

Sharing with Purpose

A Rant about Rights Statements

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Why do we care?

**Rights statements
enable reuse**

REALITY CHECK

Rights statements in DPLA: a subset

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<http://deanfarr.com/viz/rights.php>

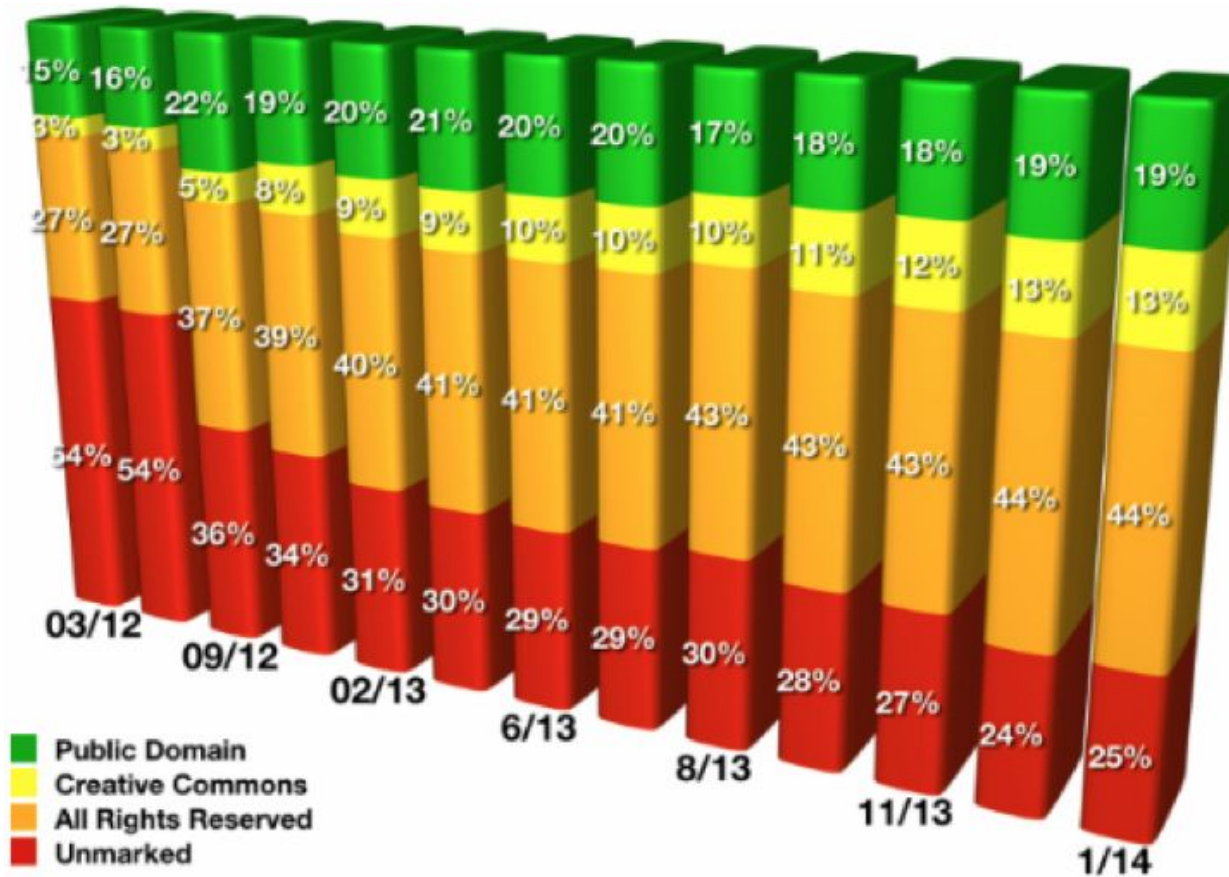
Potential Responses

- Systematically review rights statements
- Develop frameworks to guide application of *correct* rights statements
- Allow potential for reuse to drive discovery!

Europeana Rights Labeling Campaign

- Collaborative project between Europeana and Kennisland
- Focus: ensure digital objects are labeled with accurate rights statements; actively address unlabeled/incorrectly objects
- Europeana then could expand and refine the specific standardized rights statements permitted in their context

Europeanana Rights over Time



Rights label per category (as percentage of total)

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<http://bit.ly/1KquZx3>

Getting Right on Rights

- March 2014, Knight Foundation Grant
- DPLA, Europeana, Creative Commons, & Kennisland
- To develop high a level, standardized, international rights statements in a neutral namespace

12 Rights Statements

High level statements - **not a license**

- Simple
- Flexible
- Descriptive
- Accurate
- Transparent
- Multilingual
- Controlled vocabulary published as Linked Data

We need your comments!

Rights Statements White Paper:

<http://bit.ly/1F9Zw1M>

Technical Implementation White Paper:

<http://bit.ly/1QtmmmT>

Deadline for Feedback: June 26, 2015

Governance White Paper (forthcoming)

What else you can do?

What is the state of your repository's rights statements?

- Things (and people) change
- Survey
- Standardize

How can DPLA help?

- Education
- Implementation
- Further Conversations

The End

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