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Data Licensing

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Outline

Why license research data?

Licensing concepts

Licensing options

- Creative Commons

- Open Data Commons

- Open Government Licence

- Non-Commercial Government Licence

- Public Domain

Mechanisms for Licensing Data

Further Information

Why license research data?

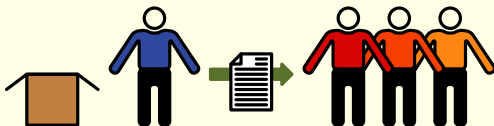
Clarity

Types of licenses

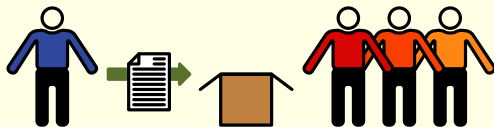
▶ Contracts



▶ Pure licences



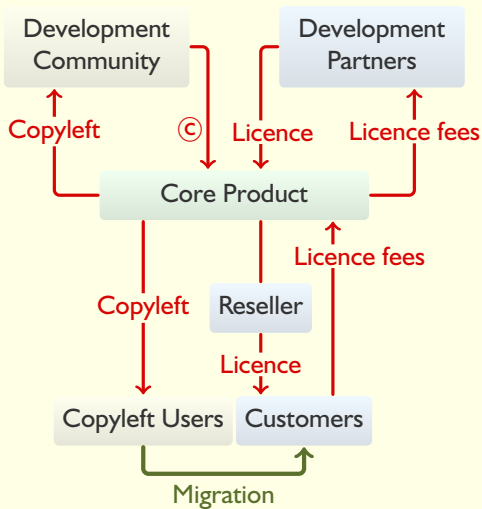
▶ Waivers



Licensing questions

1. Do you need to make a choice?
 - ▶ Institutional policy
 - ▶ Data archive policy
2. Would a standard licence suffice?
3. Do you need to write your own licence?
4. Do you need more than one licence?

Multiple licensing




Välimäki, M. (2003). Dual licensing in open source software industry. *Systemes d'Information et Management*, 8(1), 63–75. Retrieved 9 December 2011, from <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1261644>

Creative Commons

 **BY** Attribution





 **NC** Non-Commercial

 **SA** Share Alike

 **ND** No Derivatives










Creative Commons

-  **BY** Attribution
Attribution stacking
-  **NC** Non-Commercial
What counts as commercial?
-  **SA** Share Alike
Reduces interoperability
-  **ND** No Derivatives
Severely restricts use



Open Data Commons

The logo for Open Data Commons, featuring the words "open data" stacked above "commons" in a serif font, with a light blue and orange background.

- ▶ Attribution Licence (ODC-BY)
 - ▶  / 
- ▶ Open Database Licence (ODC-ODbL)
 - ▶   /   
- ▶ Explicitly distinguishes database structure from contents, and deriving visualisations from deriving new databases.

Open Government Licence





Open Government Licence for public sector information

- ▶ Attribution ⓘ
- ▶ Terminates on illegal/misleading usage of data
- ▶ Can only be used for public sector data
- ▶ Cannot be used for logos, insignia, personal data, otherwise encumbered data
- ▶ Does not distinguish database structure from contents

Non-Commercial Government Licence



Non-Commercial Government Licence for public sector information

- ▶ Attribution Non-Commercial  
- ▶ Derivative works must also have a non-commercial licence
- ▶ Otherwise the same as the Open Government Licence

Public Domain



- ▶ Creative Commons Zero (CC0)
- ▶ Open Data Commons Public Domain Dedication and Licence (ODC-PDDL)
- ▶ Open Data Commons Database Contents Licence (ODC-DbCL)
- ▶ Community norms?

Attaching the licence to the data

[This database is/These data are/⟨*name of dataset*⟩ is] made available under the Public Domain Dedication and License v1.0 whose full text can be found at:

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Further Information

A Digital Curation Centre and JISC Legal
'working level' guide



How to License Research Data

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license-research-data](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data)



[http://www.web2rights.com/
0ERIPRSupport/](http://www.web2rights.com/0ERIPRSupport/)

- ▶ Starter Pack
- ▶ Diagnostic Tools

Thank you for your attention

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