



Creative Credit and Copyright

Impact of the Internet

One huge impact that the Internet has had on society is the advent of **digital piracy**, in which people upload or download **copyrighted** material that they do not own.

It's important that we access and share movies, music, books, art, and other such media in a way that is both **legal** and **ethical**.



Copyright

Copyright is a form of protection for intellectual property, usually applying to artistic works.

Any work of original thought is the legal property of the creator, and this is protected by copyright law. This includes art, music, movies, and any other number of artistic endeavors! Since these works are the creator's legal property, the creator has the right to choose how their work is used or distributed.



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All of the different types of licenses fall into one of these three main categories:

- All Rights Reserved
- Some Rights Reserved
- Public Domain



All Rights Reserved

If a work is copyrighted with an All Rights Reserved license, it means that the creator reserves all rights (wow, duh) to determine when, where, and how the work is distributed or used.

These works cannot be distributed, reused, or modified without the explicit permission of the creator.

This is the strictest type of copyright license.



Some Rights Reserved

If a work is copyrighted with Some Rights Reserved, the creator may allow for things like reuse or modification as long as they are cited as the original creator of the work.

Each individual license will lay out the exact specifications of how people are allowed to use the work.



Public Domain

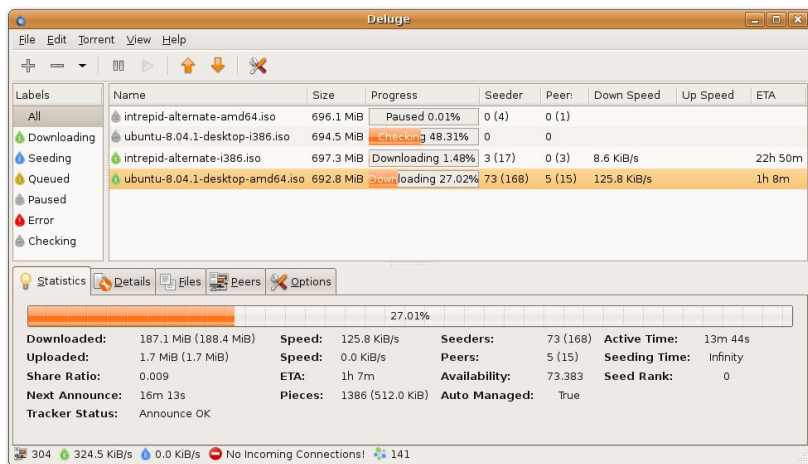
As you might expect, works that are in the Public Domain are free for anyone to use at any time, without the need to cite the original creator. They have chosen to waive all rights they might have to control how the work is used by others.

This is, obviously, the least strict type of licensing a work can hold.



Respecting Others' Copyright

It's very important to make sure we are respecting the copyrights that belong to other people. Distributing copyrighted materials like images movies or albums over file sharing networks is a clear violation of copyright, and against the law.



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Respecting Others' Copyright

It's equally important that we not just take images, videos, or quotes from the Internet and pass them off as our own! That's both plagiarism and a violation of copyright law!

Just like you would in a research paper for a science or english class, you need to credit the original author of a work when you use it!



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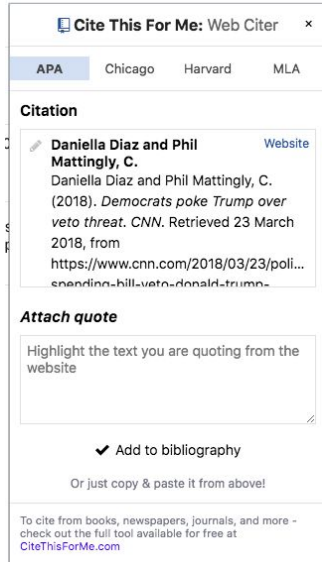
Just like in english class, you need to cite your sources!

- Name of the author, if available
- Name of the work, if available
- Year of the work, if available
- Name of the site you sourced it from
- Direct link



Building Citations

There are lots of different websites and browser extensions built with the goal of making it easy to cite content in whatever format you might need.



Tools like these can be very useful for school assignments!

In Conclusion

- Look for copyright licenses
- Follow the rules outlined by those licenses
- Always cite sources

Be respectful of copyright owners! Who knows - you might have your own Intellectual Property that you'll want protected someday!

