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Societal Aspects of Development of the Information Technologies Sector in Russia

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Introduction

- 1. Different Interpretations of Information Safety*
- 2. Public Discours on Internet. Dmitry Sklyarov's Story.*
- 3. Development of Information Technologies in Russia: Specifics, Effects, Perspectives*

The development of the IT sector in Russia takes place against the background of general economic, social and political transformation. Nowadays the IT development in Russia has reached such a point when active governmental policy is necessary. The role of the state under these conditions together with the functions of legal regulating of the information market, security of computer webs, protection of state secrets and intellectual property etc. should include measures aimed at the overcoming of the internal digital divide. Such governmental intervention is necessary within the limited time-space. If it is successful, the following rise of the new economy itself will contribute to equalisation of economic opportunities for different regions, social groups and individual actors.