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Strong Protection of IP Rights or Free Access to all Online Resources?

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What is Intellectual Property?

Creations of mind in different fields that are defined by law as intellectual property. For example.



Why to protect Authors' or Inventors' rights, at all?

“To **promote (պայաստել) the Progress of science and useful Arts...**” (U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 8)

How to promote the progress?

By providing incentives (ստիմուլ, խթան) to authors and inventors and encouraging (խրախուսել) them to create. In particular, by

“... securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries” (U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 8) and enforcing their rights.

**Do we promote the Progress of Science, Useful Arts and
provide incentives to creators, if e.g.**

- *we protect inventions by patents?*
- *we publish patents?*
- *we protect movies, music, software, books from piracy?*
- *we protect software for more than 100 years?*
- *we protect statues, laws and contracts?*
- *we protect the source code of “copy” & “paste” functions?*