ChatGPT Copyright

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Protection

As of ChatGPT's last update in January 2022, ChatGPT itself is protected under copyright laws. This protection applies to the underlying code and architecture of the model, as well as the training data used to develop it.

OpenAI, as the creator and owner of ChatGPT, holds the copyright. Users are generally free to use the outputs of ChatGPT (like the text generated during a conversation) for various purposes, including commercial use, unless specified otherwise by OpenAI in a specific context or agreement.

"If you have specific questions about using ChatGPT or its outputs for a particular purpose, it's advisable to consult OpenAI's terms of service or seek legal advice."

Usage and Output

Content creators can use ChatGPT to create original works and claim their own copyright for these works. This is not very clear but available in ChatGPT's terms of service.

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Custom GPTs

Copyright protection currently doesn't extend to replicating or redistributing the ChatGPT model itself or its training data. It's also currently unclear if customizing GPTs is protected.

Summary

I think that any original creations made using ChatGPT should be protected by copyright and user choice. I also think that custom GTPs should be protected by OpenAI.