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Dear Copyright Office,

After reviewing your pdf notification, I as a graphic artist see many of the issues that you have addressed in your meeting. I know the digital age has probably made it even harder to enforce copyright laws for electronic works. I would like to propose an option that may not stop the infringement, but might give artists a chance to register more of their electronic works to help with the enforcement.

Step One- Create a registration for artists (digital or otherwise) that assigns a copyright user registration number.

Step Two- set up a web page for artists to upload copies of their work electronically, and a server to handle the storage of the electronic works.

Step Three- Set a pricing plan that includes a monthly and an annual rate to those artist for their electronic registrations.

When an artist pays their monthly/Annual registration fee, they can go to the website which will ask them for their electronic copyright user registration number and an upload browser to allow them to upload their images once a month as either an individual image, or as a compressed zip file. This allows the user to copyright either a single image, or bulk works each month for a set fee.

Once the user uploads the images, they are then copyright protected images. There can be a limit set to the registration fee that allows so many images each month in the bulk file and the user selects his/her package registration fee.

Each image would contain under the properties/details tab the artist's original information for the registration. (see the image below for an example)

When an artist does this, it ensures that more works that are creative become registered, and allow for easier tracking of electronic works by registration number, and month and year of upload.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal, I hope that it at least will give you a possible solution or an idea for a solution to the current problem mentioned in your pdf.

Thank you,

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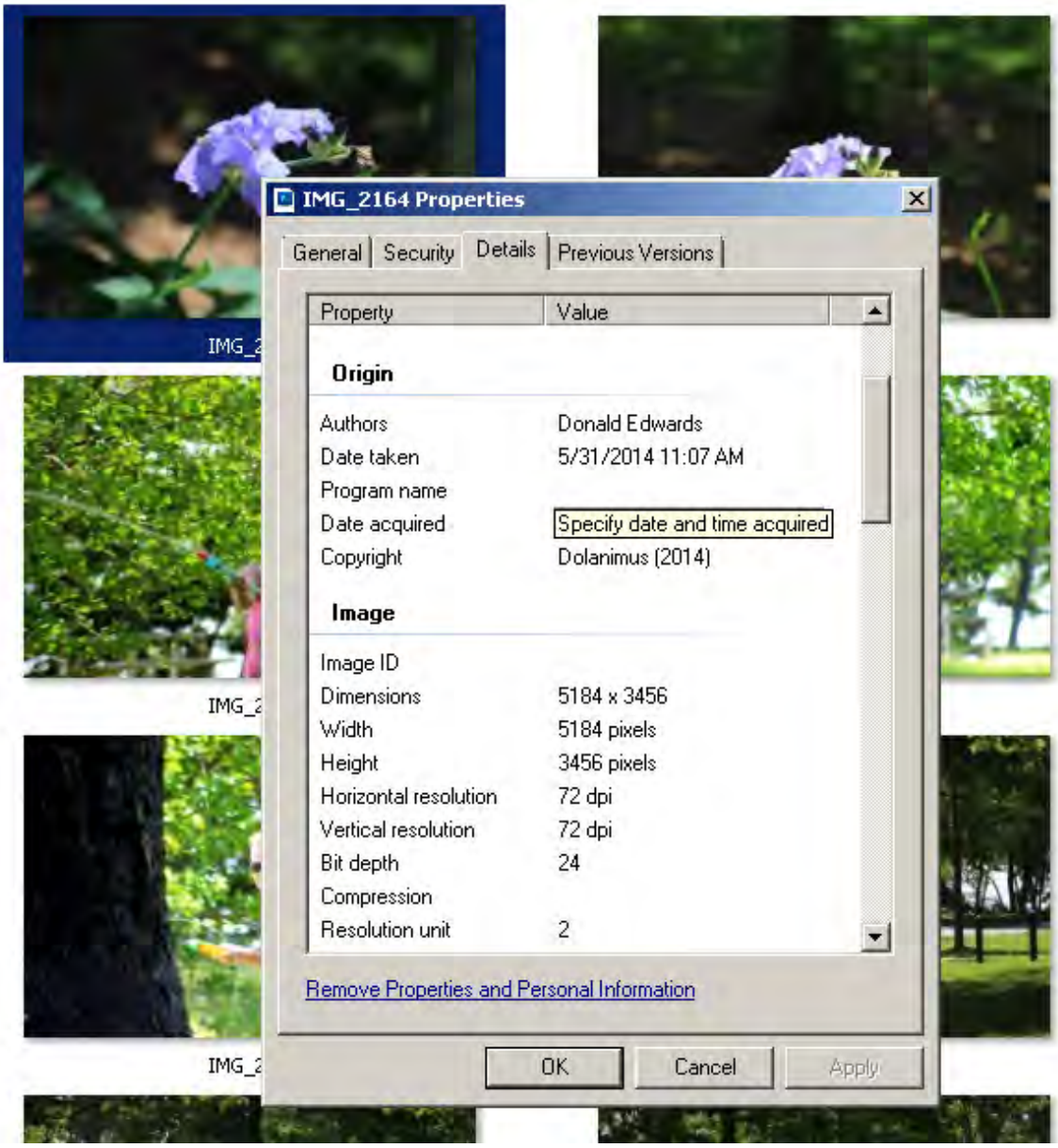

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