

**Standardized
Rights
Statements in
Digital
Collections**

Overview

- Brief overview of copyright
- What is a rights statement?
- What can/cannot be included in a rights statement?
- Using RightsStatements.org

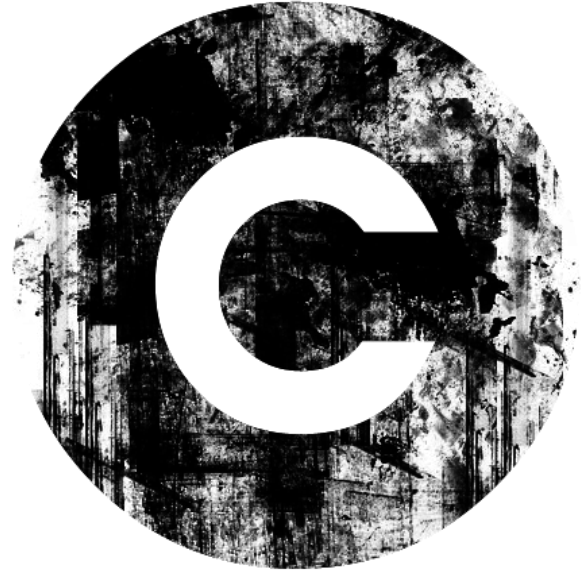


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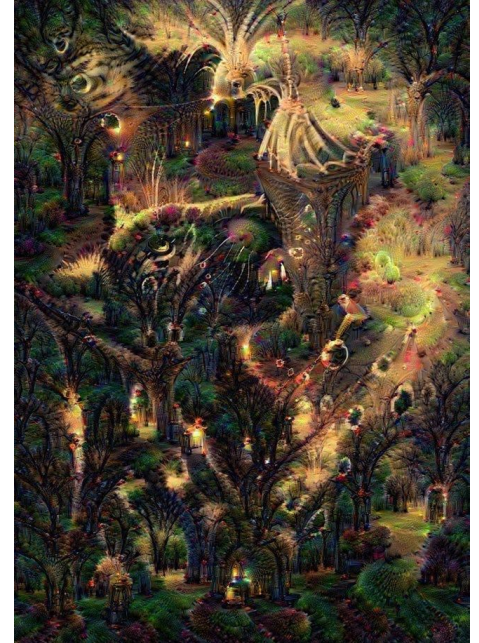
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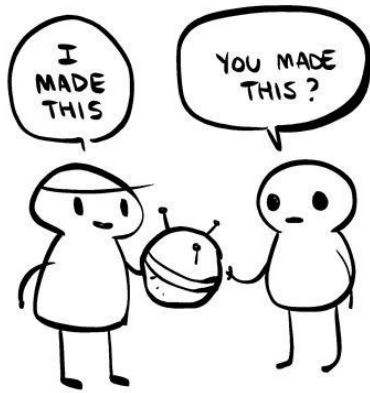
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Copyright requirements

- Must be tangible
- Must be a work of human authorship
 - Animals don't count
 - Computers don't count
- Must be original
 - Does not include copying





What are rights statements?

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- Rights statements define what actions a user can take when interacting with a digital object
- Can describe the rights status

What should be in a rights statement?

- Description of whether something is in copyright
- Description of the rights held in and over an item
- Description of the rights holder

What can be a rights statement?

- URI, uniform resource identifier
- A free-text statement

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What shouldn't be in a rights statement?

- Contact information only
- Donor or funding information only
- Vague language
- Inaccurate information


What can't be a rights statement?


- URLs

Not rights statements

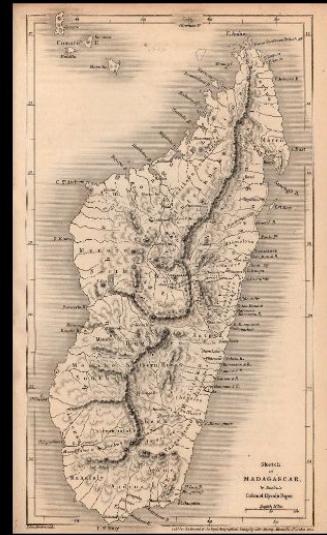
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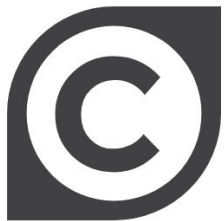
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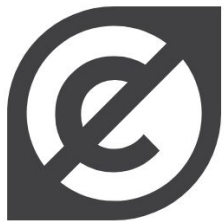
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Using
RightsStatements.org
in Digital Collections

RightsStatements.org: Who

- Joint initiative between Europeana and DPLA, and several others
- Two working groups
 - International Rights Statements Working Group
 - Technical Working Group
- Global approach to rights statements
- Went live April 2016



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RightsStatements.org: What

- URI-based rights statements
 - <http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/InC/1.0>
- Controlled vocabulary for rights
 - 12 statements to choose from
- 3 categories of statements
 - In Copyright
 - Not in Copyright
 - Other

RightsStatements.org: Why

- Standardizes the language used in collections
- Users understand how they can use the material
- Human readable AND machine readable



Three Categories of Rights Statements

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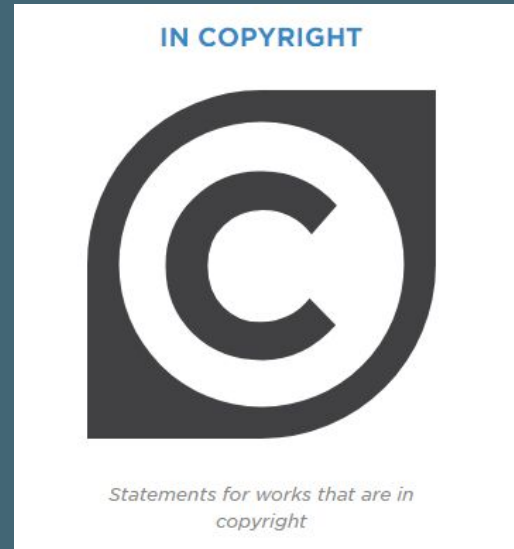
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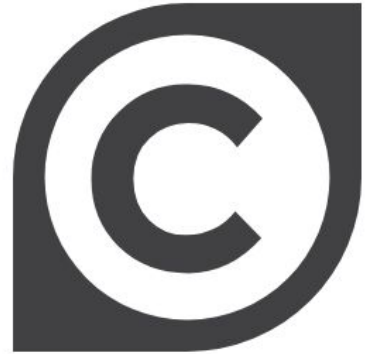
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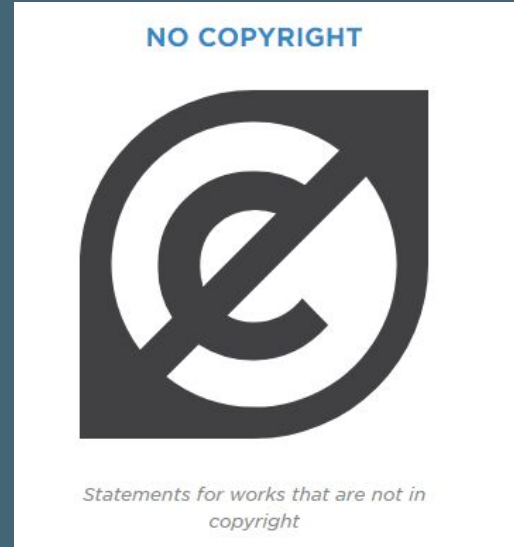
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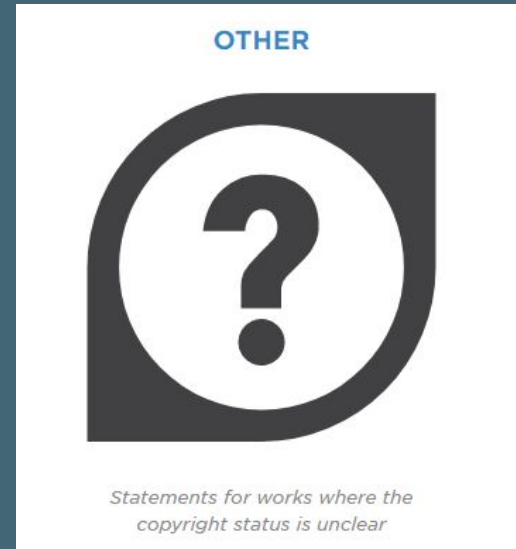
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