Copyrights: Do I own what I create?

1. Did you create the item as part of a publishing agreement?
   - Yes: Review the publishing agreement to see what rights you retain.
   - No: 2. Did you create the item while employed and while working on the job?
     - Yes: Review your employer’s policies on intellectual property.
     - No: 3. Was the item self-created but includes non-original material?
       - Yes, but I know I have the right to use the material.
       - No: 4. Are you using someone’s likeness in your creation such as a video or audio clip, or photo?
         - Yes: Get a signed Release Form
         - No: Congratulations! As the author/creator of an original creative work you automatically own the copyright to it. You have exclusive control over reproduction, distribution, and/or performance. As an author of copyrighted material, you can designate a Create Commons license for your work so others can reuse it following the rules you established.