



Copyright Clearance Center

Annual Copyright License

Generate new revenues and reach new businesses

For decades, CCC (Copyright Clearance Center) has helped rightsholders unlock the full value of their content through opt-in, voluntary collective licensing. The Annual Copyright License (ACL) provides consistent, enterprise-wide rights for the internal reuse of copyrighted content, including internal use in AI systems, to thousands of corporations in the life sciences, financial services, technology sectors, and more.

The ACL offers rightsholders a proven, streamlined framework to expand the reach and revenue for their copyrighted works.

Who is this license designed for:

The Annual Copyright License enables licensees to collaborate more easily using content from a wide range of sources, simplifying copyright compliance, driving innovation, and providing resources that educate employees about the importance of copyright.

With the ACL, licensees may:

- Use a portion of as work in an internal presentation or company education program.
- Host a competitive intelligence collaboration site for their employees that includes copyrighted works.
- Store collections of scientific articles in an internal database.
- Develop AI-driven internal chatbots by training on lawfully acquired content or integrating RAG systems to provide employees with accurate answers to business questions.
- Share copyrighted information via an internal company newsletter or intranet site.
- Automate literature triaging and review, prioritizing articles of interest and identifying common themes, trends, and conflicting findings.
- Use an AI tool to combine the key takeaways from a collection of articles to create a visualization of those key points.

How it works



Rightsholders license their content through CCC.



Thousands of corporations rely on CCC's annual license for rights to reuse the content they purchase or subscribe to for internal collaboration.



Rightsholders receive scheduled royalty distributions electronically:

CCC distributes ACL royalties to participating rightsholders on a bi-annual basis.



Benefits of Participation

- **Deepen market penetration:** Access thousands of businesses globally who are searching for rights to lawfully reuse content, including long-tail content that may be difficult for rightsholders to license directly.
- **Complement your direct licensing efforts** with CCC's non-exclusive, voluntary collective license.
- **Reduce the complexity of managing individual permissions:** Lower the administrative burden of fulfilling individual requests by granting permissions to reuse content to thousands of users through a collective license.
- **Increase copyright compliance:** Promote the respect of intellectual property.

AI Rights for Internal Use in the ACL

CCC believes that licensing accelerates responsible AI and has expanded the ACL to appropriately license businesses for internal AI uses and compensate publishers for the use of their content within those internal AI systems. CCC's voluntary collective licensing model for AI rights helps meet the needs of business users and contributes to the growth and sustainability of royalty payments to rightsholders.

Learn more

To enroll your content today, please contact our Rightsholder Relations team.

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About CCC

A pioneer in voluntary collective licensing, CCC has been dedicated to advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation since its inception in 1978. Today, CCC supports a thriving knowledge economy as a trusted intermediary, providing licensing solutions that make copyright work, including collective licensing solutions for the use of copyrighted materials with AI systems. CCC also offers a portfolio of innovative and complementary software solutions, as well as high-quality content, data, and information services.