### WELCOME TO ...

# **Copyright for Business**











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# **Overview**

- 1. What is Copyright
- 2. Why Copyright is Relevant
- 3. How to protect
- 4. How to Generate Income With Copyright
- 5. Using the Works Owned by Others



1. What is Copyright?

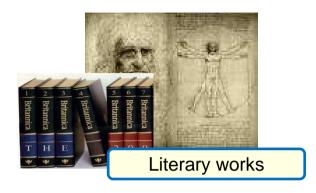
#### What is copyright?

Grants authors, composers, and other creators legal protection for their creative expressions in literary, scientific and artistic domain ('works')

Gives 'bundle' of exclusive rights, which allow owners to control the use of their original works in number of ways and to be remunerated

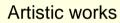
Provides 'moral rights' which protect the author's reputation and integrity

# **Copyright works**





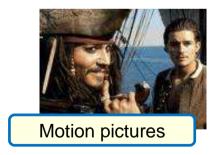


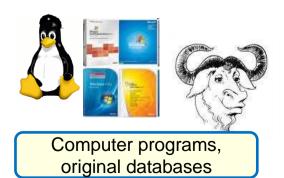






Maps, charts, diagrams, technical drawing







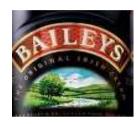
#### **Copyright works in business**

- Trade and product catalogs
- Artwork and text on product literature, labels and packaging
- Marketing and advertising materials
   (on paper, billboards, websites, accounting forms)
- Computer programs
- Content on websites













#### **Copyright works in business**

- Instruction sheets or operating manuals for machines or consumer products;
- User, repair or maintenance manuals for various types of equipment;
- Sales training program captured on videocassette and CDs
- Newsletters
- Sketches, drawings and maps







 Copyright protects works that are expressed in print as well as those created or stored in electronic or digital media

#### Some things not protected by copyright

• Ideas, concept, methods of doing things, facts or raw information







? Patents, Trade Secrets

• Company and business names, titles, slogans, short phrases





? Trade Marks, Unfair Competition

- Government works
  - Statutes, judicial opinions, etc

#### Some things protected by copyright and other areas of laws

- Logos
- Characters in literary and graphic form
  - A creative image might be protected by CR
  - Might be registable as TM



- Works of applied art
  - Varies significantly from country to country
  - Might be overlapping with Industrial Design
    - Often limited for three-dimensional functional articles
    - The pictorial, graphic or sculptural features that can be "identified separately from the utilitarian aspects" of an article





# **Exclusive Rights**

Economic Rights (Use)	Moral Rights
<ul> <li>Reproduce or make copies</li> <li>Distribute to "the public"</li> <li>Communicate to "the public" and make available on the Internet Display or perform to</li> </ul>	- Right of paternity (authorship): acknowledgement
"the public"  — Adapt and translate  — Sell, rent*, lend*	- Right of integrity: object against mutilation and/or distortion
Assignment or License	Can Not be Transferred

\* Generally applies only to certain types of works: Cinematographic works, musical works, or computer programs.

Waivers?





### What are Related Rights?

#### **Performers**

Actor, musician, singer, dancer, or any person who acts, sings, delivers, declaims, plays and otherwise performs

# Producers of Sound Recordings

Person who, or a legal entity which, first fixes the sounds of a performance or other sounds

# Broadcasting Organizations



Organization transmitting any program by any wireless means for public reception of images and sounds

#### in their performances

in their recordings (cassette recordings, compact discs, etc.) in their radio and television programs and in Internet broadcasts such as 'podcasts'

Fixate
Directly Broadcast or
Communicate to the Public

\* Limited Moral Rights

Reproduce
Import
Distribute the Duplicates

Rebroadcast Fixate Reproduce

#### How it works?

A song of Whitney Houston "Can't Live If Living Is Without You"

A piano concerto by Beethoven

- Copyright protects
- the music of the composer and
- the words of the writer, and ...





 Related rights would apply to .. the performances of the musicians and singers who perform the song

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the sound recording, owned by the producer of the sound recoding in which the song is included

the broadcast program, owned by the organization that produces the program in which the concert/song is included

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 Copyright subsists worldwide: Berne Convention

• Term of protection: Life author + 50 years p.m. Exceptions



Registration might be available – Why to use?



National law applies



Heirs



2. Why is Copyright Relevant to Your Business?



# 1. Control of Commercial Exploitation

 Exclusivity over the use of copyright protected works helps business to gain and maintain competitive edge in the marketplace

All original works may not be copied or exploited commercially by others without the prior permission of the rights owner



#### 2. Generate Income

- Copyright is a tradable asset that may be owned, bought and sold the same as other types of property
  - sell copies of the work
  - sell copyright in the work
  - permit (license) others to use your copyrighted work
- Can have an important long-term value for your business



#### 3. Raise Funds

 Companies that own copyright assets may be able to borrow money from a financial institution by using such a bundle of copyrights as a collateral.

• E.g., portfolio of distribution rights to movies or developed software or computer games

# 4. Take action against infringers

- Copyright law enables to take legal action against anyone encroaching on the exclusive rights
- Remedies/Sanctions:
  - Stop infringement (= unauthorized use, copying)
  - Obtain monetary relief
  - Destruction of infringing works
  - Criminal sanctions



# 5. Use Works Owned by Others

May enhance the value or efficiency of your business



- play music in restaurant, bar, club, retail shop or store, hair and beauty salon, hotel, health, leisure, sport and fitness place; premium and mobile telephone line
- use computer software or databases created by others
- illustrate your website or catalogs with photographs taken by others
- Requires, in most cases, prior permission from the copyright owner

# 6. Effective Marketing and Advertising

Enticing marketing or advertising materials requires use of creative text, artwork, logos, etc., which are all protected by copyright.

In the digital environment, companies are turning to the Internet and use copyright protected works on their websites to get noticed, build loyalty and ultimately boost sales

- Written text
- Images: photos, drawings, charts
- Short movies and video clips
- Music, radio
- Computer programs and interactive games
- Directories, databases, lists

3. How to Maximize your Copyright Protection in Your Business' Creations?



#### 1. Ascertain Ownership

- Don't assume you own the copyright just because you paid for it to be created or you have ownership on a physical copy of a work
- Why might you want to own the copyright in certain materials:
  - You want to license it to the others
  - You want to prevent others from using the materials
- General Rule: The creator (the author) of the work is the first owner
  - Limited exceptions, e.g. films and videos

#### **Written Contracts**

### 1. Ascertain Ownership

- Author ≠ Right holder (ownership)
  - But moral rights...
- Work created by your employee
  - Owner = employee
  - Owner = employer, automatic transfer
  - Owner = employer, assignment needed
  - Different rules for computer programs
  - Employee or independent contractor ?
  - Work created as a part of job?



#### **Written Contracts**

#### 1. Ascertain Ownership

**Commissioned work** (to be created by freelancers and other organizations for you):

- Till other is not stated in written in the contract the general rule applies
- it means you will get just an Implied licence for the purposes for which the work was commissioned
- Limited exeptions: films and videos, sound recordings
- Consider if it is desirable or not for you to own the copyright :
- Whether or not you might want
  - to prevent unauthorized uses
  - to license the work to the third parties
  - to re-use the commissioned work for the same or different purposes in future
  - How much you want to pay



#### 2. Prove Ownership

- Deposit or register your work with copyright office
  - if this option is available under national law
- Deposit copy with bank / lawyer
- Send yourself copy in sealed envelope
- Copyright notice

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- Standard Identification Numbering System
  - International Standard Book Number (ISBN)
  - International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)
  - Etc.



#### 3. Protect Works in Electronic Form

- Mouse-click contract
- Mark with Rights Management Information
  - Label (copyright notice, warning label)
  - Digital Object Identifier
  - Time stamp
  - Digital watermark
- Technological protection measures
  - Encryption
  - Access control or conditional access systems
  - Versions of lower quality



#### What to do if you think your copyright has been infringed?

- Get legal advise
- Decide what you want
  - That you gain a new licensee
  - That the unauthorsed use stop
  - That the illigal or master copies of your work be delivered to you or disposed
  - That you are paid damages
- Contact the infringer
  - "Cease and desist" letter
- Consider formal legal action



#### What to do if you think your copyright has been infringed?

- Bringing legal proceedings against an the one who use your works without authorization (infringer)
   is advisable only if:
- 1. you can prove that you own the copyright in the work;
- 2. you can prove violation of your rights;
- 3. the value of succeeding in the legal action outweighs the costs of the proceeding



4. How to Get the Most out of Your Copyright in Your Business' Creations?



# How to get the most out of your copyright?

To Exploit the Work by Yourself  e.g. manufacture and sell copies of your copyright work	To License the Copyright	To Sell (Assign) the Copyright
- You don't lose your Copyright	- Exclusive	- You lose your Copyright
- Exhaustion	- Nonexclusive	

- Business' Activities
- Buyers' Interest
- Price



#### When you should consider licensing or selling your works?

The exclusive rights can be divided and subdivided and licensed or sold to others in just about any way you can imagine:

- by type of use (a part or the whole bundle of rights)
- by territory
- time
- market segment
- media
- content, etc.

You can grant different licenses/sell copyright to different people or companies, at the same time

# Why should business consider

Licensing Copyright	Selling (Assigning) Copyright
Income: Can generate lucrative fees and royalties	If no alternative  If adequate price
New markets: Allows business to enter into new product categories or in new geographical areas in a relatively risk-free and cost-effective way	Loss of all future income-earning potential
Marketing tool: Increases the business' exposure and recognition	

#### **Licensing Strategy**

#### Define precisely the works in which the right are granted

• If possible attach a copy of the work in question

# Define the scope of activities permitted under the license as precisely as possible

- Generally, limit the scope to specific needs and interests of licensee
- Non-exclusive

#### Handle all aspects yourself

- Standard terms and conditions
- Individually with every licensee



# How it works? Example of an artist



Owner of copyright: has great power to define how her artworks can be used

Important to consider range of possibilities to commercialize the artworks

Possible to simultaneously grant various licenses for one artworks:

To different users

For specific manners of exploitation

For limited period of time

In limited territory

For specific purpose



#### **Licensing Strategy**

#### Entrust administering of (some) your right to the licensing agent/agency

Book publisher, record producer

#### **Collective Management Organizations (CMOs)**

- Per type of work and per country (music, visual art, films, etc)
- Core activities:
  - documentation of works of its members
  - licensing and collecting royalties
  - gathering & reporting information on the use of the works
  - monitoring and auditing
  - distribution of royalties to its members

#### **Collective Management Organizations (CMOs)**

- Advantages:
  - intermediaries between users and owners
  - one-stop shop
  - collective bargaining
  - blanket license
  - license of material in digital form
    - including use in Internet and in mobiletechnologies
  - cultural and social intiatives



PRS formusic

The Performing Right Society (PRS for Music), United Kingdom

Have been managing the rights of authors, composers and music publishers:

**Reproduction rights**: to make copies of the musical compositions and/or sound recordings for sale (for CDs, DVDs, any other physical items)

**Performance rights:** to perform music live (for your business workplace or venue)

**Right to broadcast music**: to broadcast music on television or radio, mobile and online services and products (programs, websites and services)

The first collecting society in the world to license YouTube

# 5. Using Works Owned by Others



#### When do you need a permission

- 1. Work is covered by copyright / related rights
- 2. Work is not in the public domain
- Copyright protection period expired
- Work cannot be protected (e.g. Title)
- Owner has explicitly abandoned his rights
- 3. Planned exploitation implies use of rights granted by copyright / related rights
- 4. Intended use is not covered by and goes beyond 'fair use', 'fair dealing', exceptions and limitation

#### **Free Uses and Limitations**

- personal use
- quotations
- parodies
- criticism
- use for teaching purposes
- news reporting
- scientific research
- libraries
- certain cases of reproduction



#### Possible involvement into the copyright violation

- By selling or otherwise commercially dealing with an item that violates someone's copyright (such as a pirated CD)
- Importing a copyright item for commercial purpose

#### Using just a part

- "Substantial" Part / Features of the Work
- Quality rather then Quantity Assessment
- No violation for use of non-original or stock elements

Alterations or additions do not avoid infringement

One thing might contain several copyrights

# How reduce risk of infringement?

- Educate employees
- Obtain written licenses/assignments, where needed, and ensure that employees are familiar with their scope
- Have a clear business or company position on copyright compliance
- Mark equipment that could be used to violate copyright with a notice
  - Photocopiers, computers, CD and DVD burners, video recorders
- Prohibit employees from downloading copyright protected material from the Internet on office computers without authorization



#### **Conclusions**

- Maximize your copyright protection
- Ascertain copyright ownership
- Avoid infringement
- Get the most out of your copyright

# Thank you for your attention!



# **Any Question?**

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