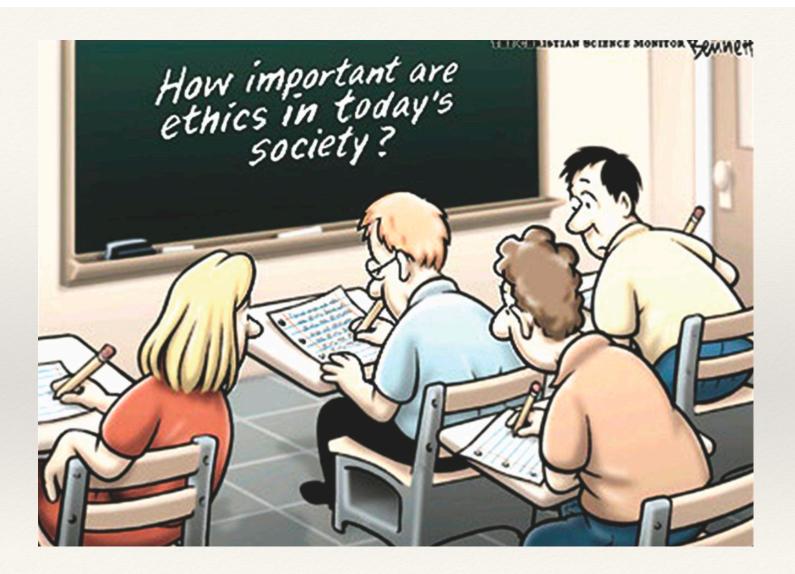
# **Intellectual Properties**



### **Ethics and Information Technology**

Exploring the impacts of information technology upon fundamental human values
->Advancing and defending those values

Identifying ethical problems generated by information technology
-> Suggesting ways to resolve those problems

3. Proactively seeking ways to use information technology to create a better world

#### Ethics: do we care?

- \* Making ethical tech is placing obstacles to innovation
- \* It depends.... My ethics erode at \$150/hr and disappear above \$225/hr
- \* The technology itself is not a problem. How it is used may be
- \* Everyone defines ethics differently

### The ACM code of ethics

#### General ethical principles:

- 1. Contribute to society and to human well-being
- 2. Avoid harm
- 3. Be honest and trustworthy
- 4. Be fair and do not discriminate
- 5. Respect the work required to produce new ideas
- 6. Respect privacy
- 7. Honor confidentiality

https://www.acm.org/code-of-ethics

### **Intellectual Properties**

- Trademarks
- Patents
- Copyright

#### Trademarks

A trademark is a sign capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises



#### Patents

A patent is an exclusive right granted for an *invention*, which is a product or a process that provides, in general, a new way of doing something, or offers a new technical solution to a problem.

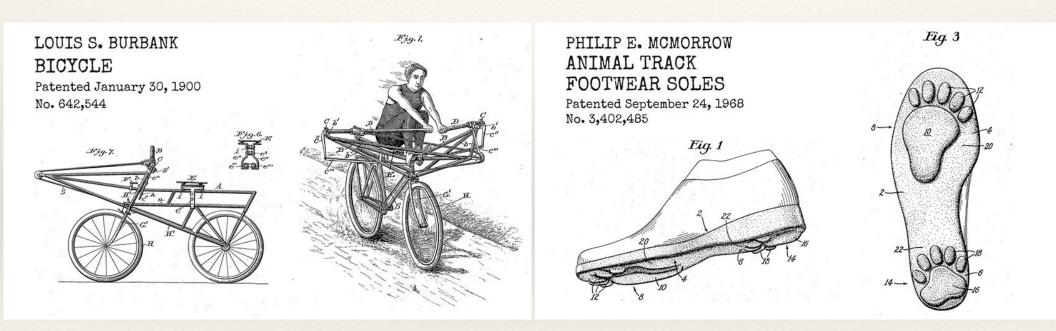
#### **Protection:**

the patent owner has the exclusive right to prevent or stop others from commercially exploiting the patented invention

**Constraint:** Technical information about the invention musts be disclosed to the public

**Duration:** Usually 20 years

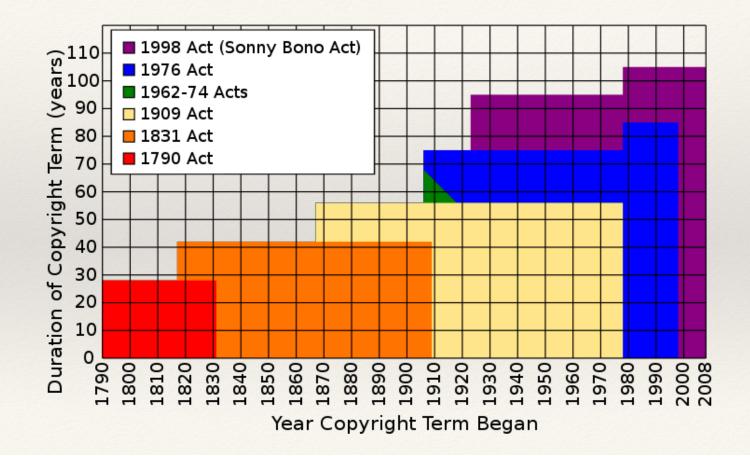
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# Copyright

*Copyright gives its owner the exclusive right to make copies of a creative work. The creative work may be in literary, artistic, educational, or musical form* 

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### Sonny Bono Act

Current copyright law enforced in the US:

- Life of the author plus 70 years
- Corporate authorship: 120 years after creation or 95 years after publication

#### For work published before 1978:

- Initial protection of 28 years
- Renewal term of 67 years