

Uiverscroft Digital

Copyright Information

It is hoped that the following provides users with a helpful overview to the law of copyright and the use of copyright material and how it relates to the use of the Uiverscroft Digital download service and its content. The information is extracted from the website of The Copyright Licensing Agency.

Copyright: what is it?

Copyright is one of the main types of intellectual property - others include designs, patents and trademarks. Intellectual property allows a person to own things they create in the same way as something physical can be owned. It is the right to prevent others copying or reproducing someone's work.

When does copyright arise?

Copyright arises automatically when a work that qualifies for protection is created. The work must be original in that it needs to originate with the author who will have used some judgment or skill to create the work - simply copying a work does not make it original. There is no need in the UK to register copyright. When an idea is committed to paper or another fixed form, it can be protected by copyright.

What does copyright protect?

The main categories of works currently protected include: original literary works such as novels or poems, tables or lists and computer programmes; original dramatic works such as dance or mime; original musical works, ie the musical notes themselves; original artistic works such as graphic works (paintings, drawings etc), photographs and sculptures; sound recordings; films; broadcasts; typographical arrangements (ie the layout or actual appearance) of published editions.

Who owns copyright?

As a general rule, the owner of the copyright is the person who created it, i.e. the author. An author could be the writer, the composer, the artist, the producer or the publisher or another creator depending on the type of work.

What rights does a copyright owner have?

A copyright owner has both economic and moral rights. Economic rights cover acts that only the copyright owner can do or authorise. These include the right to copy the work, distribute copies of it, rent or lend it, perform or show it, communicate it to the public (including making it available online) or adapt it (e.g. making it into a play).

Moral rights include the right to be identified as the author, the right not to have a work that they did not create falsely attributed to them and the right to object to the derogatory treatment of the work. Moral rights are rights authors retain in their works irrespective of who owns the economic rights - they can be waived, but not licensed or assigned.

Copyright infringement

It is an infringement of copyright to do any of the following acts in relation to a substantial part of a work protected by copyright without the consent or authorisation of the copyright owner: copy it; issue copies of it to the public; sell, rent or lend it to the public; perform or show it in public; communicate it to the public.

Secondary infringement may occur if someone, without the permission of the copyright owner, imports an infringing copy, possesses or deals with it or provides the means for making it.

Remedies for copyright infringement

There are certain acts conducted without a copyright owner's consent which may be classed as criminal offences and may result in fines and/or imprisonment. A person commits an offence if he knew/had reason to believe they were conducting any of these acts or that their act would cause an infringement.

A company can be guilty of copyright infringement as can an officer of the company who consented or aided the infringement.

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