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My Comments on orphaned Works
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Hello. I believe long copyright terms should be abolished, as they create high barriers to simply accessing an orphaned works. Besides, use of an orphaned work should not be considered a copyright infringement, since their owner cannot be found, so they should be placed in the public domain.

I believe that placement of all orphaned works into the public domain will help promote science, innovation and our culture. As for orphaned computer software, they should be placed under the GNU GPL (see www.gnu.org for more information on this type of licensing.) In other words, orphaned software should be made Open Source instead of simply be placed in the public domain.

Hopefully you will be able to rectify. Also, I would like you to expand the scope of the public domain, as well. Orphaned works should definitely be added to the public domain. My recommendations will greatly help us.

From Colin Omara.