

LearnWiki™ video series



Module 6:
"Authorship, Copyright, and Copying"

Contact:
https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/User_talk:Pine

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Title card or scene (might be video but probably not due to resource constraints). Be sure to include images of community people in small and large groups, as well as a few images of Wikimedia content.

SOUND EFFECT

Series signature audio cue or music (approximately 5 seconds)

VISUAL: fade to white slide. Fade in black text "Authorship, Copyright, and Copying". Narrator walks into the frame from the right side. Use chroma keying to support this.

NARRATOR

Hello, my name is X, and my Wikimedia username is Y. In this video, we'll learn about authorship and copyright for Wikimedia.

NARRATOR

You can pause or rewind the video at any time so that you can do each of the steps.

NARRATOR

Let's navigate to www.wikimedia.org and click Wikimedia Commons.

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Fade to www.wikimedia.org.

QUICK PAUSE

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Zoom in to Wikimedia Commons logo, and click on it. The Commons main page appears.

NARRATOR

Nearly all content on Wikimedia sites, including Commons and Wikipedia, is licensed under Creative Commons licenses.

VISUAL: zoom in the bottom the page where the page says "Text is available under the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License](#)." Click on the license link. A full screen image of the license summary appears.

NARRATOR

Text on Wikimedia sites is licensed under a license known as Creative Commons Attribution - ShareAlike. This allows people to copy and modify the content. However, people who do this must give credit to the author of the text.

VISUAL: briefly highlight the "Attribution" paragraph.

NARRATOR

This means that when we write text on Wikimedia sites, people must give us authorship credit. One way of doing this when copying text from Wikimedia is to provide a link to the page where they found the text. Let's go back to Commons to see how this works.

VISUAL: return to the Commons main page.

NARRATOR

For example, if someone copies text from this page, that person can credit the authors by providing a link to the page.

VISUAL: briefly highlight

["https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page"](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) in the browser address bar.

NARRATOR

A way that specific authors receive credit for each of their contributions to this page is that their edits are shown in the page's history.

VISUAL: briefly highlight the "History" tab. Click on that tab with the mouse.

NARRATOR

Here we see a list of people who have contributed text to this page. Each revision, which is also called a "diff", is saved separately. This way, everyone gets credit for individual contributions.

VISUAL: briefly highlight a diff.

NARRATOR

Let's click on a diff to see what changed.

VISUAL: click on a diff to see the changes.

NARRATOR

An error that people sometimes make is that they copy information from a Wikimedia page without including a link to the page.

VISUAL: fade back to the commons main page. briefly highlight "https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page" in the browser address bar.

NARRATOR.

The Creative Commons license requires that the source be attributed. This is true even within Wikimedia. If we copy from one Wikimedia page to another Wikimedia page, we must credit our source.

FADE TO a plain white slide.

NARRATOR

Here are a few more important points about copyright.

VISUAL of new black text fading in on the white slide in large font: "The data on Wikidata is public domain (CC0)."

NARRATOR

Wikidata is one of the Wikimedia projects. Data on the Wikidata site is public domain.

VISUAL: fade to the Wikidata homepage. ZOOM IN on the line "All structured data from the main and property namespace is available under the [Creative Commons CC0 License](#); text in the other namespaces is available under the [Creative Commons](#)

[Attribution-ShareAlike License](#); additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)." HIGHLIGHT "All structured data from the main and property namespace is available under the [Creative Commons CC0 License](#)"

VISUAL fade to a blank white slide. New black text fades in on the white slide in large font: "In general, don't copy copyrighted material, or material with non-commercial restrictions, to Wikimedia."

NARRATOR

Copying to Wikimedia happens frequently, but doing it right is important. Don't copy copyrighted material, or material with non-commercial restrictions, to Wikimedia. Material on Wikimedia should be free for anyone to reuse, even commercially. There are a few exceptions to this rule, but they are more advanced than we can discuss here.

VISUAL of

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Vectorized_CC_License_Compatibility_Chart_compact.svg. Highlight the upper left 3x3 grid that have checkboxes.

NARRATOR

This is a chart of different types of licenses. The three kinds of licenses in the upper left grid may be copied to Wikimedia.

VISUAL of new black text in large font fading in on a white slide: "Only publish on a Wikimedia site what you want to share with the whole universe, for free, forever."

NARRATOR

Only publish on a Wikimedia site what you want to share with the whole universe, for free, forever. Wikimedia can be modified and information can be removed from public pages, but the diff will always remain in the page's history unless the diff is removed by a site administrator. Wikimedia is amazing and it can be fun. Is a huge public place and it can affect people's lives

including our own, so being responsible is important. Information about how contact an administrator is in the Additional Resources for this video module.

VISUAL of new black text in large font fading in on a white slide: "Cite sources. Always avoid [plagiarism](#) by citing sources. When possible, avoid [close paraphrasing](#) by summarizing material with new and varied paraphrasing."

NARRATOR

Plagiarism is copying information or ideas from a source without providing credit. Plagiarism can be avoided by citing sources. Close paraphrasing is copying text from a source with only minor modifications. Sometimes close paraphrasing is necessary, but we should avoid it when possible. Wikimedia administrators may block the accounts of people who are involved with plagiarism or large amounts of close paraphrasing. Additionally, students and instructors may receive academic penalties. Always cite sources, and try to avoid close paraphrasing.

VISUAL of new black text in large font fading in on a white slide: "Licensing and reusing images"

NARRATOR

If you find an image on Wikimedia Commons, you can usually use it on any Wikimedia site.

VISUAL: Fade to Commons main page. Type in the search bar: "File:First flight3.jpg". Click the search button. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:First_flight3.jpg appears. Scroll down to the Licensing section, and briefly highlight the licensing section.

NARRATOR

Each image on Commons should have information about licensing. The copyright on this image has expired, which means that using it on Wikimedia is okay. If an image is missing license information, avoid using it.

VISUAL: Fade to English Wikipedia main page.

NARRATOR

English Wikipedia has an exception for certain kinds of copyrighted images. This is called the "fair use" exception.

VISUAL of new black text in large font fading in on a white slide: "This sounds like a lot of rules, but once you get good habits, the basics are easy to follow."

NARRATOR

These rules may sound complicated. The good news is that the rules become easier as you gain experience as a Wikimedian. If you have questions, please see Additional Materials for places where you can ask for help.

ZOOM OUT TO WIDE ANGLE VISUAL

Page FADES to an information screen that displays "End of module "Authorship, Copyright, and Copying", the Wikimedia community logo, links to Additional Materials, and a link to the next module.

NARRATOR

This is the end of this video module. You can restart the module, look at Additional Materials, or watch another module.

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