

LESSON 4: Research Data Sharing with Creative Commons

Key Points

- Some research outputs that we want to share are protected legally as intellectual property (e.g., Copyright, EU Database Protection laws).
 - o This means they are distributed with "All Rights Reserved", creating barriers to access, reuse, remixing, and redistribution.
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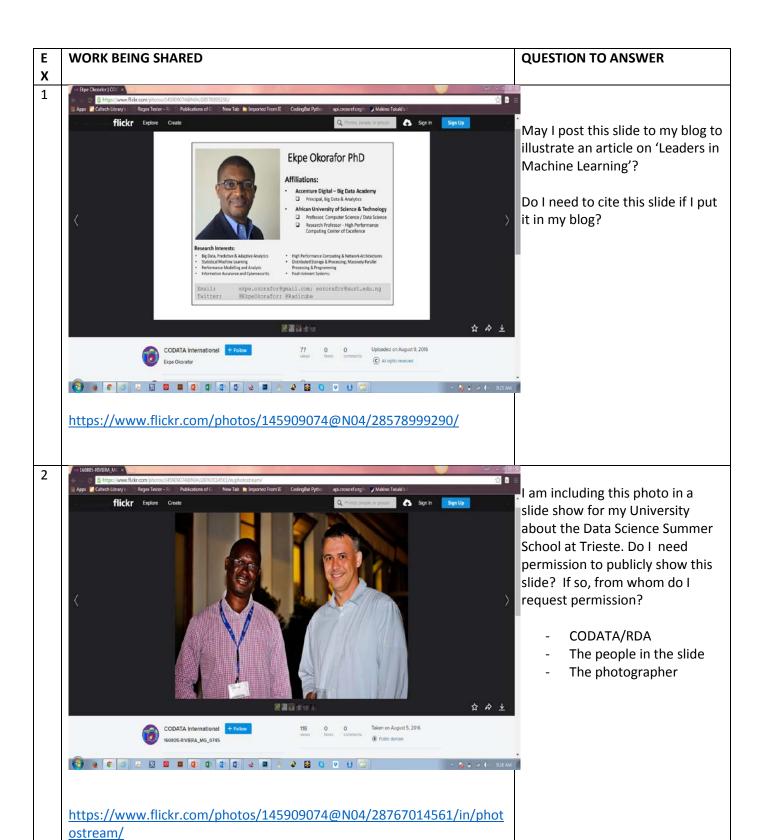
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Additional Resources & Readings

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- RDA/CODATA Legal Interoperability IG, https://rd-alliance.org/groups/rdacodata-legal-interoperability-ig.html
- Carroll MW (2015) "Sharing Research Data and Intellectual Property Law: A Primer". *PLoS Biol* 13(8): e1002235. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1002235







<Fictional, hypothetical scenario!>

RDA US wants to adapt a photo from the Trieste school, (which was posted to Flickr with a CCO waiver) to advertise a new school in Texas USA.

Is this ok?

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This photo of a slide presentation from Trieste Summer School was posted to Flickr with a CCO waiver.

Does the posted version adhere to the original CC license for the slide? Why or Why Not?

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If I include this photo posted to Flickr in a report about the Summer School for my employer, do I need to cite the photo?

If so, what would the citation look like?



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George's slide contains a nice picture of a shield that I want to copy and put on t-shirts to sell online.

Under what conditions is it okay for me to sell these t-shirts to the world?



