

LEGAL REGULATION OF DIGITAL CONTENT PROTECTION IN
MODERN INFORMATION SOCIETY

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The rapid development of digital technologies has significantly transformed the creation, distribution and consumption of intellectual works. In modern information society, a wide range of digital content such as texts, images, audio materials and video recordings is disseminated through various online platforms. The expansion of the Internet and the emergence of new digital services have created favorable conditions for authors and creators to share their works with a global audience.

At the same time, the digital environment has also generated a number of legal challenges related to the protection of copyright. Digital content can be easily copied, modified and redistributed without the authorization of the author. As a result, the traditional mechanisms of copyright protection are often insufficient to address the problems arising in the online environment¹⁴. These circumstances make the issue of legal regulation of digital content protection one of the most important topics in modern intellectual property law.

International legal instruments play an important role in regulating copyright relations in the digital environment. In particular, international agreements such as the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works establish fundamental principles of copyright protection, while modern treaties such as the WIPO Copyright Treaty aim to adapt copyright protection mechanisms to the challenges of the digital era¹⁵.

Therefore, the legal regulation of digital content protection in modern information society requires continuous improvement of legal mechanisms, as well as the development of effective tools to ensure the protection of authors' rights in the digital environment.

The protection of copyright has traditionally been based on the principle that authors have exclusive rights over the use and distribution of their works. These rights enable creators to control the reproduction, adaptation and public dissemination of their intellectual products. However, the emergence of digital technologies and global online platforms has significantly changed the way copyrighted works are created, distributed and accessed.

In the digital environment, intellectual works can be reproduced and transmitted almost instantly across national borders. This technological development has created new opportunities for the dissemination of creative works, but it has also increased the risks of

¹⁴ Goldstein P., Hugenholtz P. *International Copyright: Principles, Law and Practice*. Oxford University Press, 2013.

¹⁵ WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT). Geneva, 1996; Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, 1971.

unauthorized use and digital piracy. As a result, the traditional mechanisms of copyright protection are facing serious challenges in the context of the modern information society.

Another important aspect of the problem is the difficulty of ensuring effective legal regulation in cyberspace. Since digital content is often distributed across multiple jurisdictions, national legal systems alone are not always sufficient to address copyright infringements occurring on global online platforms. Therefore, international legal cooperation and the harmonization of copyright standards play a crucial role in protecting authors' rights in the digital environment.

At the same time, modern scholars emphasize that copyright law must adapt to the technological realities of the digital age. The development of online platforms, social media services and digital distribution systems requires the creation of more flexible legal mechanisms capable of ensuring both the protection of authors' rights and the free circulation of information in the global digital space¹⁶.

Thus, the main research problem addressed in this study is related to the need to improve the legal regulation of digital content protection in the conditions of rapidly developing information technologies. The analysis of international legal instruments and modern legal approaches makes it possible to identify the main directions for strengthening copyright protection in the digital environment.

The rapid growth of digital technologies has required the development of new legal mechanisms aimed at protecting copyrighted works in the online environment. Traditional copyright rules were primarily designed for the regulation of physical copies of creative works, while modern digital technologies allow content to be reproduced and distributed globally within seconds. As a result, the protection of digital content has become one of the key issues of contemporary intellectual property law.

International legal instruments play a fundamental role in regulating copyright protection in the digital environment. One of the most important legal frameworks is the **Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works**, which establishes the principle of automatic copyright protection and guarantees authors' exclusive rights over their works. This convention remains the cornerstone of international copyright law and provides a unified legal basis for the protection of intellectual works in different jurisdictions.

In addition to the Berne Convention, modern international treaties have introduced new mechanisms to address copyright challenges in the digital environment. In particular, the **WIPO Copyright Treaty** focuses on the protection of digital works and introduces legal provisions related to technological protection measures and rights management information. These mechanisms are intended to strengthen the protection of copyrighted works in online platforms and digital distribution systems.

Furthermore, international organizations and national governments have increasingly emphasized the importance of regulating online platforms that distribute digital content.

¹⁶ WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT). Geneva, 1996.

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Online platforms such as video-sharing services, social media networks and digital marketplaces play a significant role in the dissemination of copyrighted materials. However, the rapid growth of user-generated content has created new challenges for the enforcement of copyright rules, particularly in cases involving unauthorized copying and distribution of digital works.

From our perspective, the effective protection of digital content requires the development of comprehensive legal mechanisms that combine international legal standards with modern technological solutions. Strengthening cooperation between states, international organizations and digital platforms can significantly improve the protection of authors' rights in the global digital environment.

The analysis of international legal frameworks demonstrates that the protection of digital content in the modern information society requires a comprehensive approach that combines legal regulation with technological solutions. While international agreements establish fundamental principles of copyright protection, the rapid development of digital technologies and online platforms continues to create new legal challenges.

In our view, one of the key directions for improving digital copyright protection is the development of effective mechanisms for identifying and monitoring the use of copyrighted content on online platforms. Modern technological tools, including automated content recognition systems and digital rights management technologies, can significantly enhance the protection of authors' rights in cyberspace.

Another important aspect is the need to strengthen the responsibility of online platforms that distribute digital content. Many digital platforms play a central role in the dissemination of user-generated content, which increases the risk of copyright infringement. Therefore, the improvement of legal mechanisms that regulate the obligations of platform operators to prevent the illegal distribution of copyrighted works is of particular importance.

We also emphasize the importance of increasing public awareness of copyright issues in the digital environment. Users of online platforms often share digital content without fully understanding the legal consequences of their actions. In this regard, legal education and awareness-raising initiatives can contribute to the development of a culture of respect for intellectual property rights in the digital space.

Thus, the effective protection of digital content in modern information society requires the integration of international legal standards, national legislation and modern technological mechanisms. Such a comprehensive approach can significantly improve the protection of authors' rights in cyberspace.

The development of digital technologies has significantly transformed the ways in which intellectual works are created, distributed and consumed. In modern information society, the protection of digital content has become one of the most important issues of intellectual property law. The widespread use of online platforms and digital distribution systems has created both new opportunities and new challenges for the protection of copyright.

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The study shows that traditional copyright protection mechanisms are not always sufficient to address the legal challenges arising in the digital environment. International legal instruments such as the Berne Convention and the WIPO Copyright Treaty play an essential role in establishing the legal foundations for the protection of digital content. However, the rapid evolution of digital technologies requires the continuous improvement of legal and institutional mechanisms.

In our opinion, strengthening international cooperation, improving legal regulation of online platforms and developing modern technological tools for identifying copyrighted content are key factors in ensuring effective copyright protection in cyberspace. The implementation of these measures can contribute to the creation of a more balanced and effective system of digital content protection in modern information society.

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