The case of Sklyarov versus Adobe on the Web:
A small exercise in reading the network configurations of scandal.

![Network events](image_url)

**Network events**
- **July 10, 2001**
  - Elcomsoft releases the Advanced eBook Processor
  - Birth of the scandal-network
- **July 23, 2001**
  - The scandal-network turns
  - Adobe and the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) publish a joint statement to their respective Web sites, calling for the release of the programmer. Soon after, Elcomsoft removes the incriminating material on Adobe from its Web site, as well as its link to the company. A declaration of support for the free Sklyarov movement takes place.
- **September 2, 2001**
  - The scandal-network turns again
  - Adobe again renews its position, in its joint statement with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Adobe makes a plea for the release of Dmitry Sklyarov.
- **October 20, 2001**
  - Sklyarov and Elcomsoft are indicted
  - After having been released on bail, Dmitry Sklyarov, as well as the company that employs him, Elcomsoft, are indicted on 13 counts of violating the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.
- **November 26, 2001**
  - The court hearings of Dmitry Sklyarov and Elcomsoft are delayed until March 2.
- **December 12, 2001**
  - The US Court and the Sklyarov legal team reach an agreement
  - The US Attorney announces that the defense of Sklyarov and the judge of the district of Northern California have reached an agreement: the indictment of Dmitry Sklyarov will eventually be dismissed.

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**Media events**
- **June 22, 2001**
  - Elcomsoft releases the Advanced eBook Processor
  - The Russian software company Elcomsoft releases a program, called the Advanced eBook Processor (AEBP), which can remove the encryption from eBooks for the Adobe Acrobat eBook Reader.
- **July 3, 2001**
  - Elcomsoft stops selling the Advanced eBook Processor
  - After complaints by the American software company Adobe, which produces the eBook Reader, Elcomsoft agrees to stop selling the Advanced eBook Processor, but it continues to distribute a free demonstration version.
- **July 15, 2001**
  - Dmitry Sklyarov is arrested
  - The programmer Dmitry Sklyarov, an employee of Elcomsoft, is arrested by the FBI at the Def Con conference in Las Vegas, after Adobe landed over ‘incriminating evidence’ to the Bureau.
- **July 19, 2001**
  - Protest against the detention of Sklyarov picks up
  - Protest against the detention of Dmitry Sklyarov, and against Adobe, pick up on the Web.
- **July 21, 2001**
  - Adobe pleads for the release of Sklyarov
  - In a joint statement with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Adobe makes a plea for the release of Dmitry Sklyarov.
- **August 20, 2001**
  - Sklyarov and Elcomsoft are indicted
  - After having been released on bail, Dmitry Sklyarov, as well as the company that employs him, Elcomsoft, are indicted on 13 counts of violating the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.
- **September 26, 2001**
  - The court hearings of Sklyarov and Elcomsoft are delayed until November 26.
- **November 21, 2001**
  - Court hearings of Sklyarov are delayed.
- **December 12, 2001**
  - The court hearings of Dmitry Sklyarov and Elcomsoft are delayed until March 2.

The extended scandal-network: interlinkings between the core network and the scandal support network.

The extended scandal-network is made up of the protagonists (the core scandal-network) and the relevant actors that reported and supported the scandal on the Web (the scandal support network). It was located with the aid of the IssueCrawler. This map shows the interlinkings between the core network and the scandal support network. The sizes of the arrows indicate the number of links going from an actor group to the core network, and vice versa. The sizes of the actors indicate relevance. In terms of the number of links each actor in the extended network received from the core broader network treasuring the scandal on the Web. The actors of the core network were found by the IssueCrawler to be the most relevant actors of their respective groups.

**Legend**

**Actors in the core scandal-network**
- Adobe
- Elcomsoft
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Free Sklyarov Campaign Site
- Borismenu
- US Attorney’s Office

**Actor groups in the extended scandal-network**
- Software companies
- Sklyarov campaign sites
- Governmental institutions
- Seek community sites
- On-line technology news services
- (Massified) news media

**References**