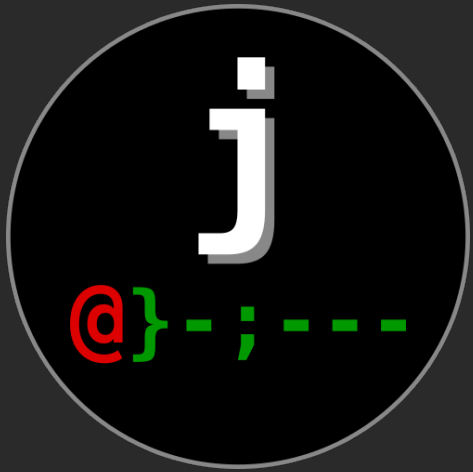


How to Teach Students about Free Software



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Concepts Covered

- * **Copyright**
- * **Patents**
- * **Trademarks**
- * **Software Licenses**
 - * **Free Software**
 - * **Proprietary**

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William is not a lawyer and therefore none of the following slides are considered to be expert legal advice.

Seek legal counsel for additional analysis.

However, the information contained is based upon the compilation of many authoritative sources and the practical knowledge of William's experiences.

Copyright, Patents, & Trademarks

Why should you care?

Copyright, Patents, & Trademarks

William's opinion:

- * These legal subjects are the most powerful forces in the worlds of business and technology.
- * You can help understand:
 - * The technologies of the past and present.
 - * How entire organizations think and operate.
 - * Which technologies to study.
 - * How to start your own technology business.

Let's explore: Copyright

What is it and what does it protect?

How do you get it?

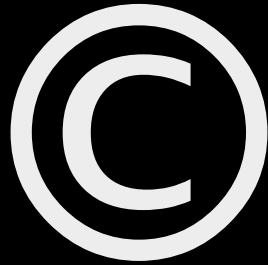
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What is copyright and what does it protect?

“... protects original works of authorship including literary, dramatic, musical, and artistic works, such as poetry, novels, movies, songs, computer software, and architecture.”

“Copyright does not protect facts, ideas, systems, or methods of operation, although it may protect the way these things are expressed.”

Source: U.S. Copyright Office. (n.d.). *Copyright in General (FAQ)*. Copyright.gov. Retrieved from <https://www.copyright.gov/help/faq/faq-general.html#protect>

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How do you get copyright protection?

Do you need to register to get it?

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How do you get copyright protection?

- * Must be **fixed** in a **tangible form** (e.g., paper).
- * It is **protected** the instant the work is created.
- * **Registration is not required!**
- * However, you can register with the **U.S. Copyright Office** for **enhanced legal enforcement**.

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- * Life of the author(s) + 70 years.
- * Or for anonymous work, pseudoanonymous work, or works for hire:

95 years after publication or 120 years from when it was created, whichever expires first.

Source: U.S. Copyright Office. (n.d.). *Copyright in General (FAQ)*. Copyright.gov. Retrieved from <https://www.copyright.gov/help/faq/faq-duration.html#duration>

Example of: Copyright

It can protect software code, like:

```
// Copyright © 2019 by William Paul Liggett
```

```
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        double calc = 0.0;  
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Trick question! There is no symbol for a patent, just **text phrases**, such as:

- * **Patent Pending** [When filed but not awarded yet.]
- * **U.S. Pat. No. D604,305** [Patent obtained.]
- * This is the Design Patent granted to Apple for a grid of colorful icons.

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What is a patent and what does it protect?

“A patent for an invention is the grant of a property right to the inventor, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.”

Three Types:

1. Utility Patents: New and useful machines, objects, or improvements.
2. Design Patents: New, original, and ornamental designs for an object.
3. Plant Patents: Literally, a new plant that you can grow.

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (2015). *General information concerning patents*. USPTO.gov.
Retrieved from <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/general-information-concerning-patents#heading-2>

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How do you get a patent?

- * Prepare a long, detailed explanation of how your invention functions and submit it to the **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. Therefore, **registration is required**, as:
 - * A patent is the **trade-off** of allowing an inventor the ability to **make money exclusively without competition** **“in exchange for public disclosure of the invention.”**

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How long does a patent last?

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“Generally, the term of a new patent is **20 years** from the date on which the application for the patent was filed in the United States ...”

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Quasi-trick question. There are three symbols:

TM

SM



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What is a trademark and what does it protect?

“A trademark is generally a word, phrase, symbol, or design, or a combination thereof, that identifies and distinguishes the source of the goods of one party from those of others.”

“A service mark is the same as a trademark, except that it identifies and distinguishes the source of a service rather than goods.”

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (2019). *Protecting Your Trademark*. USPTO.gov.
Retrieved from <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/BasicFacts.pdf> (digital pg. 5)

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How do you get a trademark?

TM Trademark: A physical product (e.g., car).
* Registration is not required. Has basic legal protection.

SM Service Mark: A useful service (e.g., plumber).
* Registration is not required. Has basic legal protection.

® Registered Mark: A registered TM/SM with **USPTO**.
* Has enhanced legal protection.

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Starbucks logo: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/d/d3/Starbucks_Corporation_Logo_2011.svg/1200px-Starbucks_Corporation_Logo_2011.svg.png

E-Z Pass (SM): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/3/38/EZPass_logo.svg/1920px-EZPass_logo.svg.png

E-Z Pass ®: <https://midatlantic.aaa.com/-/media/Images/Ecommerce/Vendor/E/EZPassVA/EZVA1.ashx>

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Non-Registered Marks: TM / SM

* **Indefinite (forever)** as long as the product / service is still being sold by the source (person or business).

Registered Marks: ®

* **Same as above** and renewal documents with the **USPTO** between the **5th** and **6th** year, and every 10 years thereafter.

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (2019). *Trademark FAQs: How long does a trademark registration last?* USPTO.gov. Retrieved from <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/trademark-faqs>

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Special Topics

The following are recommended subjects to be studied on your own time:

- * Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and the effects of Digital Rights Management (DRM) technology.
 - * Opponents of DRM label it as “Digital Restrictions Management”.
- * Anti-piracy laws and the potential for censorship.
- * Legal agreements that confuse users from knowing the full amount of data collected by an app (Facebook: EQ [Pat #: [US20150242679](#)]).
- * Patents for simple ideas (e.g., a grid of colorful icons).

Software Licenses

- * **Software** (program/code) is protected under **copyright laws**.
- * **Software Licenses**: Legal agreement that explains what you can or cannot do with the software.

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Can become:

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Allows for:

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MPL 2.0

BSD
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Proprietary

(Read the EULA)

Example of using the GNU Affero GPL 3

Put in every source code file, at the top:

```
// <one line for program's name and a brief idea of what it does.>  
// Copyright © <year> by <name of author>
```

```
/* This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify  
it under the terms of the GNU Affero General Public License as  
published by the Free Software Foundation, either version 3 of the  
License, or (at your option) any later version.
```

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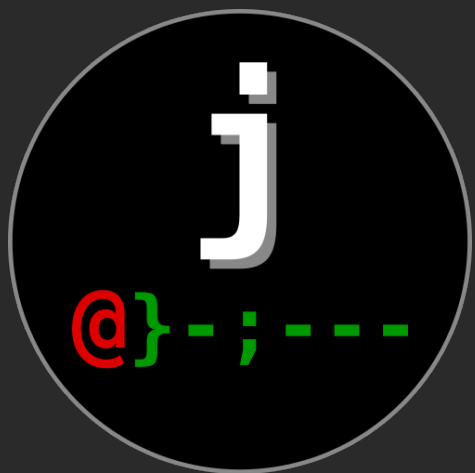
Finally, do the following:

1. Download the entire AGPL license text:
<https://www.gnu.org/licenses/agpl-3.0-standalone.html>
2. Put that license file in the program's main directory that'll be distributed to others.
3. Rename the "agpl-3.0-standalone.html" file to be called either "COPYING.html" or "LICENSE.html".

Any questions...

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Please keep in touch!



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