

Industry Terms

- **Master** - the recording of the song; also refers to the master owner.
- **Publishing / Sync** - the song itself; the chords, melody and lyrics.
- **Clearance** - when you clear the rights to use the song with the rights owners (i.e. management, label...)
- **MFN (Most Favored Nation)** - referring to the master owner and the publisher receiving equal share of the licensing fee.

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- **Splits** - how the ownership of the song and recording are split between writers, producers and the artist.
- **Metadata** - In regards to music, this is the info that comes with the song (artist name, album, song name, etc.)
- **Work-for-Hire / Buyout** - Whoever is hiring you to do the work is the legal owner of the copyright.
- **PRO (Performance Rights Organization)** - Your country's society for collecting royalties for the public performance for your music.