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The Legal Framework of OER Usage in the Context of Artificial Intelligence

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Agenda

- ❑ What are **Open Educational Resources**?
- ❑ **Creative Commons licenses**
- ❑ What can be used to **train AI**?
- ❑ What is **protected** by **copyright**?
- ❑ How to create **Open Educational Resources** with **AI**?

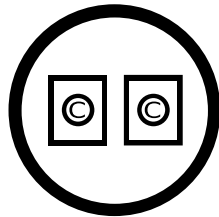
What are **Open Educational Resources**?

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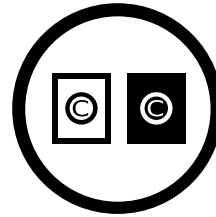
Summary: *Knowledge is open if **anyone** is free to **access, use, modify, and share** it — subject, at most, to measures that preserve **provenance and openness**.*

(<https://opendefinition.org/od/2.1/en/>)

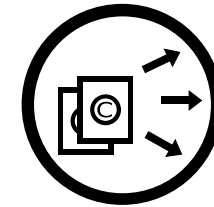
Anyone
can and should



COPY...



MODIFY...



SHARE...

...for any purpose

Copyright law

Nobody except owner of the Copyrights is **allowed** to **copy, re-distribute** or **modify** for **any purposes** (exceptions: private use, educational purpose, quotation, ect.).

Creative Commons

Everybody is allowed to **reproduce, share** in whole or part and **modify** (except: ND), for **any purposes** (except: NC).

Open Science

Everybody has to be **allowed** to **use, re-distribute, modify**, an existing resource with other resources **for any purpose**.



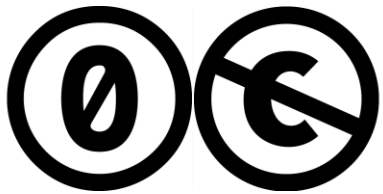
https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL76RNkr3LU8A_YbvY8BtZMqiiQj-zd411&v=P1j0OA9N4hs



- Non-profit organisation
- 7 pre-formulated licenses
- 1 public domain tools
- 4 License elements (BY-SA-NC-ND)
- Legal enforceability
- Effective worldwide
- Only copyright



License elements



CC0

Zero / public domain

No conditions

→ everything allowed
(apart from respect
personality author)



BY

Attribution

Condition

→ Where can the
original be found and
the author
→ Several attribution
obligations



SA

Share alike

Condition

→ Preservation of
openness

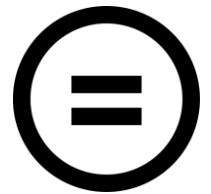


NC

Non-commercial

Limit

Not for
commercial
purposes



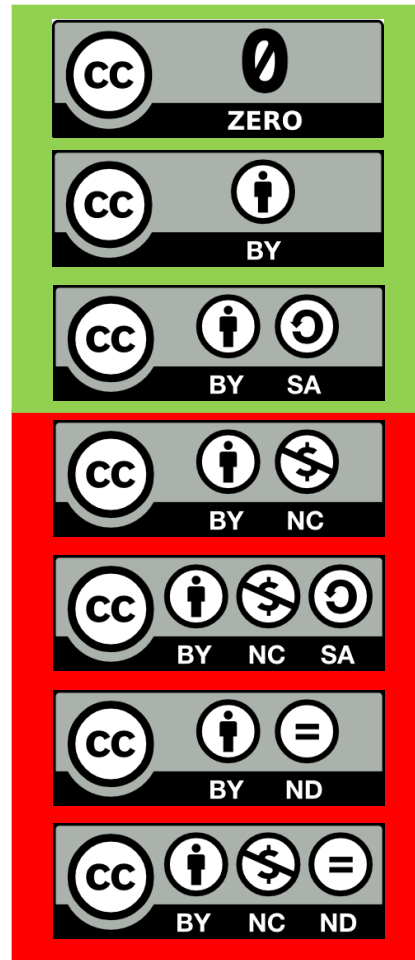
ND

No-derivatives

Limit

No modifications

All Creative Commons Licenses

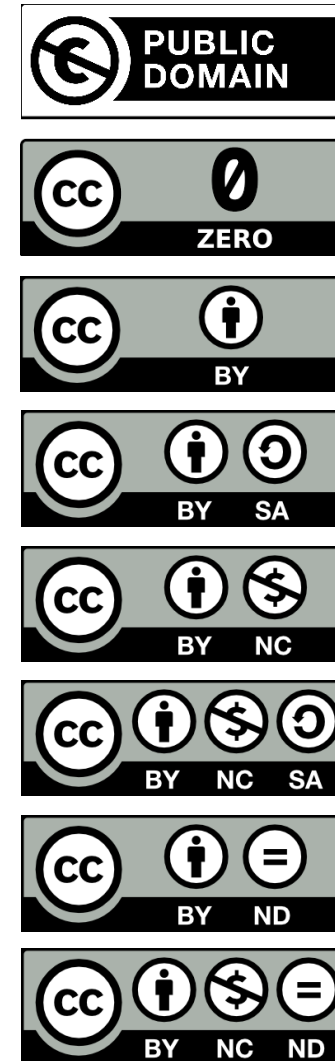


OER definition from
opendefinition.org
(also Berlin Declaration of Open
Access).

NOT «open» in the sense of
opendefinition.org

More information:

- creativecommons.org
- creativecommons.ch

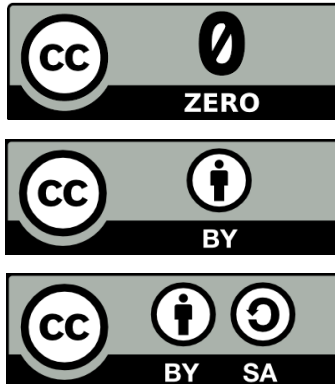




Right to attribution



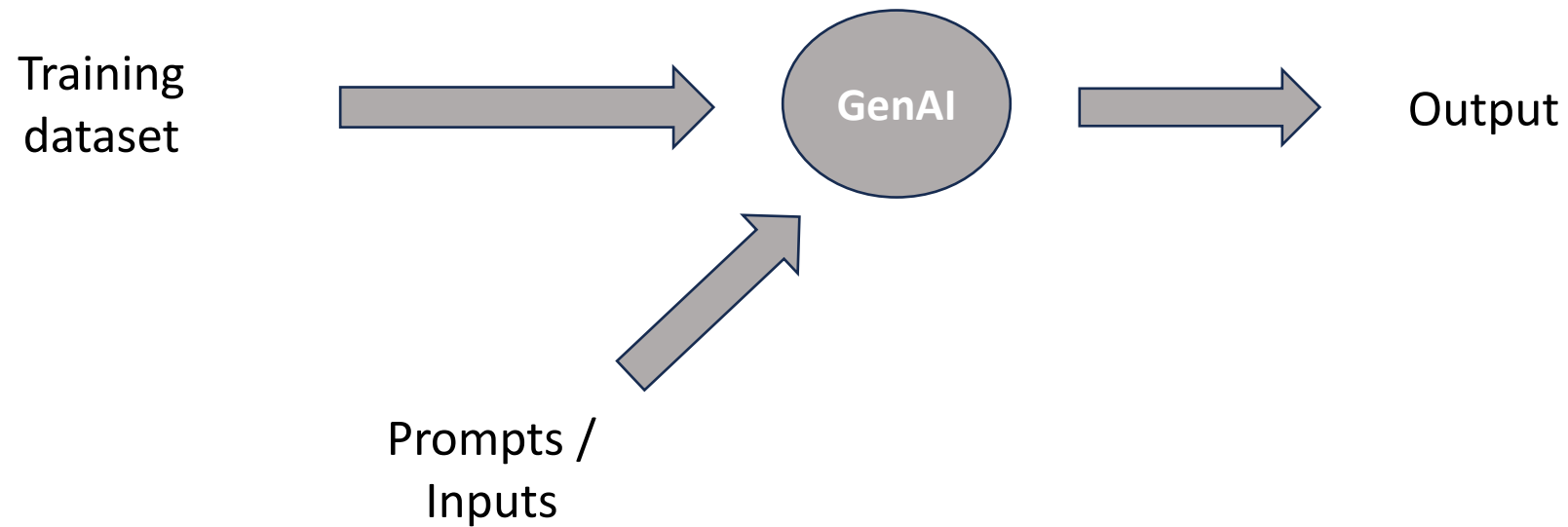
The copyright holder



Only the **copyright holder** is allowed to **choose** and **attach** a **license** on their work!



What can be used to **train AI**?

Generative AI and Copyright

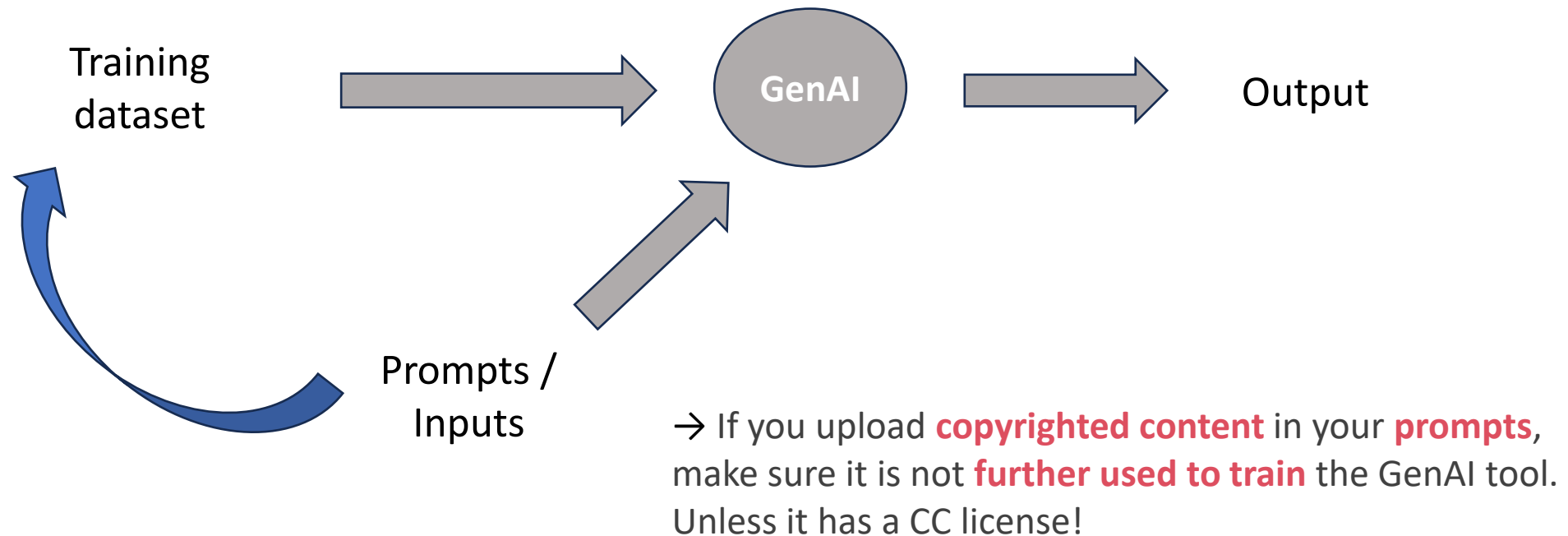


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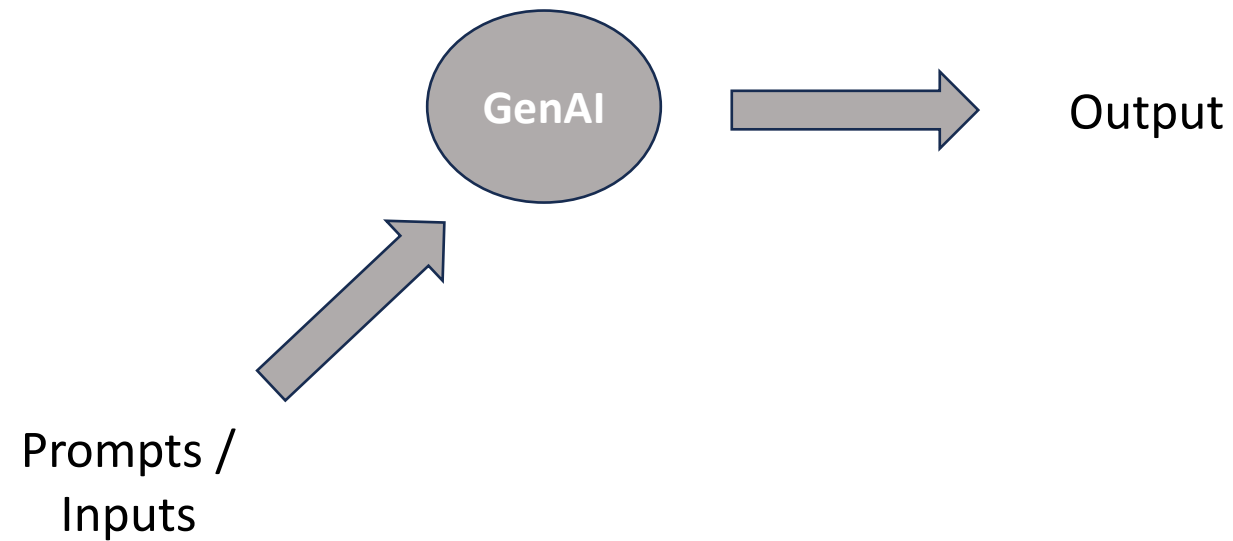
- Copyrighted works:
 - ✓ **License to use** (specific license or predefined license  **creative commons**)
 - ✓ Copyright exception: **Text and data mining** (art. 24d Swiss Copyright Act)
 - Only for research purposes!
- Not copyrighted content (public domain content) 

What can be used to train AI?



What is protected by **copyright**?

What is protected by copyright?



Copyrighted work

Any literary and artistic creation

→ Automatically protected by copyright

- Intellectual creation
- Form of expression
- Individual character



Copyrighted work

Exception (Swiss law): photographs

→ Automatically protected by copyright

- Intellectual creation
- Form of expression
- Depiction of three-dimensional object



Bundesarchiv, Bild 183-14059-0005
CC-BY-SA 3.0



Created by a human?



James Allen, (Midjourney)



James Allen, Théâtre d'Opéra Spatial

Created by a human?



Kris Kashtanova



How to create **Open Educational Resources** with **AI**?



1. Create your educational material



2. You are the author and if you are also the copyright holder you are protected during all your life + 70 years (for photographs without originality you are protected for 50 years since capture).



3. You can share your work with a Creative Commons license, allowing anyone to reuse it. However, the license is only valid for the parts that YOU have created.



! AI-generated content used and mixed in your OER is not protected by copyright !

To consider:

- What is generated by AI is NOT protected by copyright
→ it is PUBLIC DOMAIN and has no authorship



Ethics and AI international regulations: **inform about what is AI generated**

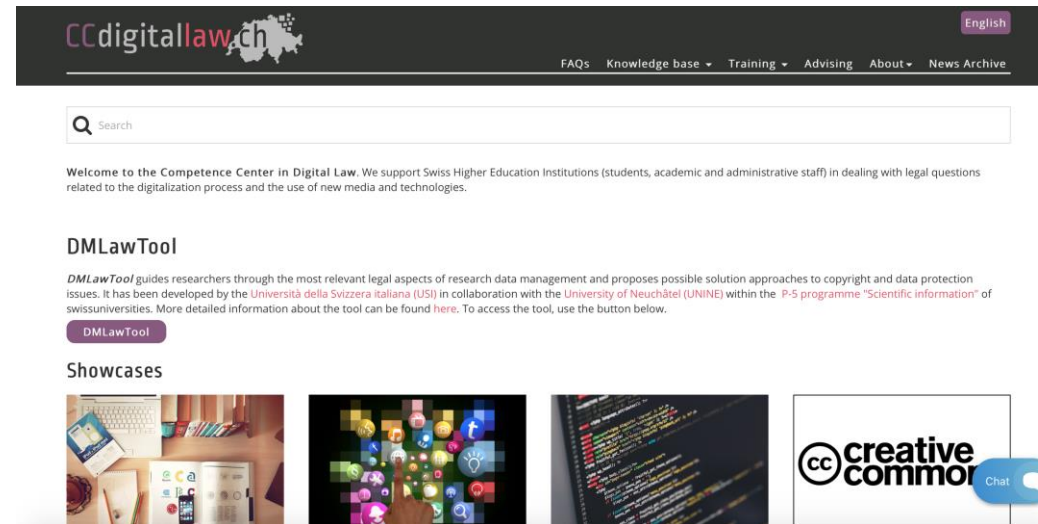
Thank you for your attention!

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