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Comment:

One word: fonts. There are very large numbers of fonts available on the internet for use in graphic design and content production, but a significant number of them no longer bear any markings from their original makers. No copyright notice, no author name, nothing. Web searches often turn up no mention of the font's creator, leaving a company with no real way to determine the font's rightful copyright owner. As a result, this significant amount of useful is rendered useless to the serious developer because without proof of license, you're not going to use a font and potentially be in hot water later if the author surfaces. Furthermore, since the font bears no copyright notice, anyone could come forward and claim to have created the font and create legal trouble for anyone who may have used it, even if the person coming forward was not the actual author of the font.