

# Drake Software Terms of Use

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- Upload files that contain software or other material protected by intellectual property laws (or by rights of privacy or publicity) unless you own or control the rights thereto or have received all necessary consents;
- Upload files that contain viruses, corrupted files, or any other similar software or programs that may damage the operation of another's computer;
- Advertise or offer to sell or buy any goods or services for any business purpose, unless such Communication Service specifically allows such messages;
- Conduct or forward surveys, contests, pyramid schemes or chain letters;
- Download any file posted by another user of a Communication Service that you know, or reasonably should know, cannot be legally distributed in such manner;
- Falsify or delete any author attributions, legal or other proper notices or proprietary designations or labels of the origin or source of software or other material contained in a file that is uploaded;
- Restrict or inhibit any other user from using and enjoying the Communication Services;
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- Harvest or otherwise collect information about others, including e-mail addresses, without their consent; or
- Violate any applicable laws or regulations.

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 Franklin, NC 28734  
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To the maximum extent permitted by law, these Terms of Use are governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina, and you hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, or if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction, the state courts in Macon County, North Carolina for all disputes arising out of or relating to these Terms of Use or your use of the Sites. At Drake's sole discretion, it may require you to submit any disputes arising from these Terms of use or your use of the Sites to final and binding arbitration under the Rules of Arbitration of the American Arbitration Association, applying North Carolina law. Use of the Sites is unauthorized in any jurisdiction that does not give effect to all provisions of these Terms of Use, including without limitation, this paragraph.

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