

Marksta

Photography copyright in the social media age





I make pictures, therefore I am.

Founder and CEO of Marksta, but definitely a photojournalist first.





Marksta created out of experience and frustration





AP stringer
AFP staff
Reportage by Getty Images freelance
IPTC is ingrained in every news photographer





I am a visual storyteller

It's a simple concept, but takes a lot of sacrifice





Afghanistan takes its toll





Photography transcends language





Social media is reaching the farthest parts of the planet





There is now a huge appetite for photography But the money has not followed





Copyright infringement, or theft, is rampant.





IPTC used to help me protect my intellectual property It also helped with marketing and accounting



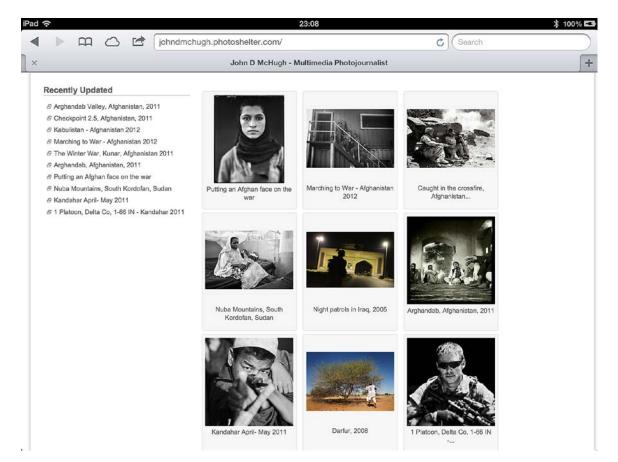


The internet can feel like a Dystopian reality, where IPTC is very unloved





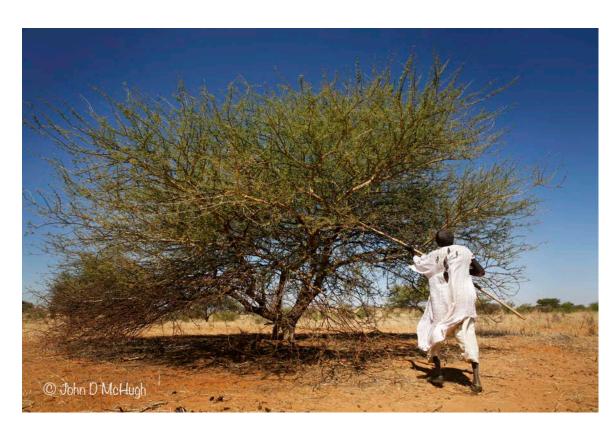
Sharing, or stealing, photography has never been so easy











I decided to stop fighting the theft, and just watermark my images





Watermarking doesn't have to be ugly





Instagram scared off a lot of users when it appeared to claim rights over all the the images it hosts



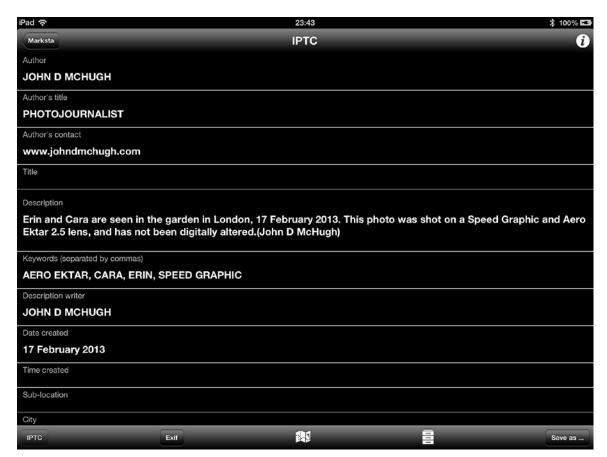


Shooting on an iPhone can be very useful And editing and sending from a mobile device is also very convenient





Marksta allows a user to add a text or image watermark from their iPhone or iPad before sharing online





Marksta version 2 is about to launch – with full IPTC functionality integrated into the app



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