NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

OER Resources: Usage Rights

OER Commons   https://www.oercommons.org/

From the site:

Many of the teaching, learning, and resource materials on eMedia reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions. These privileges cannot be revoked as long as you follow the license terms.

The information on this page is condensed directly from Creative Commons CC BY
If you need *further details* and explanations on the "License Deed" or "Legal Code" use this link:
[https://help.oercommons.org/support/solutions/articles/42000046845-usage-rights]

Main Symbols

CC = Creative Commons
The material has a Creative Commons license.

BY = Attribution (author)
Others can change or distribute the material – even for commercial purposes, but must give credit to the author.

SA = ShareAlike
If you share the work, you must keep the original license.

ND = NoDerivs (No Derivatives)
This symbol means you can use the material but you cannot alter the content.

NC = NonCommercial
This symbol indicates that the material cannot be used for commercial purposes or profit.

Symbols with Explanations: Identifying a Creative Commons License

Resources have their own special condition of use/copyright label. The labels listed below show the variety of possible uses, and the labels help you quickly distinguish whether a resource can be changed or shared without further permission required. As noted, further details may be necessary and refer to:
[https://help.oercommons.org/support/solutions/articles/42000046845-usage-rights]

◼ **No Strings Attached – free usage**

PUBLIC DOMAIN

PUBLIC DOMAIN

CC -- No restrictions on your remixing, redistributing or making derivative works. Give credit to the author, as required.

CC BY = Attribution -- This license lets others distribute, remix, tweak, and build upon your work, even commercially, as long as they credit you for the original creation. This is the most accommodating of licenses offered.

■ Remix and Share – 4 Choices

Remixing, redistributing, and/or making derivatives come with certain restrictions, including sharing.

Choice #1

CC BY-SA = Attribution-ShareAlike This license lets others remix, tweak, and build upon your work even for commercial purposes, as long as they credit you and license their new creations under the identical terms.

Choice #2

CC BY-NC = Attribution-NonCommercial -- This license lets others remix, tweak, and build upon your work non-commercially, and although their new works must also acknowledge you and be non-commercial, they don't have to license their derivative works on the same terms.

Choice #3

CC BY-NC-SA = Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike -- This license lets others remix, tweak, and build upon your work non-commercially, as long as they credit you and license their new creations under the identical terms.

Choice #4

CC BY-NC-ND = Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs -- This license is the most restrictive of our six main licenses, only allowing others to download your works and share them with others as long as they credit you, but they can't change them in any way or use them commercially.

■ Share Only

Redistributing comes with some restrictions. Do not remix or make derivative works.

CC BY-ND = Attribution-NoDerivs -- This license allows for redistribution, commercial and non-commercial, as long as it is passed along unchanged and in whole, with credit to you.

■ Read the Fine Print…

…if something is not clearly tagged or marked, what to do…

Click the **View Resource** button and look for any disclaimer and policies on the copyright and usage of those materials. Copyright and usage may vary from resource to resource, so it is necessary to review the specific policies of a resource.

■ Additional information on license symbols and downloads

See **Creative Commons > What we do > [Downloads](#)**