Packages - Freedom Issue #2123

Bitcoin and The Times copyright

2018-12-23 05:33 PM - Anonymous

Status:	not-a-bug	**% Done:**	0%
Priority:	bug		
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Description
Bitcoin source code includes in file /src/chainparams.cpp, line 54: "const char* pszTimestamp = "The Times 03/Jan/2009 Chancellor on brink of second bailout for banks";" "Chancellor on brink of second bailout for banks" is title, which was used by The Times in 03/Jan/2009 article. I was unable to find any information about The Times copyright.
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History

#1 - 2018-12-23 09:34 PM - freemor

As Bitcoin is not a News outlet nor a media/publishing company, and as this is a rather strange place for such a thing to appear I suspect it's use would easily fall under one of the "Fair Use" exceptions. Which include such things as Satire, Political commentary, etc.

see:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_use

Clearly without such your use of it above would constitute a copyright violation requiring the deletion of this bug report.

#2 - 2018-12-24 04:41 AM - bill-auger

freemor wrote:

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ah, that line was not in the original email - i signed in to add something to that point

1) if it is merely referring to the article, but not re-printing the entire article (or substantial portions thereof), that is the classic case of fair use

2) the bug i see there is a terrible variable name - that is clearly a C string containing the article title and not any sort of timestamp

3) hungarian notation (ack)

if #1 is true we can close this

#3 - 2018-12-30 02:40 PM - bill-auger

- *Status changed from open to not-a-bug*

duplicate of #2126

#4 - 2018-12-30 02:45 PM - bill-auger

- *Related to Freedom Issue #2126: [bitcoin-*] [litecoin-*] [?] Possible non-free data download added*

#5 - 2019-02-27 08:40 PM - bill-auger

- *Related to Freedom Issue #2127: [doge] Doge is non-free added*