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Hiding Behind Technology?



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The problem

copyright limitation

intermediate technical steps

exempted use



Central question

Technical analysis

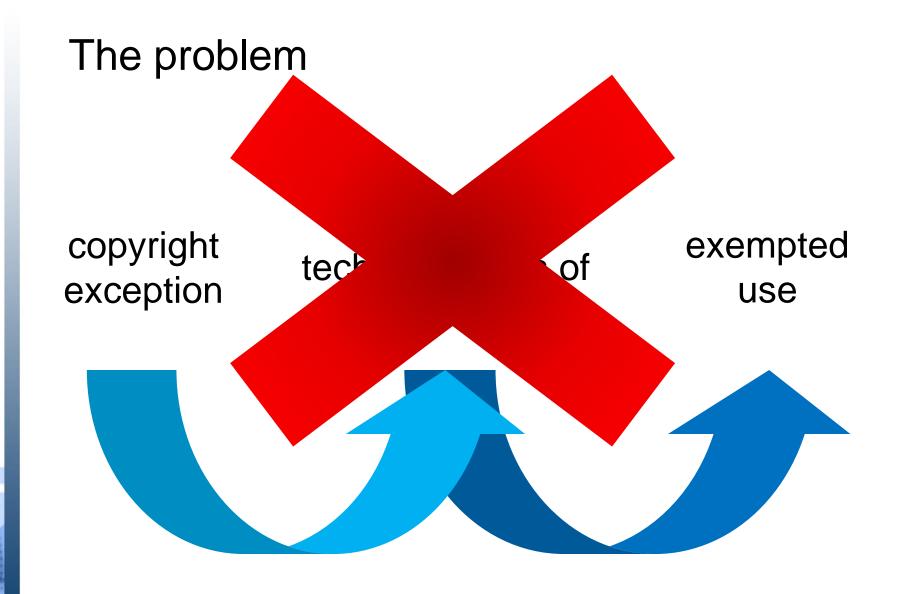
 permission required for each technical step

copyright = veto

Functional analysis

 no permission required as long as final use exempted

copyright ≠ veto



Field of application

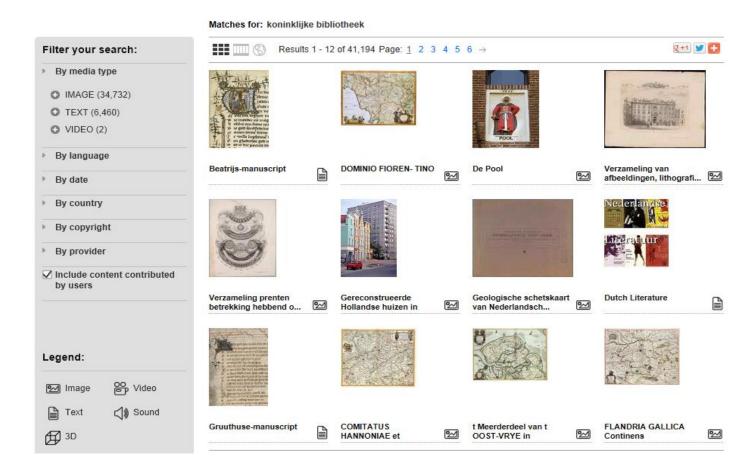


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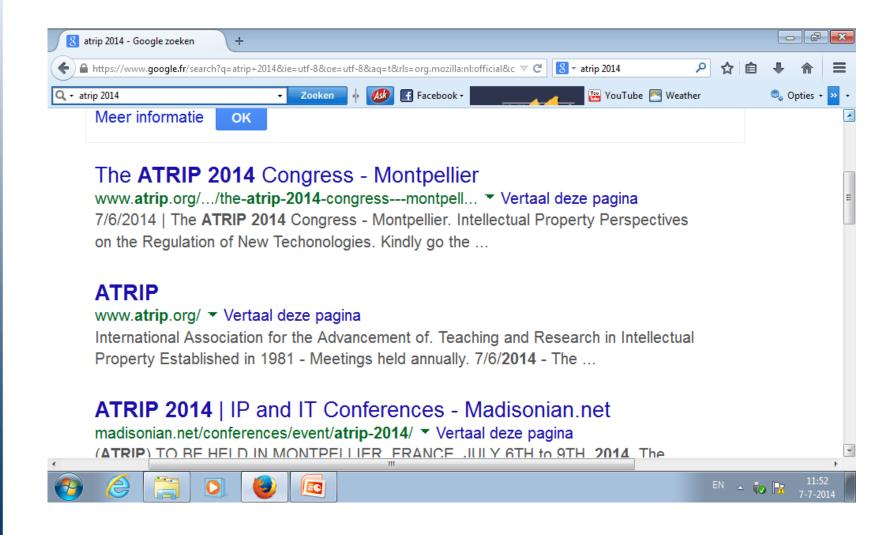
US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, Authors Guild/HathiTrust

- "...in order to perform a full-text search of books, the Libraries must first create digital copies of the entire books. Importantly, as we have seen, the HDL does not allow users to view any portion of the books they are searching... Instead, the HDL simply permits users to "word search" - that is to locate where specific words or phrases appear in the digitized books.' (p. 18)
- = fair use even though entire books copied

Catalyst: US fair use doctrine

"...the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole;...'

Text mining



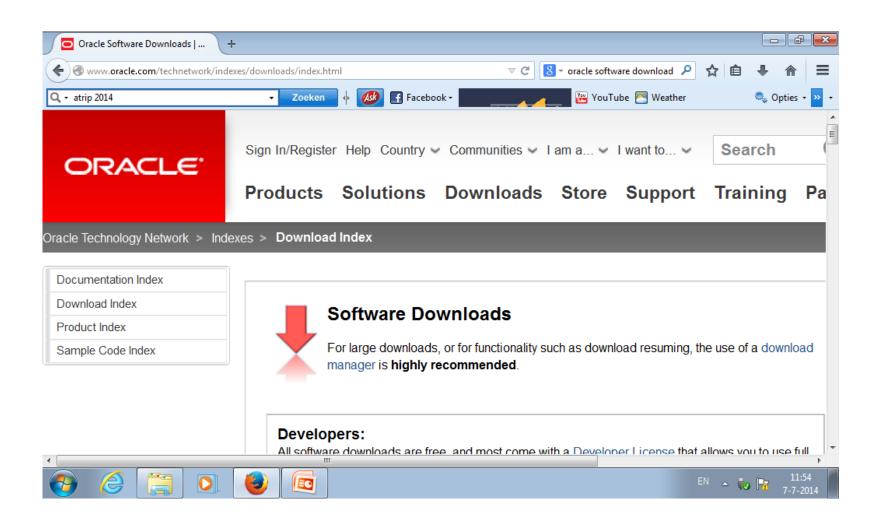
CJEU, Infopaq 2

- "...that the acts of temporary reproduction carried out during a data capture process, such as those in issue in the main proceedings, fulfil the condition that those acts must constitute an integral and essential part of a technological process, notwithstanding the fact that they initiate and terminate that process and involve human intervention.' (para. 39)
- = one exempted process even though three successive acts of reproduction

Catalyst: Art. 5(1) InfoSoc Directive

"...transient or incidental [and] an integral and essential part of a technological process..."

Second hand software



CJEU, UsedSoft

- '...from an economic point of view, the sale of a computer program on CD-ROM or DVD and the sale of a program by downloading from the internet are similar. The on-line transmission method is the functional equivalent of the supply of a material medium.' (para. 61)
- = exhaustion even though new download by the second acquirer

Catalyst: Art. 5(1) Software Directive

"...necessary for the use of the computer program by the lawful acquirer in accordance with its intended purpose...'





Agreed Statement on Art. 10 WCT

'It is understood that the provisions of Article 10 permit Contracting Parties to carry forward and appropriately extend into the digital environment limitations and exceptions in their national laws which have been considered acceptable under the Berne Convention.'

'Similarly, these provisions should be understood to permit Contracting Parties to devise new exceptions and limitations that are appropriate in the digital network environment.'

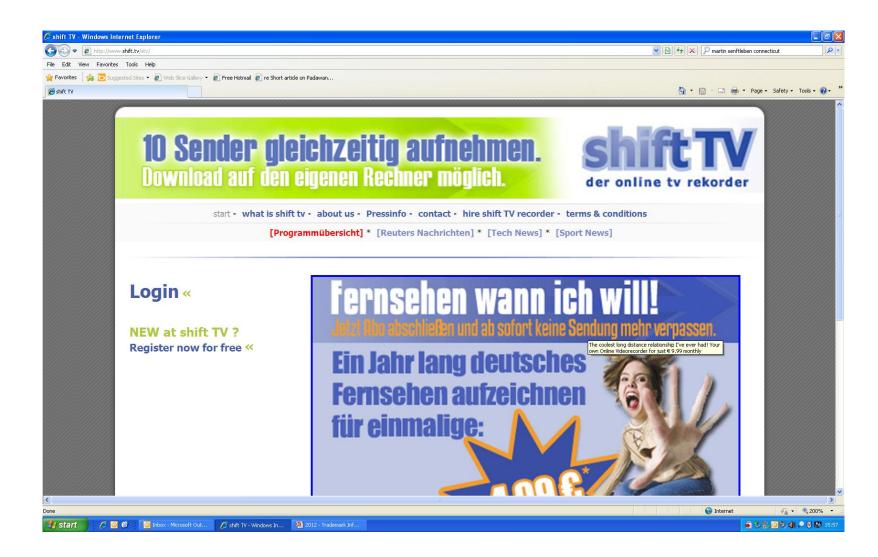
Role of copyright limitations

- not only market failure but fundamental policies involved
 - freedom of expression and information
 - cultural participation
- no reason to prevent third parties from offering related services
 - intermediaries not necessarily free riders
 - supporters of fundamental policies





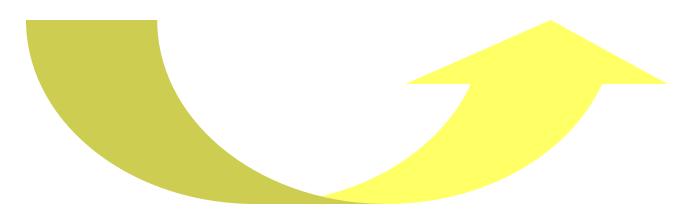
Cloud video recorders



BGH, Internet-Videorecorder

storage of an individual broadcast on the initiative of private subscriber

exempted act of private copying



BGH, Shift TV

over-the-air television and radio signals transferred to cloud video recorders of private users = retransmission

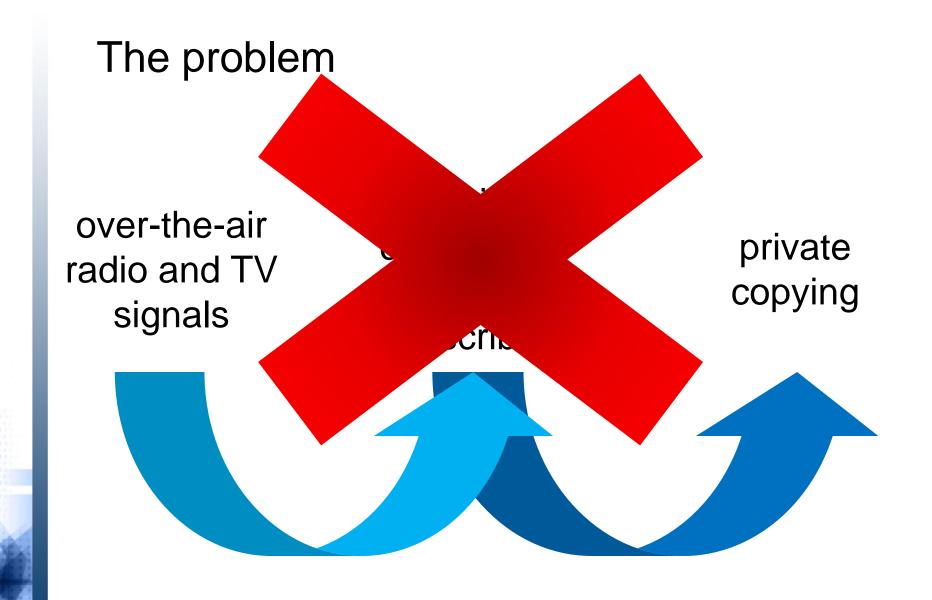


Too much focus on technology?









Catalyst? Art. 5(2)(b) InfoSoc Directive?

"...reproductions on any medium made by a natural person for private use and for ends that are neither directly nor indirectly commercial...'

Catalyst? Agreed Statement Art. 8 WCT?

"...that the mere provision of physical facilities for enabling or making a communication does not in itself amount to communication...'

The end. Thank you!

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