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Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science**

**Proposal for Thesis Research in Partial Fulfillment  
of the Requirements for the Degree of  
Master of Science**

**Title:** Framework for Policy Aware Content Reuse on the WWW

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**Laboratory where thesis will be done:** Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence  
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**Brief Statement of the Problem:**

First, the need for policy aware content reuse is assessed by examining the extent to which license violations are out there on the World Wide Web. Then, to circumvent this problem, methods to detect and help users to avoid such license violations are proposed. This system includes a 'License Violations Validator' and a 'Semantic Clipboard'.

**Supervision Agreement:**

The program outlined in this proposal is adequate for a Master's thesis. The supplies and facilities required are available, and I am willing to supervise the research and evaluate the thesis report.

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