

INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT BASICS



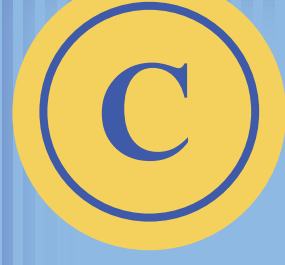
Copyright is a creation of law in each country, and therefore there is no such thing as international copyright law.

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have ratified a treaty known as the

BERNE CONVENTION which sets minimum standards of copyright protection.



According to Berne, protection exists automatically after a qualifying work is fixed in a tangible medium and all literary and artistic rights are protected.



Copyright in most countries lasts for the life of the author and until 31 December of the year

**70 YEARS AFTER HIS
OR HER DEATH**



Copyright treaties in addition to Berne are also in place:

WIPO COPYRIGHT TREATY

makes it clear that computer programs and databases are protected by copyright.

TRIPS

says that national laws have to make the effective enforcement of IP rights possible, and describes in detail how enforcement should be addressed.



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