softpedia](#).