



the kinds of IP

Copyrights Trademarks Patents Trade Secrets Rights of Publicity









Copyright

 original works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression from which they can be perceived, either directly or with the aid of a machine

What is copyrightable?

- Categories of works
- Fixation requirement
 - must be fixed in a tangible form
- Originality
 - must have some minimal degree of creativity
 - facts do not qualify
 - mere compilations of data are not copyrightable
 - "sweat of the brow" theory rejected
- Expression
 - not ideas
 - not facts

Categories of works

- literary works
 - includes software
 - includes just about everything you might think could possibly be included
- musical works
- dramatic works
- · pantomimes and choreographic works
- pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works
- motions pictures and other audiovisual works
- sound recordings
- architectural works

Infringement and Remedies

- Infringement requires:
 - copying (deriving from plaintiff's work)
 - copying enough (appropriative similarity)
- Key defenses:
 - Fair use
 - License
 - Implied license
- Remedies
 - Statutory damages: Up to \$150,000 per work infringed, if registration requirement met
 - Compensatory damages: Plaintiffs losses (plus defendants gain)
 - Often not lucrative for small plaintiffs vs. media companies

Copyright ©	
Protects	expression (text, images, recordings)
Requires	a mere modicum of creativity
Vests	automatically upon creation
Sustained by	[nothing]
Lasts	lifetime + 70 years; or 95 years
Theory	incentive to create; public goods problem





The public goods problem



