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Adobe Introduces Adobe Content Authenticity Web App to Champion Creator Protection and Attribution

- The Adobe Content Authenticity web app offers a simple, free and easy way for creators to apply Content
 Credentials to their work, helping to protect content from unauthorized use and ensure creators receive
 attribution. Content Credentials are already supported in popular Adobe Creative Cloud apps including
 Photoshop, Lightroom and Firefly
- Adobe Firefly is only trained on content that Adobe has permission to use never on customer content— and now with a feature in the web app, creators can use Content Credentials to signal if they do not want their content used by or to train generative AI models
- Developed in close collaboration with the creative community, the web app builds on Adobe's commitment to responsible innovation and helping address creators' key concerns today

New Delhi, India —Oct. 8, 2024 — Today, Adobe (Nasdaq:ADBE) announced a new free web app, Adobe Content Authenticity, designed to help creators protect and receive attribution for their work with Content Credentials. Content Credentials are like a "nutrition label" for digital content, serving as secure metadata that anyone can attach to their work to share information about themselves and provide context about how their content was created and edited. Since founding the Content Authenticity Initiative in 2019, Adobe has championed the widespread adoption of Content Credentials as the industry standard for transparency in digital content, now supported by over 3,700 members. As concerns over misinformation and Al-generated deepfakes have grown, Content Credentials have become a valuable tool for publishers, allowing them to provide key information about digital content to helps consumers assess its trustworthiness. Now with the web app, Adobe is unlocking the full potential of Content Credentials, helping creators protect their work from misuse or misrepresentation and build a more trustworthy and transparent digital ecosystem for everyone.

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Adobe is dedicated to responsibly developing tools that empower creators to express themselves and tell their stories while helping address their concerns. A new <u>Adobe study</u> on creator perspectives on generative AI shows that amid rising concerns over unauthorized sharing of their work or misattribution, 91% of creators are seeking a reliable method to attach attribution to their work. Additionally, more than half (56%) of creators said they are worried about their content being used to train generative AI models without their consent.

"Adobe is committed to responsible innovation centered on the needs and interests of creators. Adobe Content Authenticity is a powerful new web application that helps creators protect and get recognition for their work," said Scott Belsky, Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President, Design & Emerging Products at Adobe. "By offering creators a simple, free and easy way to attach Content Credentials to what they create, we are helping them preserve the integrity of their work, while enabling a new era of transparency and trust online. The Adobe Content Authenticity web app will not only benefit creators but also help consumers navigate the digital ecosystem with greater clarity."

A Simple, Free and Easy Way for Creators to Attach Content Credential to Their Digital Work

The Adobe Content Authenticity web app was developed in close collaboration with creators, incorporating their feedback at every stage, through one-on-one listening sessions, group discussions, user experience testing and more, to ensure it is truly built by and for creators.

Content Credentials are already supported in popular Adobe Creative Cloud apps that creators use today to unleash their creativity, including Photoshop, Lightroom and Firefly. The web app will integrate with these Creative Cloud apps and others, serving as a centralized hub for managing Content Credentials preferences. Key benefits of the web app include:

- Easily Apply Content Credentials to Help Protect Their Work and Receive Attribution: With the web app, creators can easily apply Content Credentials in batch to sign their digital work including images, audio and video files. Creators have control over the information included in Content Credentials, such as their name, website and social media accounts, with Adobe planning to offer more customization options. Attaching this information can help creators receive attribution for their work, protecting it from unauthorized use or misattribution and ensuring recognition.
- Set Generative AI Training and Usage Preference: Adobe only trains Adobe Firefly, its family of creative generative AI models, on content it has permission to use never on customer content. However, not all generative AI models on the market follow this approach. With the Generative AI Training and Usage Preference in the web app, creators can use Content Credentials to signal if they do not want their content used by or to train other generative AI models on the market. Adobe is actively working to drive industry-wide adoption of this preference so that other generative AI models that support it do not train on or utilize creators' work. Spawning, an opt-out aggregator for generative AI has committed to recognizing this preference.
 - In addition, content marked with this preference indicating that the creator does not want their work used for generative AI training will not be eligible for submission to <u>Adobe Stock</u>. Firefly is trained on licensed content from Stock, and this preference helps ensure that Adobe respects creators' content use choices.
- View and Inspect Available Content Credentials Easily: Some social media platforms and websites today do
 not retain visible provenance information such as Content Credentials when the content is posted online,
 limiting the level of transparency available to consumers. To bridge this gap as the adoption of Content
 Credentials grows, Adobe is releasing the Content Authenticity extension for Google Chrome and the Inspect

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- tool within the web app to recover and display any Content Credentials associated with the content, including edit history when available.
- **Durable Content Credentials:** Content Credentials applied with the web app stay securely connected to the creator's work throughout the content lifecycle and can be recovered even if the provenance information is removed or when someone takes a screenshot of the content. To enable this, Content Credentials combine digital fingerprinting, invisible watermarking and cryptographically signed metadata, helping to ensure that Content Credentials remain intact and verifiable across the digital ecosystem.

Availability

A free, public beta of the Adobe Content Authenticity web app will be available in Q1 2025. Creators can learn more about the web app and sign up here to be notified when the beta is available. A free beta of the Content Authenticity extension for Google Chrome is available starting today.

Adobe will also preview the web app at its booth (booth 424) at $\underline{\text{Adobe MAX}}$, the world's largest creativity event, running from October 14 – 16 in Miami Beach.

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