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Schedule

- 2:10 – Intro; Announcements
- 2:20 – Exercise
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- 2:50 – Student Presentation: Creative Commons
- 3:00 – Open Content Licensing
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- 3:45 – Break
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- 4:10 – Student Presentation: MIT Open Courseware
- 4:20 – Open Access
Intro
Plagiarism v. Copyright

- These are different concepts
- Attribution?
- Is copyright infringement always plagiarism?
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- Who enforces?
- Other differences?
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CC HowTo #4: How to use a work with a No Derivatives license

Oct 20th, 2008 by Molly

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Recent Posts

CC HowTo #4: How to use a work with a No Derivatives license
University of Michigan Library adopts Creative Commons licenses
NIH appears to be enforcing the Public Access Policy
Exercise
Questions / Current Events
TM Fair Use – 2 kinds

• **Nominative Fair Use**
  - Using TM to describe TM owner’s product (when only practical way to talk about product is to use TM)
    - Ex) For use in “Canon”
  - Confusion *not* addressed

• **Classic Fair Use**
  - Using TM to describe your own product
  - Until 2004, courts split on whether confusion mattered
KP Permanent Make-up
You can call your store Best Buy, but others may fairly say their store provides the best buy.

This can be a fair use, even if there is some confusion.

But, confusion can be a factor in determining fair use.

Obama CTO

• Push broadband
• Manage $50B VC fund for green technologies
• Cybersecurity
• Jeff Bezos, Vint Cert, Steve Balmer, Ed Felton
Mongols trademark

- Previously owned by motorcycle gang
- Trademark ownership turned over to the government
- The government can now seize people got wearing the logo
- How will the government maintain the trademark?
Presentations

- Cybersquatting
- Creative Commons
“Public Licenses”

- Open source software
- Open content
- Next?
Background

• Concept is old – collaborating by disseminating material in an open fashion
  – Storytellers in Peshawar
  – Oxford English Dictionary
  – Disney
  – ARPANET – “Request for comments” (1969)
  – Unix (1974)
  – doujinshi
Need for “Public Licenses”

• Copyright expansion – term; scope (derivatives); DMCA; lack of clarity for fair use
• In general – it’s hard to just give stuff away
  – Others may use it improperly
  – Liability
  – Transaction costs (due to © formalities)
    • Hard to find you
    • Need to find you
• Goal: Make protected materials more accessible and more negotiable
Stallman

• 1984 – Trying to share software
  – But users couldn’t share the software of others
“Why I Must Write GNU: I consider that the golden rule requires that if I like a program I must share it with other people who like it. Software sellers want to divide the users and conquer them, making each user agree not to share with others. I refuse to break solidarity with other users in this way. I cannot in good conscience sign a nondisclosure agreement or a software license agreement.”

Richard Stallman

Source: http://www.gnu.org/gnu/manifesto.html
“Stallman's vision is laid out in the GNU Manifesto. This manifesto is either a profoundly important document or the mimeographed ravings of some guy in the city park. I’ve never been entirely sure which.”

Eric Kidd (2000)

Source: http://static.userland.com/userLandDiscussArchive/msg019844.html
Free Software

• 1984: Set up Free Software Foundation and started writing software

• Free (as in free speech, not free beer) to:
  – 1) run the software for any purpose;
  – 2) study how the software works and to adapt it to your needs;
  – 3) redistribute copies of the software
  – 4) improve the software and distribute your improvements to the public
From “free” to “open”

• 1991: Linus Torvalds comes along
  – Writes Linux Kernel; using much GNU software
  – Linux grew from a hobby to the third most used operating system in the world
Netscape Release

• 1998 – Browser Wars
• January 1998 – Netscape release its browser as “open source”
  – Worried that Microsoft could make the web proprietary if servers only able to interact with IE
• Firefox, Safari, Konquerer all based off of Netscape’s code
Open Source Principles (Rosen)

• 1) Free to use OSS for any purpose whatsoever
• 2) Free to make copies of OSS and to distribute them
• 3) Free to create and distribute derivative works
• 4) Free to access the source code
• 5) Free to combine open source and other software

Creative Commons

• http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io3BrAQl3so
• http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMZ2mUXZEA8
Open Access

• http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2JT23E1bRE
NIH Open Access

• Author must post articles reporting NIH funded research
  – NIH repository on PubMed Central

• Author therefore must retain sufficient public access rights when granting publication rights to others
Source: http://www.google.com/trends?q=copyright, open source, open access, creative commons
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** Includes 10,000 historical archives.

† Number of encyclopedic articles. The Nationalencyklopedin contains a total of 356,000 entries.

§ Kister, op. cit., p. 363.

‡ Advertised as containing “over 63,000 articles, with 36,000-plus map locations and over 29,000 editor-approved website links.” The 2006 Premium CD-ROM had 68,000 articles.

Source: [http://courseware.hbs.edu/public/cases/wikipedia/exhibits.html](http://courseware.hbs.edu/public/cases/wikipedia/exhibits.html)
Public License Legal Issues

1) Scope of License – other than Jacobson, no U.S. cases construing these licenses

2) Automatic Termination – easy to accrue large infringement damages using OSS

3) Conflicting Licenses – 58 OSI-approved licenses; but at least 600 “open source” licenses exist
   - Even the top 8 OS licenses may be incompatible (ex: GPL and Mozilla Public License)

4) Need for OS Policy – concern from investors
Jacobsen

• Difference between contract law and copyright/ IP law
Jacobsen Ruling

• P. 12 – “Copyright holders who engage in open source licensing have the right to control the modification and distribution of copyrighted material.”

• P.12-13 – “The choice to exact consideration in the form of compliance with the open source requirements of disclosure and explanation of changes, rather than as a dollar-denominated fee, is entitled to no less legal recognition.”

Source: Jacobsen v. Katzer (N.D. Cal. 8/17/2007)
Class Questions
Problem 1

- UM Library adopts CC license
  - Whether to use “noncommercial” restriction
- Boss wants no restrictions other than attribution – everything should be free and open
- Concerned about public perception of giving things away for others to make money
- Student has question about sponsored research
Problem 2

• FSF Lawyer
• Question about code that was not created with any OSS, and distributed by itself
• But, it “calls” a spell-checker program that was released under the GPL v2 and is available online.
• Does your software need to be released under GPLv2?
Problem 3

• Play online licensed under CC – share alike
• Software licensed under:

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• Which license can be used to release software version of play?
Problem 4

• How to make money with software written using GPLv2 components?
Problem 5

- Licensed song under CC – Attribution, Noncommercial, No Derivatives
- You’d like to make slideshow using that music as background and show it to the class
- Can you?
Background Materials
Open Access: the NIH Policy

See slides 14 – 35 of Elaine Brock’s presentation at http://www.research.umich.edu/policies/federal,