

# UZH OPEN SCIENCE Lunch&Learn

## Funder requirements and publishers' conditions

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# Today's goals

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- ❑ Applicable laws
- ❑ **What** is protected by copyright
- ❑ Who is the **author** and who is the **right holder**
- ❑ **Publishing contract** and **license to publish** implications
- ❑ **Which version** of the paper and **when** to re-publish
- ❑ Contents of the **agreement with publishers, SNSF's requirements** and what can be **negotiated**

# Applicable laws

- Swiss Copyright Act (CopA)
- Swiss Code of obligations (CO)
- International laws
  - Bern Convention
  - Federal Act on Private International Law



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# What is protected by Copyright

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- Courses
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- Interviews

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## Derivative works

- ✓ *Intellectual creations **with individual character***
- ✓ ***based upon pre-existing works***
- ✓ *individual character remains identifiable*
  
- Translations
- Adaptations
- Modifications
- ...



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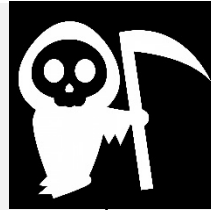
## Collected works

- ✓ *Individual character with regard to their **selection** and **arrangement***
- ✓ *Works included in a collected work may be protected **individually**.*

- Newspaper
- Dataset
- CD
- ...



# WHAT IS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?



Author's lifetime



+ 70 years

Non-original photos:  
50 years from creation

Creation of the work

→ Copyright protection starts **automatically** from the moment of creation.  
No registration required.

Author's  
death date



→ Public Domain Day

01.01.2081

01.01.2025

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27.10.1975

Author's death date:  
05.03.2010

Protection lasts until:  
**31.12.2080**



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# RECAP QUIZ

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- a) No, because the translation is still protected by copyright even if the original text already entered into the public domain in Switzerland.
- b) Yes, because the story itself entered into the public domain.
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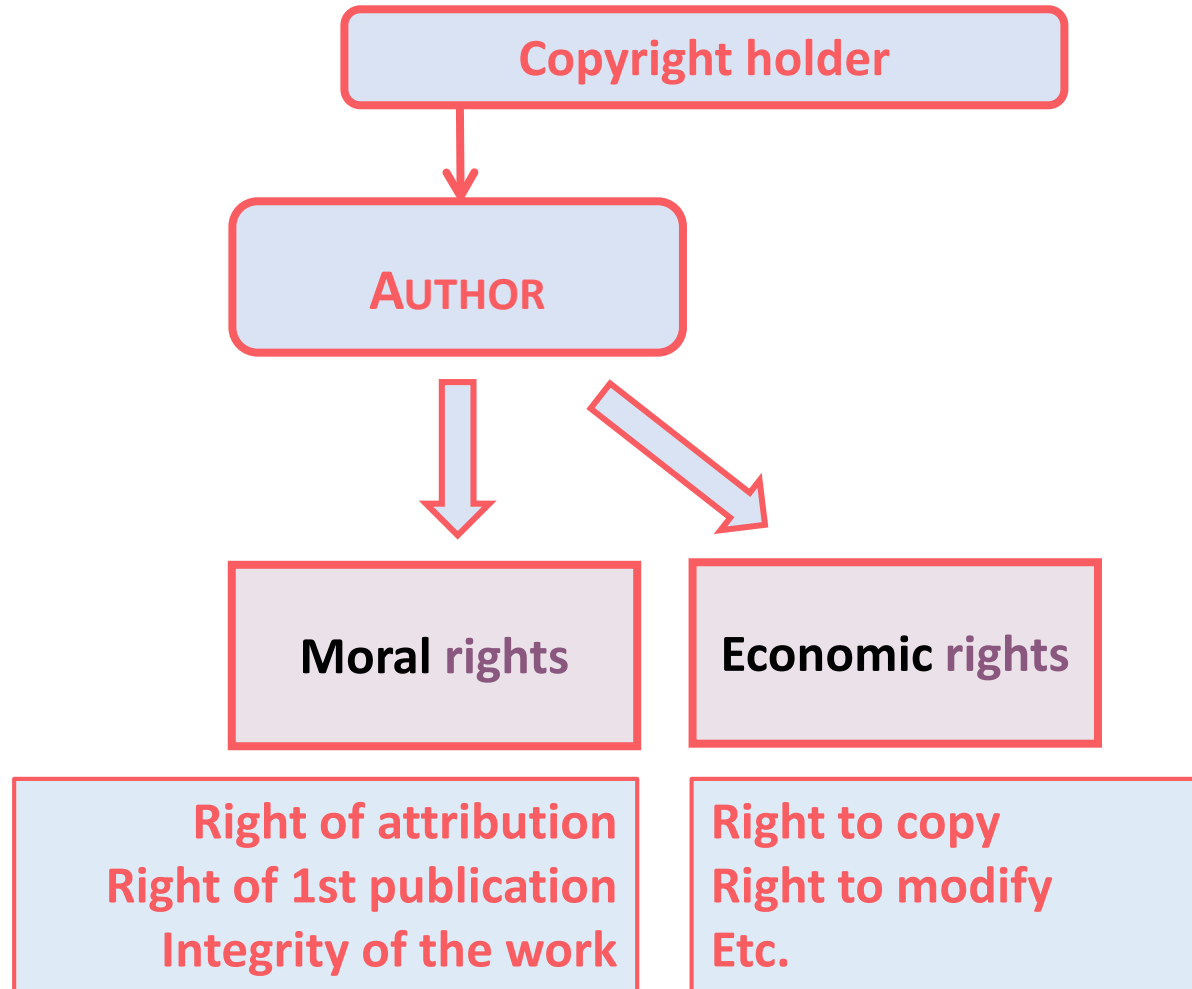
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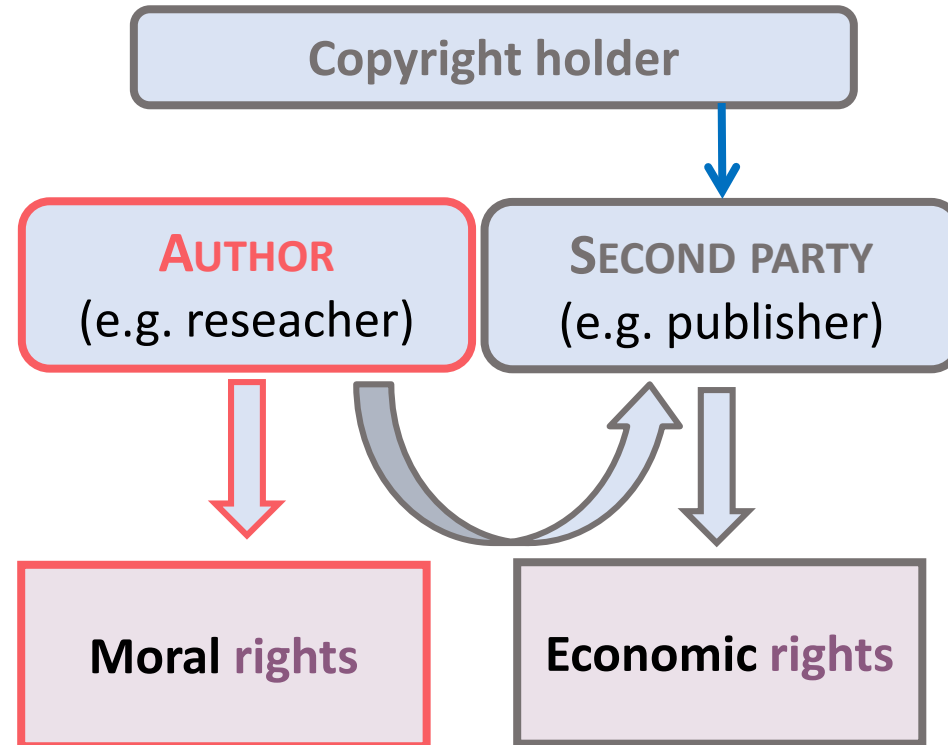
# Who is the Right holder



## THE AUTHOR



## THE RIGHT HOLDER



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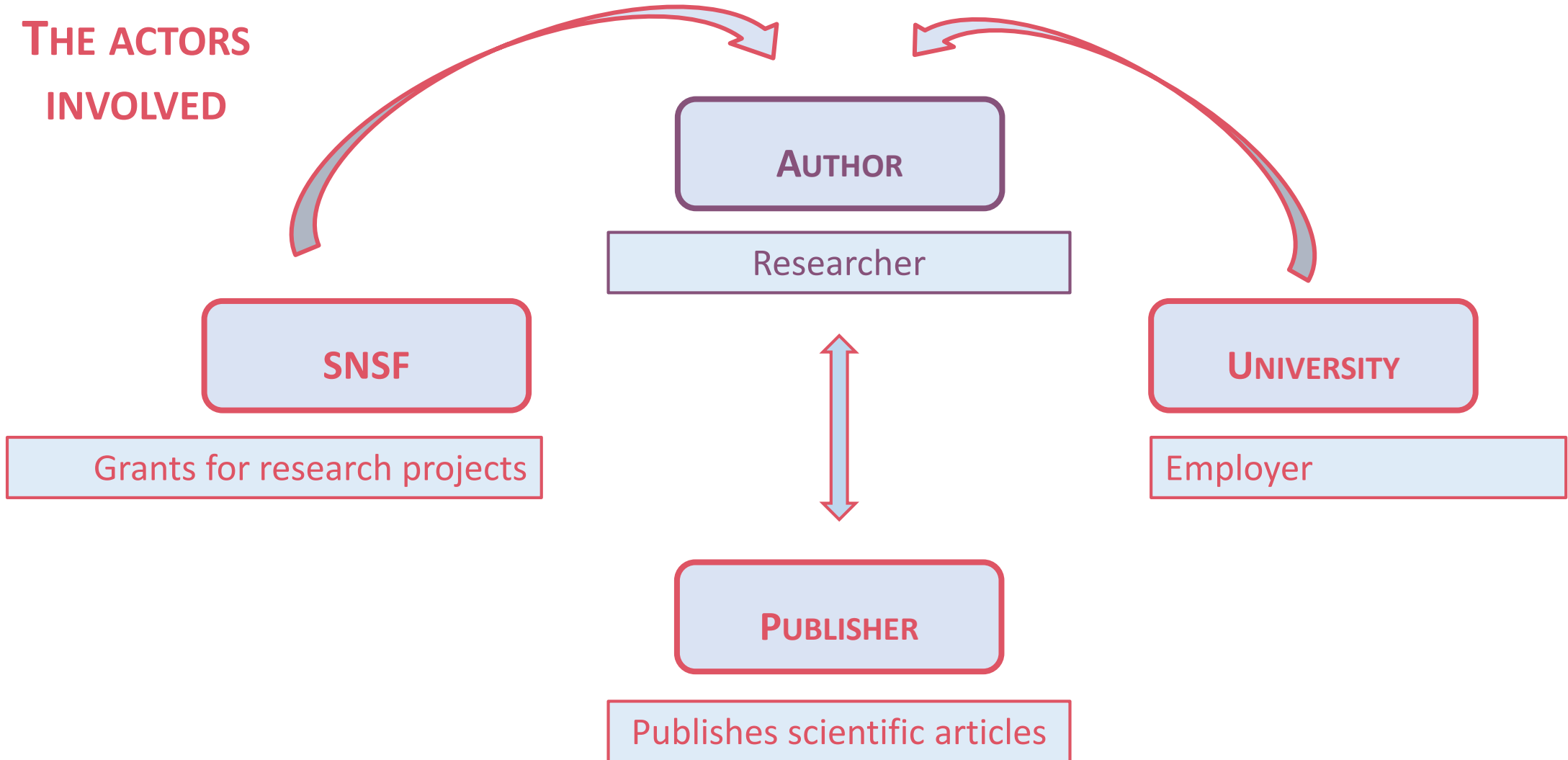
Copyright holder

**ONLY the Right holder may copy, modify and share a work**

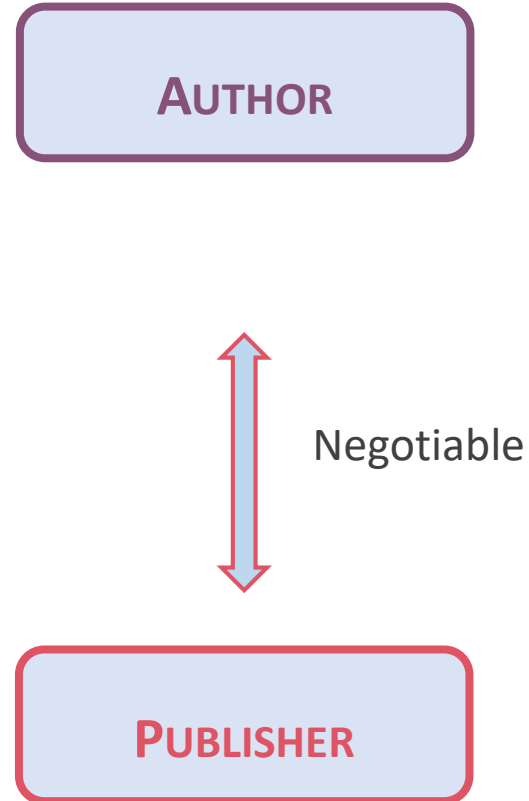
All OTHERS may NOT copy, modify and share a work (with exceptions...)

**Right holders may grant OTHERS permission to use (= to license): e.g. you can copy my work once**

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# Publishing contract and License to publish

## What does the law state?

art. 380 CO [Code of Obligations]

*A publishing contract is a contract whereby*

- *the originator – **the author of a literary or artistic work** or his legal successor – undertakes to **entrust** (überlassen, céder, concedere) the work to a publisher, = to hand over, but no unanimous opinions*
- *who (the **publisher**) undertakes to **reproduce and distribute it.***

- Contract between **Author** and **Publisher**
  - The **Publisher** :
    - is committed to **reproduce**, edit and put the work into sales/**disseminate**
  - The **Author** :
    - Transfers their copyrights (or part of them) to the publisher (**Publishing contract**) or
    - **Grants** only a right to use/publish (**License to publish**)

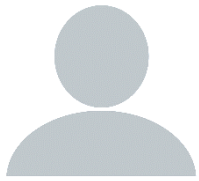


## Which copyrights can be transferred or licensed?

- **Law:** only necessary copyrights for the purpose of publication (the principle of the purpose, art. 381 para 1 CO)
  - no sublicense, no right to translate, no filming right IF not specified
- **Individual agreement:** ANYTHING is possible:
  - Right to reproduce (paper and/or digital), right to share (where), right to modify
  - Sublicense

# Transferring / Assigning Rights

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Author



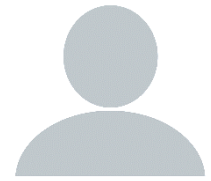
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Right to modify



Right to distribute copy and modifications

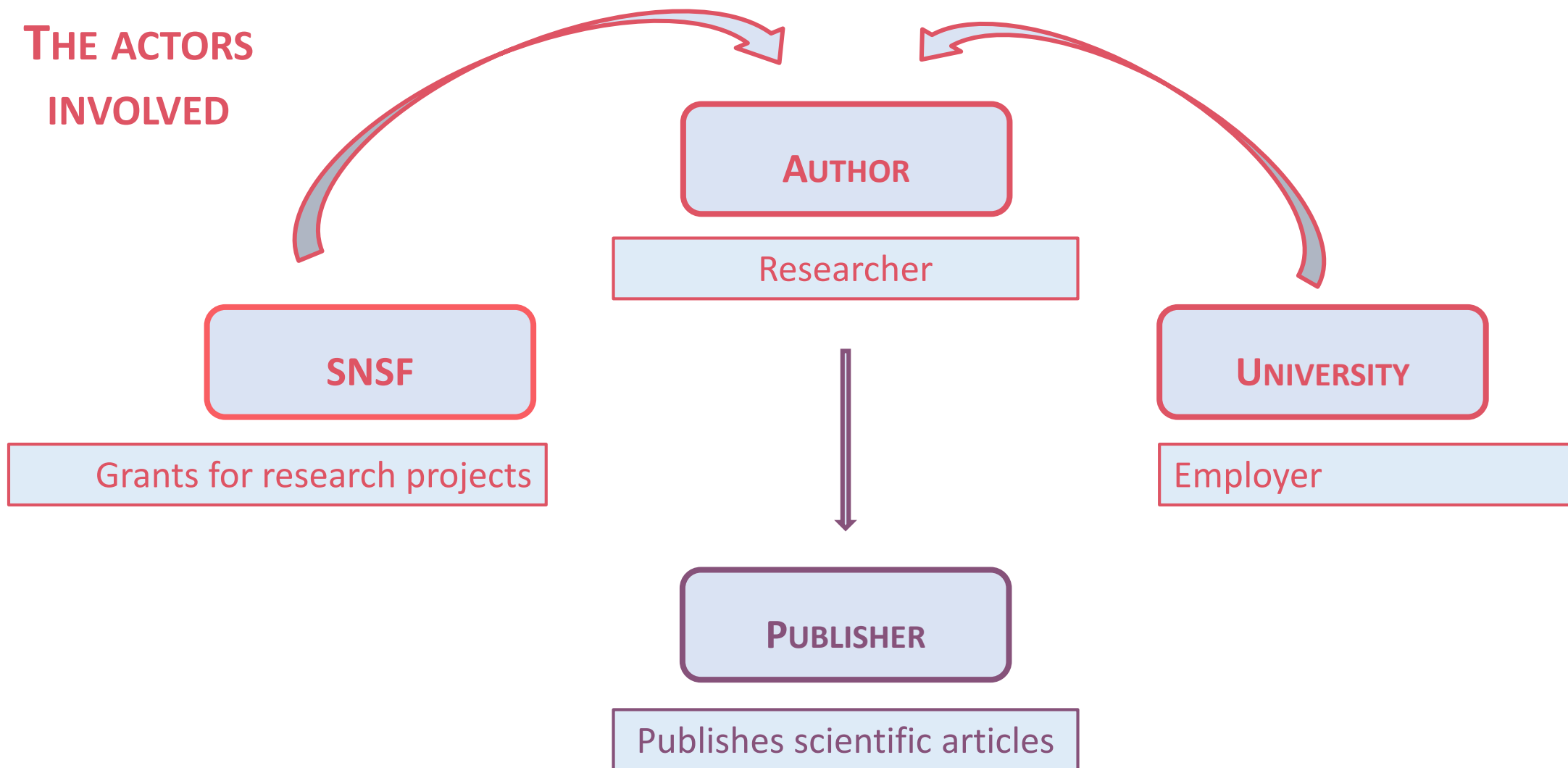


Publisher

Author gives up their economic rights!  
Not anymore allowed to copy, modify,  
distribute the work; see agreement

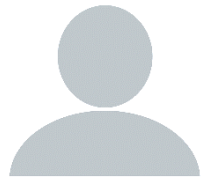
Publisher becomes the **RIGHT HOLDER** of the economic rights  
The publisher can re-sell or sublicense

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# Licensing – Exclusive License

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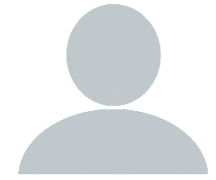
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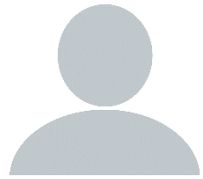
Licensee

Author remains the **RIGHT HOLDER** of the economic rights  
May not grant other licenses for same rights

Is allowed to copy / modify / share the work  
DOESN'T become **RIGHT HOLDER** of the economic rights

# Licensing – Simple License

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Right to copy



Right to modify



Right to distribute copy and modifications



Licensee 1

Licensee 2

Licensee 3

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## What can be agreed between the parties?

**Contractual freedom** = Contractual parties are **free to decide** what is written in the contract → **mutual agreement**

→ Most publishing contracts regulate differently

→ Licenses, permission to use

**= Contractual autonomy!**

## Essential elements of an agreement:

- **What:** object of the agreement (which work, versions, formats,...)
- **Which rights** (to what extends) are assigned or granted
- **Where:** territoriality limit or world-wide
- **When:** contract term (fixed term or until expiry of copyright or when contractual obligations are fulfilled)

## What else is usually regulated?

- Publisher's rights and obligations:
  - Number of (printed) copies (art. 383 CO)
  - Where and how to sell / distribute (who has access)
  
- Author's rights and obligations:
  - Right of second publication = publication by means other than the publisher (e.g. university's repository, on social networks, ect.)
  - Free copies available for the author
  - OA costs (→ usually the author must pay for OA publishers publication)

**→ Requirements of SNSF must be met!**



## Is a second publication possible?

- **Law:**
  - **Newspaper articles** and **short essay** in journals (art. 382 para. 2 CO) ✓
  - **Contributions to collective works** or **larger contribution to journals:** can be published elsewhere after a period of **3 months** (art. 382 para. 3 CO) ✓
  - All other texts: author may **not** dispose of his work to the detriment of the publisher = exclusivity of the publisher (art. 382 para. 1 CO) = no right to second publication!! ✗
  
- **Individual agreement:** it is still controversial if a different agreement prevails or not!

## PUBLISHING CONTRACT AND LICENSE TO PUBLISH

Did the author **transfer the copyrights** so that the publisher is the right holder?

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*No*

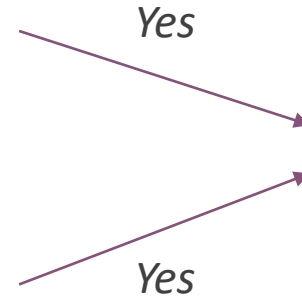
Did the author grant the publisher the right to publish through an **exclusive license**?

↓  
*No*

The publisher has a **non-exclusive license** to publish the work.



Authors can **immediately** re-publish the work.



The publisher has **exclusivity** on the work.



Authors can re-publish the work **after an embargo period**.

# RECAP QUIZ

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**3. With a License to publish, who is the right holder of a scientific article?**

- a) The University
- b) The SNSF
- c) Prolitteris
- d) The Researcher
- e) The Publisher

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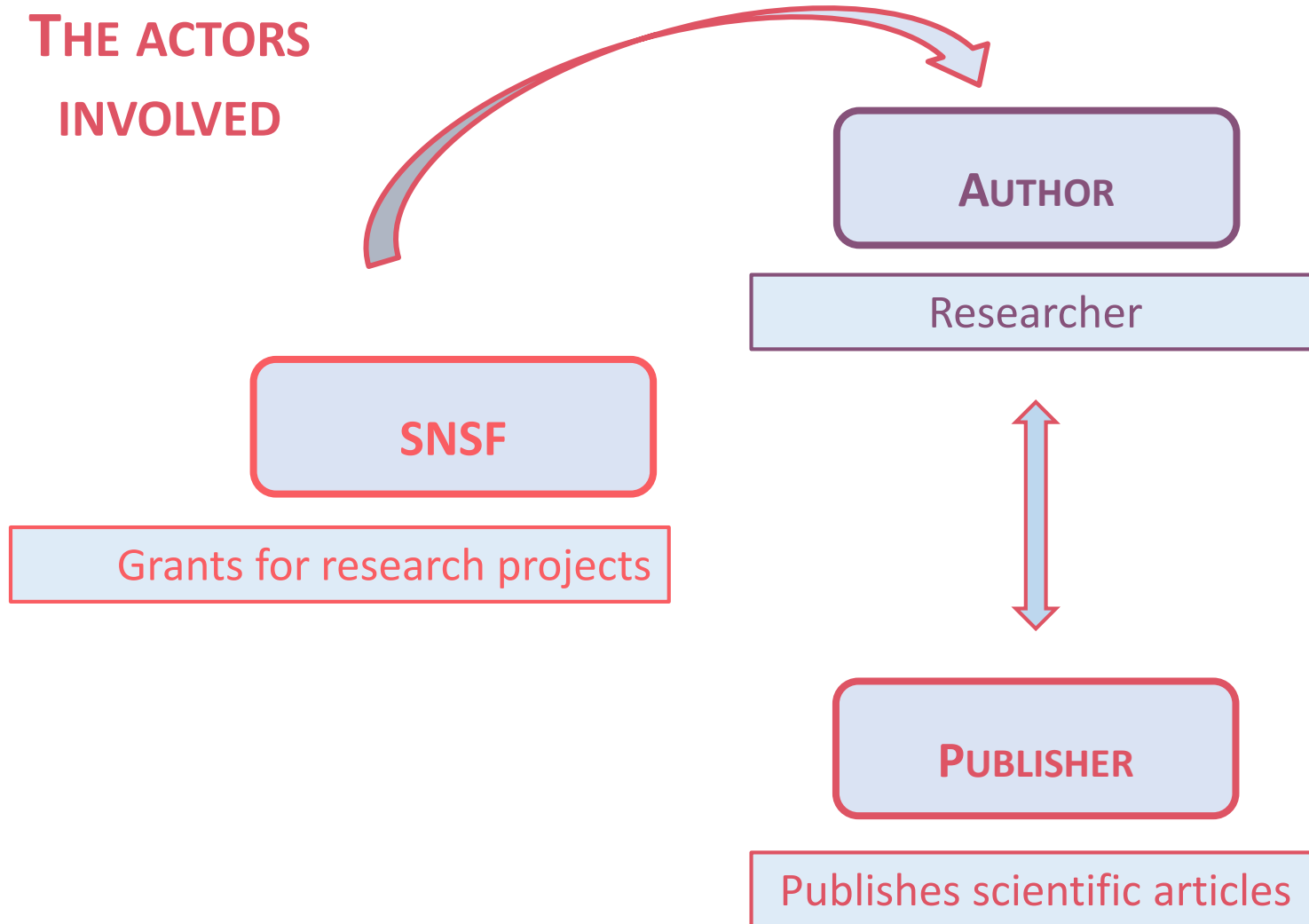


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# Funder requirements

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### SNSF grants requirements (since 1.1.2023 – cOAlition S)

- Scientific articles
  - **Immediately** available publicly
  - With a **CC-BY license**
- All other publications
  - Publicly available after a period of **12 months**
  - With a **CC-BY license**

Exceptions: disproportionately high costs for image rights

→ **Aggrement with publisher is necessary!**

## Rights Retention Strategy

- Use the following standard statement in the acknowledgement field **when submitting an article manuscript to publisher:**

*“This research was funded in whole or in part by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) [Grant number]. For the purpose of Open Access, a CC BY public copyright licence is applied to any Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) version arising from this submission.”*

Clause 11.13 para. 3 of the Implementation Regulations

→ Immediately publish the pre-print on a digital repository with a CC-BY license



### Which version can be re-published?

- **Law:** the right holder **is allowed** to publish a preprint **before submitting** it to a journal. Important to **inform** the publisher!  
However, some publisher may refuse preprint-published articles. Check their policies.
- If/when publishing a preprint, **don't assign copyrights**. Better to release it under a CC license.

...**submission is already accepted** by journal but in the **meanwhile** you would like to publish the preprint?

- Publishers' policies or agreement may require **specific conditions**.
  - **check** the publisher's policies  
E.g. acknowledgment that *"This article has been accepted for publication in [JOURNAL TITLE], published by Taylor & Francis."* (<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/research-impact/sharing-versions-of-journal-articles/>)

Publishing **regardless** of agreement with publisher = **violation of copyright and of publishing contract!**

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**4. What shall I do if my funder requires immediate open access publication of my scientific article and I have a publishing contract which sets an embargo period of 12 months?**

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# Negotiating with the Publisher

### Before concluding a publishing contract

- Authors should tell the publisher about SNSF's requirements
- Authors should retain their copyrights → only grant a **license to publish**
  - Exclusive license for a period of time (embargo), upon expiry of which the license becomes non-exclusive.
- Better would be a **non-exclusive license to publish**  
(try to negotiate lower APC costs)



### Go for it!

- No **embargo** (SNSF requirements)
- Shorter **embargo** (= simple license after an exclusive license)
- Possibility to publish elsewhere, after embargo, with credit to publisher
- Possibility to publish **preprint**, under some conditions required by publisher
- Possibility to choose whether and how to translate and publish these translations.



### Why not?

- Possibility to retain copyrights and only grant the permission to use/publish (exclusive/simple license)  
→ avoid transfer of copyrights
- Possibility to publish **preprint** elsewhere/before end of embargo





### Give it a try!

- Possibility to completely eliminate **embargo**
- Possibility to publish **preprint** elsewhere without notice of publisher
- Lower OA costs

### After having concluded a contract with Publisher

- Check what are the **penalties** set by SNSF and/or what demands the publisher
- Explain your circumstances (public research field, no profits,...)
- If you committed a contractual violation, you will need to pay the consequences!

# Examples of agreements



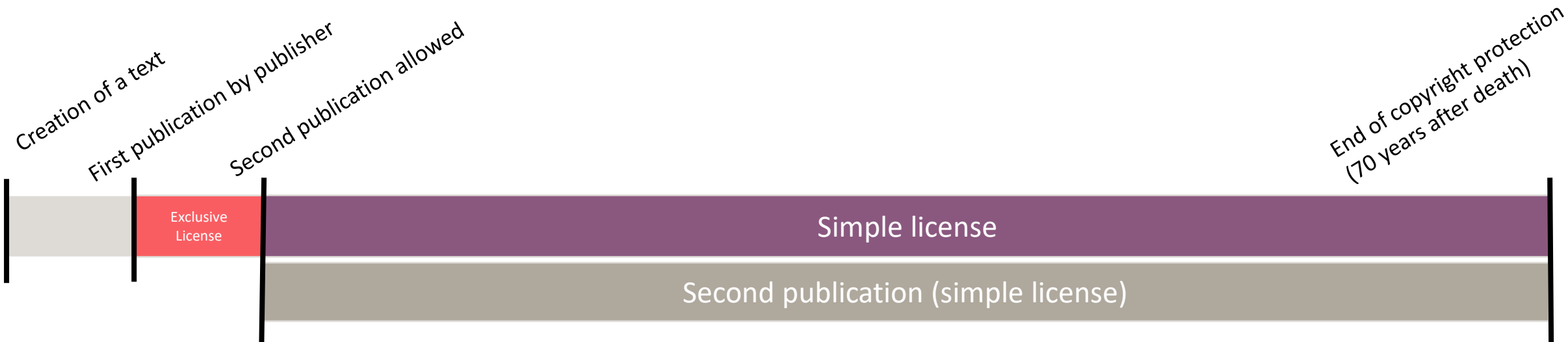
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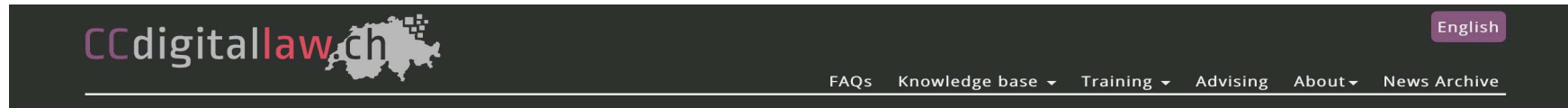
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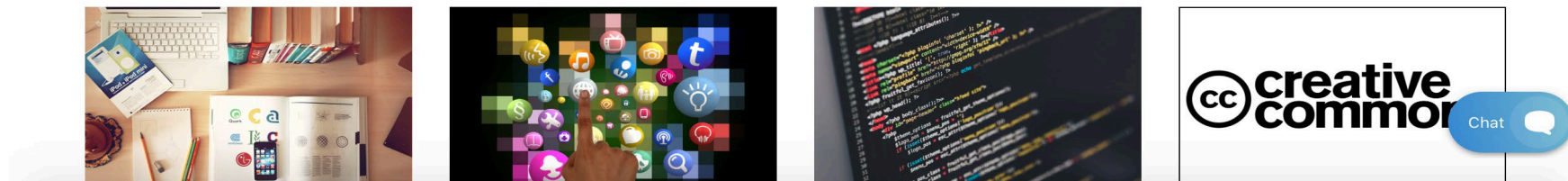

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