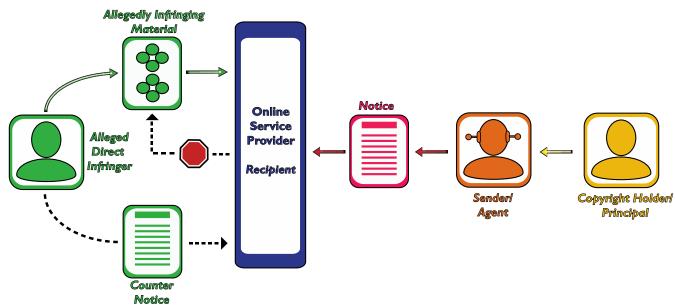
The Next Great Copyright Act

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Notice and Takedown Project

Berkeley Law and American Assembly:

- Analysis of machine-coded and hand-coded
 Section 512 notices
- Surveys and interviews with OSPs about their internal practices

Research Network

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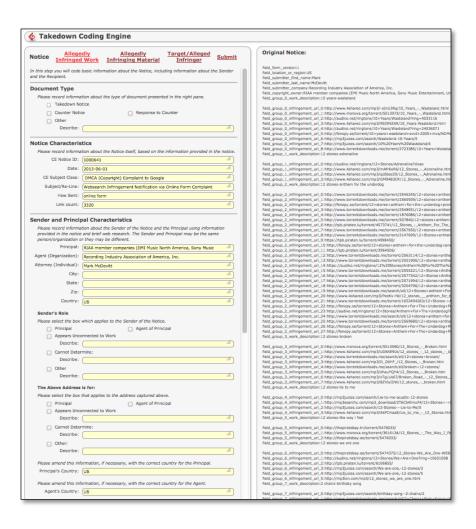
Research Challenges

Lack of transparency

Large volume of data



Coding Notices

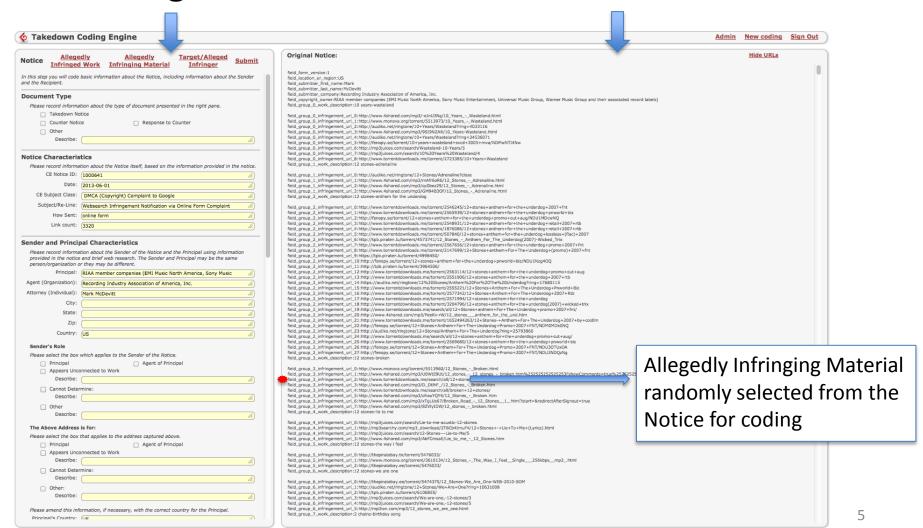


- 6 months of Chilling Effects data from May 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013
- Largest Submitters: Google, Twitter, <10 others who submit to CE regularly
- **288,675** Notices
- 11,142,136 Allegedly Infringed Works
- 108,331,663 Allegedly Infringing Links

Coding Notices

Coding Pane

Takedown Notice



OSP Survey and Interview Responses

Preliminary findings - survey and interview process is ongoing

Challenge

 OSPs fear transparency may lead to "increased potential of being subject to a lawsuit" and will bring "floods of notices"

Standardization of Form Notices

- OSPs report that form notice result in:
 - Some say "significant decrease," others say "dramatic increase"
 - Increased compliance with statutory requirements
 - Question whether the quality of the underlying claim is also improved

Notice and "Staydown"

- Would require filtering
 - Not practically or financially feasible for many OSPs
 - Cannot account for fair use

Abusive or Erroneous Notices

 Requests to remove non-infringing content; suppressing free expression

 "...impact in particular cases on legitimate speech can be serious"

Ineffective Counter-Notice Provisions

 Intimidating requirements with potential for large statutory damages

 Insufficient legal disincentives to filing abusive or erroneous notices

 "...essentially eviscerates the whole idea of a counter-notice"

Benefits of Notice and Takedown

- Safe harbor is the "foundational legal enabler of online services"
 - Is "woven in" to the "fabric of how [OSPs] function"

Clear standards and procedures for responsibility





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