An Introduction to the Creative Commons

An ACRL e-Learning Webinar

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Note: I am speaking from knowledge and experience in working with CC licensing, not on behalf of the CC. I will do my best to answer your copyright questions but can't provide legal advice.

In This Presentation

- A bit of history
- What's in a license?
- Types of licenses
- Iterations of licenses
- Using CC licenses
- Finding CC works

A Bit of History

From the Framers

"To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for *limited times* to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries."

-Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 (emphasis added)

How it Works

- Meet the criteria for securing copyright
- Receive certain rights under the law, e.g. making copies, distributing them, making derivatives, making performances and displays of the work
- Duration of copyright:
 - **-** 1790 = 14+14
 - -1831 = 28 + 14
 - -1909 = 28 + 28
 - 1976 = life + 50

Recommended Resource: USCO Copyright Basics Circular: https://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ01.pdf

Public Domain

Technically, a work that is not protected by copyright

- Work that contains no copyrightable content
- Work created by the US Federal Government
- Term of copyright has expired

Recommended Resource: USCO's Works Not Protected by Copyright Circular: https://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ33.pdf

Sonny Bono CETA (1998)

- Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act (CTEA)
- Added 20 years to the term of copyright protection (e.g. life +50 became life +70)
- Eric Eldred, represented by Lawrence Lessig brought challenged the constitutionality of the CTEA (Eldred v. Ashcroft) on three points:
 - Violation of the copyright clause
 - First amendment considerations
 - Violation of the public trust doctrine

Read: Eldred v. Ashcroft: https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/01-618.ZS.html

A Bit Frustrated....

- Lessig and colleagues explored the idea of how to help make more creative works readily available throughout the world
- With support from the Center for the Public Domain, the Creative Commons was founded in 2001
- Published their first set of Creative Commons licenses (version 1.0) in 2002
 - CC-BY
 - CC-BY-SA
 - CC-BY-NC
 - CC-BY-NC-SA
 - CC-BY-ND
 - CC-BY-NC-ND

What's in a License?

Front End

CC-BY

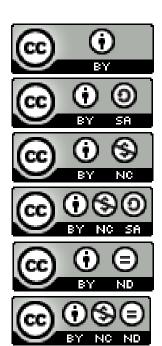
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Back End, Layer 1– Commons Deeds

- Summary of the "legal code"
- Plain language text of what the user <u>can do</u> with the CC licensed work
- Plain language text of what the user <u>must do</u> in order to be in compliance with the license
- Notices a few things for the user to be aware of
- Pros: Easy to read and understand
- Cons: Easy not read, or too much is read into it!

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More Legal Code

- Definitions
- 2. Scope
- 3. License Conditions
- 4. Sui Generis Database Rights
- 5. Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitation of Liability
- 6. Term and Termination
- 7. Other Terms and Conditions
- 8. Interpretation

Pros: There are a lot of answers to be found here!

Cons: If you are comfortable navigating through the language, you can learn a lot

Back End, Layer 3 – Machine Readable Code

Metadata that helps identify your works as a CC work

Help others attribute you!

This part is optional, but filling it out will add machine-readable metadata to the suggested HTML!

Title of work		?
Attribute work to name		?
Attribute work to URL		?
Source work URL		?
		(2)
More permissions URL		· ·
Format of work	Other / Multiple formats ?	
License mark	HTML+RDFa ✓ ?	

The Licenses

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Sharing

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Adapt

Generally, a modification rises to the level of an adaptation under copyright law when the modified work is based on the prior work but manifests sufficient new creativity to be copyrightable, such as a translation of a novel from one language to another, or the creation of a screenplay based on a novel.

Is it an Adaptation?

Under the CC licenses, adaptations are not...

- Format shifting
- Fixing minor errors, e.g. a misspelled work or punctuation
- Putting works together in a collection, e.g. a collection of essays or poems
- Including a photo in connection with text

Commercial Uses

- Uses that are primarily intended for or directed toward commercial advantage or monetary compensation
- Whether a use is commercial will depend on the specifics of the situation and the intentions of the user.

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ShareAlike

- In general, when remixing ShareAlike content, your adapter's license must be the same license as the license on the material you are adapting [or a compatible one].
- The ShareAlike condition only applies when a work is publicly shared.
 Users may create remixes and adaptations that they do not publish and they do not have to comply with the license conditions.
- How does the use of a SA work in/with another apply (CC Examples)?
 - ShareAlike photo being used unmodified in a larger work. Unless the larger work would be considered an adaptation of it, using a ShareAlike photo as a separate element within it does not require original materials in the larger work to be ShareAlike or compatible. The larger work may be licensed under any terms.
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- Prohibits uses that are "primarily intended for or directed toward commercial advantage or monetary compensation."
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Iterations

It Just Keeps Getting Better

- Version 1.0, 2002
- Version 2.0, 2004
- Version 2.5, 2005
- Version 3.0, 2007
- Version 4.0, 2013
- Things changed between versions, so it's good to check the terms of the license attached to the work to make sure you don't miss anything

Recommended resource:

https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/License_Versions

Translations (version 4.0)

 Translations: official, linguistic translations done through a formal process:

https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/Legal Code Translation Policy

- Previous versions:
 - Unported: Version that could apply internationally
 - Ported: Translated and adapted for use in certain countries

Why CC?

Pros

- Keep your copyright!
- Remember, you are not bound by the terms of the CC license...only those looking to reuse your work are!
- Get credit
- Clear cut rules for reuse
- Legally enforceable licenses
- Be in good company (over 1.4 billion CC licensed works*)

Cons

- Complications can arise
 - Software
 - Music
 - 3D printing
- What if I don't like how someone has reused my work?
 - Must indicate where changes were made
 - They can't imply endorsement via attribution
 - Request that attribution be removed*

Licensing Your Works

- Do you hold the copyright?
- Remember that CC licenses are irrevocable
- Uncertain about reuses? Start conservative, then go more "open" with your license choice
- Remember, if you add on downstream restrictions you can no longer use the CC branding

Recommended Resource: Modifying the CC Licenses: https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/Modifying the CC licenses

CC Choose a License Tool

https://creativecommons.org/choose/

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CC Australia Flowchart

Which Creative Commons licence is right for me?

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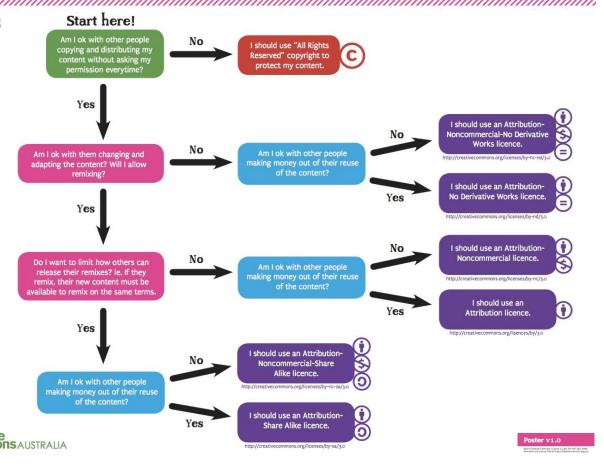
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When People Don't Comply with you License

- Don't forget the exceptions factor!
- What do you do when they are in clear violation of your terms?
 - Ask for compliance
 - Remember, under the 4.0 licenses they have 30 days to remedy their error "provided it is cured within 30 days of Your discovery of the violation"
 - Pursue legal action

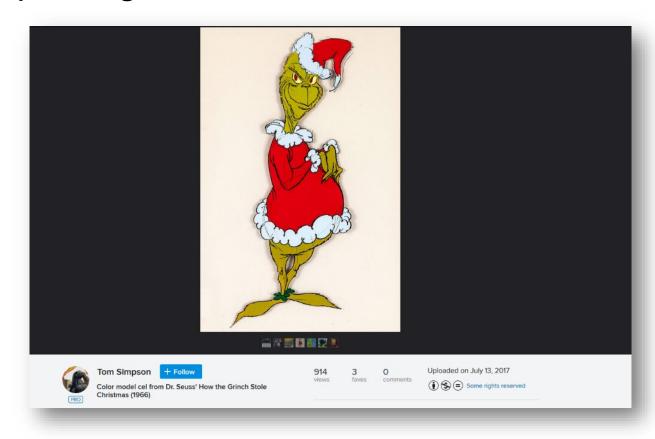
CC For Users

Pros

- Clear cut rules = no infringement worries
- Does not prevent uses that might otherwise be lawful under expectations and limitations found in copyright law

Cons

• Who is posting what?

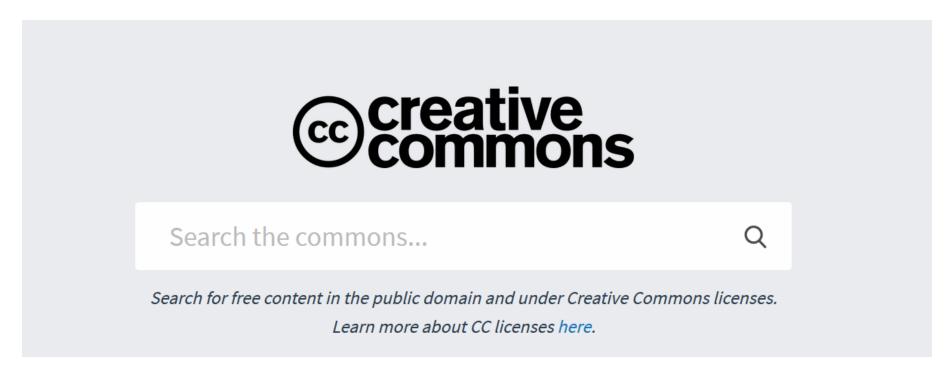


Cons

- Other areas of IP may not be covered under the license
 - Trademarks
 - Privacy/Celebrity
- Not following the rules can get you into trouble

Finding CC Works

CC Search: https://search.creativecommons.org/



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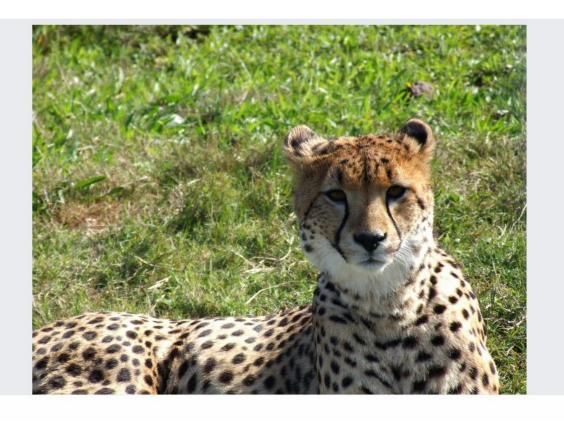
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User Tips

- What do you wish to be able to do?
- Search for an appropriately licensed work
- Check the license version, then read the correct legal code (don't just go by the Deed)
- Can you really do what you want to do?
- Ask for the permission needed, if needed
- Don't forget you can consider exceptions, e.g. fair use. In these situations, you are not required to comply
 with the license...this includes giving credit (but giving credit is still the nice and ethical thing to do)
- Provide attribution as required by the legal code* (Title, Author, Source, License)
- Note if modifications were made
- Provide attribution for each work used
- Don't put into place barriers for others using a CC work you may have copied
- Licensing your work as a CC work? Make it as "open" as possible

CC Remix Chart



CC Licenses in Court

Drauglis v. Kappa Map Groups

- Drauglis took a photograph that he posted to Flickr under a CC-BY-SA 2.0 license
- Kappa used the photograph on the front of an atlas they published
- Drauglis sued Kappa, arguing that the atlas should have been an SA work and that the attribution they provided was not in compliance with the license.

Attribution

• The following credit was placed on the back cover of the atlas by Kappa:

Photo: Swain's Lock, Montgomery Co., MD

Photographer: Carly Lesser & Art Drauglis, Creative Commoms [sic], CC-BY-SA-2.0

- Identifies the license, even though it does not link to it, and the placement on the back cover was ok
- A copyright notice by Kappa placed inside the book did not convey ownership of the copyright in the photograph

SA Application

- The court found that the atlas is not a derivative of the photo, but more of a collective work
- The court noted that cropping the photo slightly does not constitute a derivative

Drauglis v. Kappa Map Groups

Read the case here:

https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/district-of-columbia/dcdce/1:2014cv01043/166825/39/

• CC Case Summary:

https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/Drauglis_v_Kappa Map_Group, LLC

Great Minds Lawsuits

- Great Minds brought suit again FedEx and Office Depot for making copies of educational works they had licensed as CC-BY-NC-SA 4.0 works
- In both instances, a not for profit school asked that they
 make the copies on their behalf, and both companies
 charged the school over and above their costs.
- CC weighed in in amicus briefs stating that a NC user may work with contractors to exercise the license on their behalf. The businesses could not make the copies and sell them at a profit, but a qualified user under the license can ask them to do so.

Great Minds Lawsuits

- Great Minds v. FedEx, District Court Ruling: <u>https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4954025/2017-02-24-Order-Dismissing-Complaint-Against.pdf</u>
- Great Minds v. FedEx 2nd Circuit Court Ruling: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4954024/2018-03-21-Great-Minds-Opinion-CA2-17-808.pdf
- Great Minds v. Office Depot: <u>https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4954026/2018-</u> 01-18-40-Decision-Granting-Dismissal-of.pdf
- CC Info About the Lawsuits: <u>https://creativecommons.org/2018/04/02/recent-u-s-legal-decision-reinforces-strength-cc-licenses/</u>

Philpot Lawsuits

Larry Philpot is a photographer who has brought a series of lawsuits against users who he feels have not complied with the terms of the CC licenses he attaches to his photographs. Many have to do with failure to provide attribution or correct attribution. In these situations, the courts have considered of the use could be considered a fair use, which would not require attrintuion.. So far, findings have included:

- Philpot v. WOS not a fair use
- Philpot v. Media Research Center Inc. fair use
- Philpot v. LM Communications not a fair use
- Philpot v. Alternet Media more fact finding on fair use
- Lesson to be learned, provide attribution and follow the terms of the license

Putting it all Together

The CC is a Useful Tool for Creators

- Independent creators and those looking to reuse the works of others
- In either situation, creators should work to familiarize themselves with the full license terms and follow them!
- Lots of applications for CC licenses in higher education
- As academic librarians, we can help guide faculty, students, and our colleagues to information about the CC that will empower them to make effective decisions about their application and use

Learn More

- CC FAQ Page: https://creativecommons.org/faq/
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