



# information as property

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**intangible to impractical?**

**History of Information**

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# where we stand

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**patents**

**copyrights**

**trademarks**



# so what are we talking about?

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"No good case exists  
for the inequality  
of real and  
intellectual  
property, because no  
good case can exist  
for treating with  
special disfavor the  
work of the spirit  
and the mind"

Helprin

**what *is* property?**

**in what way is information  
property?**



# aspects of property

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"No one shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation"

## **what is property?**

rules governing access to material goods

## **kinds of property**

common  
collective  
private

## **properties of private property**

rivalrous  
excludable

## **property rights**

how extensive?  
one right--or a bundle?