

# FOSS Licensing

Part 1 – Basics & how to mark your own code

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**what we will look into today**

## **Part 1: basics & marking your own code**

1. “IP” rights basics
2. typical use cases
3. common FOSS licenses in detail
4. how to mark your own code
5. REUSE.software demo

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## **Part 2: inbound licensing**

## “IP” rights

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**commonalities**

# What is common to all “Intellectual Proprety” rights

exclusive rights to its holder<sup>1</sup>

others need a license (statutory, implicit or express)

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<sup>1</sup>Author (in ©) or inventor (in Pat.) may not be the ones holding the rights, if their rights were assigned.

**“IP” rights**

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**the big 3**



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## trade marks

® registered, ™ unregistered

brand/origin

10 years, renewable

since registration/use

per country & class

distinctive, non-generic  
need to enforce

**“IP” rights**

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**copyright**

## Copyright: How to obtain the rights

- a. you = author
- b. CAA/CLA
- c. **(inbound) license**
- d. (limited) use via ZASP

## **Inbound license**

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### **Outbound license**

rights (in the code) you give or forward to your downstream

## typical use cases

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quick overview

### traditional/desktop distribution

- desktop software
- mobile apps
- embedded
- (OTA updates)
- client-side JS even in SaaS(!)

### SaaS

- SaaS w/ user interface (i.e. front-end)
- SaaS w/o user interface (i.e. back-end)

**FOSS**

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# FOSS

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## basics

- **use** the code
- **study** what the code does
- **share** the original code
- **improve** the code and share your modified version

“Free Software” = “Open Source Software” = “Libre Software” = “FOSS”

FOSS<sup>2</sup> != freeware

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<sup>2</sup>“Free as in freedom, not free as in beer.”

# FOSS

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## FOSS license overview

# FOSS licenses – the traditional/desktop approach

Traditional Distribution	Proprietary				FOSS					Public Domain		
	EULA <sup>2</sup>		Copyright <sup>3</sup>		Strong Copyleft		Weak Copyleft		Permissive			
	 →  → 	 → 	 →  → 	 → 	 →  → 	 → 	 →  → 	 → 	 →  → 	 → 	 →  → 	 → 
<b>Use</b>	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	?
<b>Study</b>	✗	✗	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✗	✓	✓	✓	(✓) <sup>5</sup>	✓	?	✓	?
<b>Share</b>	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	(✓) <sup>5</sup>	✓	?	✓	?
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<b>Examples</b>	CompanyX EULA		(ZASP)		AGPL-3.0 GPL-3.0 EURL-1.0 CC-BY-SA-4.0		LGPL-3.0 MPL-2.0 EPL-2.0		MIT BSD-2-Clause BSD-3-Clause Apache-2.0 CC-BY-4.0		(CC0-1.0) (Unlicense)	

<sup>1</sup>These are the rights relevant to the "good name" of the author, such as the right to paternity or the right to recall a work. In most jurisdictions in continental Europe they cannot be transferred.

<sup>2</sup>In a EULA the licensee agrees to get less rights than what copyright law gives them.

<sup>3</sup>Default situation by law, unless a license is in place.

<sup>4</sup>In some particular cases the licensee has the right to receive or discover the source code and modify it.

<sup>5</sup>The rights to study, share and improve are preserved only for the original library (LGPL) or selected files (MPL, EPL).




 = original/upstream author/licensor  
 = first user/licensee (= 'us')  
 = second/downstream user/licensee

Figure 1: FOSS licenses in traditional distribution model

# FOSS licenses – the SaaS approach

Software as a Service	Proprietary				“SaaS/Network” FOSS						Public Domain	
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<sup>5</sup>For “traditional weak copyleft” the rights to study, share and improve are preserved only for the original library (LGPL) or selected files (MPL, EPL).

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 = SaaS end-user

Figure 2: FOSS licenses in SaaS environment



# FOSS

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rights & obligations

- you receive all rights from your upstream
- the resulting code may be under **any license** (even proprietary)
- you do **not have** to give/offer source code downstream
- include text of license
- keep copyright notices
- sometimes notice of authors

e.g.<sup>3</sup> *BSD-2-Clause*, *BSD-3-Clause*, *MIT*, *Apache-2.0*

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<sup>3</sup>The license names in italics follow the [SPDX \(3.0\) nomenclature](#). The version numbers are referring to the latest version of the license and do not necessarily mean the previous versions do not belong in this category.

- you receive all rights from your upstream
- the resulting code has to be released under the **same license** – give same rights<sup>4</sup>
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- keep copyright notices (and typically notice of license)
- sometimes notice of changes

e.g. *GPL-3.0-or-later*, *AGPL-3.0-only*, *LGPL-3.0-or-later*, *EPL-2.0*, *MPL-2.0*, *CDDL-1.1*

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<sup>4</sup>Copyleft is typically triggered by distribution. In some cases this is narrowed down/weakened (LGPL, MPL, EPL), in others widened/strengthened (AGPL).

## license details

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## **license details**

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**internal use vs (re)distribution**

## License details – Internal use vs (re)distribution

- **use** = OK by law, no license needed
- copyleft triggered by (re)distribution

<https://copyleft.guide>

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**GPL-3.0 vs AGPL-3.0**

### in SaaS

copyleft in *AGPL-3.0* triggers also on modification && network use<sup>5</sup>

(L)GPL-\* does not

**caveat:** this works only if the licensee is **using** the software itself (e.g. front-end)

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<sup>5</sup>Other SaaS copyleft licenses include *EUPL-1.2* and *OSL-3.0* (and its variations).



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**LGPL-2.0 vs LGPL-2.1**

same in spirit

but: *LGPL-2.1* introduces the dynamic linking exception

very important for certain languages – e.g. Java

no difference for other languages – e.g. Go

### *LGPL-2.1 §6.b:*

*Use a suitable shared library mechanism for linking with the Library. A suitable mechanism is one that (1) uses at run time a copy of the library already present on the user's computer system, rather than copying library functions into the executable, and (2) will operate properly with a modified version of the library, if the user installs one, as long as the modified version is interface-compatible with the version that the work was made with.*

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“or later”

### in general

identified in SPDX with: *+* (e.g. *MPL-1.1+*)

### specifics of the GPL family

e.g. *GPL-2.0-or-later* vs *GPL-2.0-only*<sup>6</sup>

- “-only” – 2.0 only
- “-or-later” – 2.0 or any later version (i.e. 2.0, 2.1, 3.0, ...)
- version missing – any version at all (i.e. 1.0, 2.0, 2.1, 3.0, ...)

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<sup>6</sup>The “-or-later” and “-only” suffix were (re)introduced for GPL family in SPDX 3 to be more consistent with FSF’s interpretation of their own licenses.

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**GPL-2.0 vs GPL-3.0**

# What is new in GPL-3.0

anti-DRM

grace period<sup>7</sup> for violations

explicit patent license

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<sup>7</sup>If you need to use GPL-2.0, consider signing <https://gplcc.github.io/gplcc/>.

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the ~~Dalton~~ BSD brothers



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## BSD-2-Clause (i.e. William Dalton)

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## BSD-1-Clause (i.e. Joe Dalton)

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2. ~~notices in binary~~
3. ~~the “obnoxious BSD advertising clause” — GPL incompatible~~
4. ~~no endorsement clause~~

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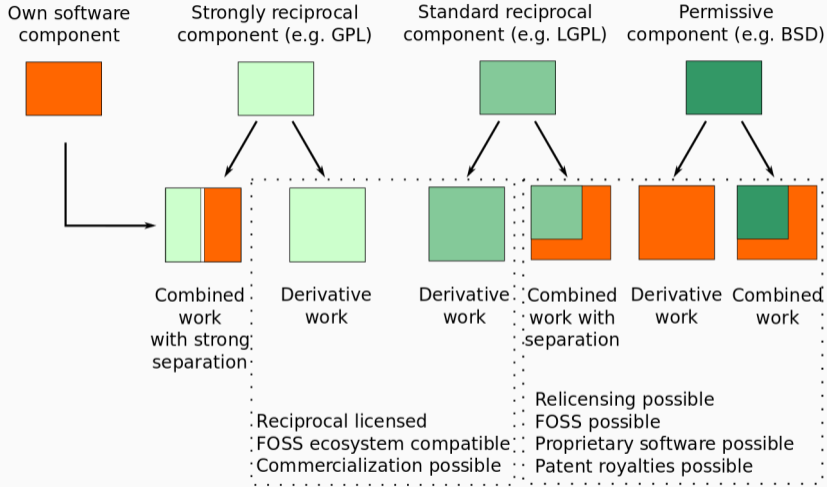
**NB: this is a *gross* oversimplification**

**license details**

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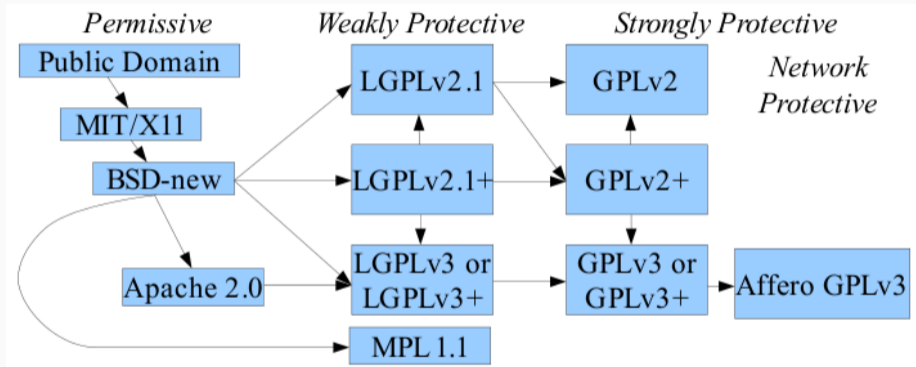
**license compatibility**

# License compatibility for derived & combined works



**Figure 3:** License compatibility for derived & combined works (Mikko Välimäki)

## License compatibility between most popular licenses



**Figure 4:** License compatibility between most popular licenses (David A. Wheeler)

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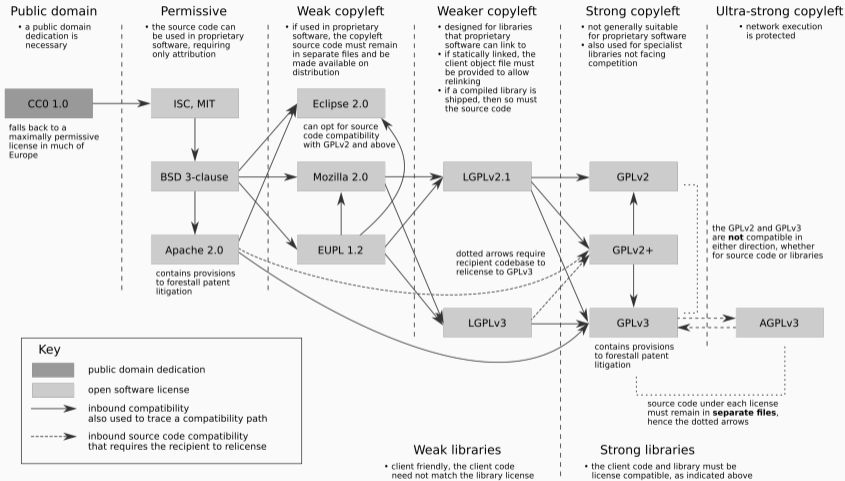


Figure 5: License compatibility between most popular licenses (Robbie Morrison)

## **license details**

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**choose your license**

## Choose your license: Things to consider

- use case (e.g. traditional distribution vs SaaS)
- compatibility with inbound licenses
- ecosystem (e.g. copyleft is a problem in Go)

## Choose your license: Some suggestions

*GPL-3.0-or-later* – desktop use, you want to be extra sure the software to stay FOSS

*AGPL-3.0-or-later*, *OSL-3.0*, *EUPL-1.2* – ditto, but in (front-end) SaaS

*EPL-2.0*, *MPL-2.0*, *LGPL-3.0-or-later* – for libraries, or when you want just your part of code to stay FOSS

*Apache-2.0*, *BSD-3-Clause*, *MIT* – if wide adoption is key, regardless if in closed source (e.g. standards)

*Unlicense*, *MIT-0*, *0BSD*, *CC0-1.0*<sup>8</sup> – as “public domain” as it gets

*CC-BY-4.0* (permissive), *CC-BY-SA-4.0* (copyleft) – for docs and non-code content

*EUPL-1.2* – when you are forced to by public bodies

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<sup>8</sup>**NB:** Creative Commons licenses, including *CC0-1.0* **explicitly do not** carry a patent license.



## Choose your license: Helper choosers

EC's JoinUp License Assistant

FSF's license recommendation

GitHub's ChooseALicense

**marking your own code**

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**how get your software REUSE'd ;)**

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- it is your code – let it be known :)

## 3 easy steps

1. choose and provide licenses
2. add copyright and licensing information to each file
3. (confirm REUSE compliance)

## official docs

<https://reuse.software/>

## (much) more on copyright headers

<https://matija.suklje.name/how-and-why-to-properly-write-copyright-statements-in-your-code>

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```
SPDX-FileCopyrightText: © 2021 LolWhut Inc. <https://lolwhut.example>  
SPDX-License-Identifier: BSD-3-Clause
```

**marking your own code**

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**REUSE.software demo**

**thank you**

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**15' break**

**bonus round**

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## **copyright – bonus topics**

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**moral vs economic**



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## **moral rights**

- right to first publication
- right to paternity (= attribution)
- right to integrity (not applicable to code)
- ...

cannot be transferred<sup>9</sup>

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**lies! damn lies!** ... and not even statistics

more info: <https://matija.suklje.name/how-and-why-to-properly-write-copyright-statements-in-your-code>

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**exceptions & limitations**



© law allows for some exceptions:

- quotation
- critique
- parody
- school examples
- personal copy
- ...

most of these are of very limited use in writing code (even in research) – do not rely on them

## **open content & open data**

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**images & design**

are also covered by copyright<sup>10</sup>

so, you also need a license

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<sup>10</sup>Potentially can be covered also under trade dress (similar to trade marks) or industrial design rights (EU) / design patents (US) (needs registration).

## **open content & open data**

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**free culture**

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common free culture/content licenses:

- *CC0-1.0* – CC Zero
- *CC-BY-4.0* – CC Attribution
- *CC-BY-SA-4.0* – CC Attribution ShareAlike
- *OFL-1.1* – SIL Open Font License
- *CERN-OHL-1.2* – CERN Open Hardware License

problematic licenses / false friends:

- *CC-BY-SA-NC-4.0* – CC [...] **NonCommercial**
- *CC-BY-SA-ND-4.0* – CC [...] **NoDerivatives**

## **open content & open data**

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**open data**



information is not © protected *per se*

sets of data and data bases are protected by *sui generis* database rights<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>In the EU. In USA and some other jurisdictions, data bases fall under (a “lesser”) copyright.

common open data licenses:

- *CC0-1.0* – CC Zero
- *PDDL-1.0* – ODC<sup>12</sup> Public Domain Dedication & License
- *ODC-By-1.0* – Open Data Commons Attribution License
- *ODbL-1.0* – ODC Open Database License (ShareAlike)

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<sup>12</sup>Open Data Commons

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## Part 2 – Inbound compliance & tooling

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## **Part 2: inbound licensing**

1. why compliance matters
2. OpenChain – compliance ISO standard
3. SPDX – data ISO standard
4. tools & services
5. tools demo

# FOSS compliance

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why bother?



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civil & criminal repercussions possible

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what to watch out for

inbound licenses need to be compatible with your outbound licenses

you have to:

- keep license texts & copyright notices
- properly mark your own work
- if copyleft, resulting code has to be released under the same license<sup>1</sup>
- if copyleft, give/offer source code & log if you changed upstream code<sup>2</sup>
- (look for licenses that your downstream is also OK with)
- (list all 3<sup>rd</sup> party code and info about it)

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<sup>1</sup>Copyleft is typically triggered by distribution.

<sup>2</sup>Necessary just for some licenses, but always a good idea!

## FOSS compliance: Technical questions

who holds the (copy)rights?

what are the applicable licenses?

is the code (un)modified?

how do the differently licensed pieces of code interact?

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### **no derivative work**

- runtime (e.g. CLI)
- web API (e.g. REST)

### **(probably) derivative work**

- linking (static vs dynamic – important for e.g. *LGPL-2.1-or-later*)
- copy-paste

**standards**

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**OpenChain**



FOSS compliance minimum standards<sup>3</sup> and certification

- people
- policies
- processes

(self-certification possible)

<https://openchainproject.org/>

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<sup>3</sup>ISO standard [ISO/IEC 5230:2020](#).

**standards**

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**SPDX**

# SPDX = Software Package Data Exchange

standard<sup>4</sup> for communicating software bill of material information on, including:

- components,
- licenses, copyright,
- security references,
- code relationships, etc. technical details

also license unique IDs, language/syntax and file formats for all of above

<https://spdx.dev/>

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<sup>4</sup>ISO standard [ISO/IEC DIS 5962](#).

### **SPDX unique license names, e.g.:**

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## complex SPDX expressions<sup>5</sup>:

SPDX-License-Identifier: `Apache-2.0 AND (MIT OR GPL-2.0-only)`

<https://spdx.dev/ids/>

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### important SPDX tags:

- `PackageCopyrightText` – copyright notice in package
- `PackageLicenseDeclared` – license ID the package claims to be under
- `PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles` – license ID that tool found in the package
- `PackageLicenseConcluded` – license ID a human concluded as actual state of package
- `FileCopyrightText` – copyright notice in file
- `LicenseInfoInFile` – license ID that tool found in the file
- `LicenseConcluded` – license ID a human concluded as actual state of file

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<sup>6</sup>SPDX supports several formats: tag:value, RDF, JSON, YAML.

**standards**



**purl**



## package URL

URL to identify packages and their origin

```
scheme:type/namespace/name@version?qualifiers#subpath
```

e.g.:

```
pkg:github/biolab/orange3@220d4bc543369c6735ff939c2cfb8e43da595327
```

```
pkg:npm/foobar@12.3.1
```

```
pkg:golang/google.golang.org/genproto#googleapis/api/annotations
```

is also used in SPDX

<https://github.com/package-url/purl-spec>

## **useful tools and services**

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**ClearlyDefined.io**

license & copyright data (& collaboration)

offers a confidence score (e.g. 87% is really high)

web service & REST API

<https://clearlydefined.io/>

## **useful tools and services**

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**ScanCode**

license & copyright scanner

scans only the code you fed it

one-shot workflow (well suited for CI/CD<sup>7</sup>)

CLI

<https://github.com/nexB/scancode-toolkit>

has a pipeline-based server: <https://scancode.io>

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<sup>7</sup>See e.g. Oracle's [License File Auditor](#) as its integration into GitHub Actions.

## **useful tools and services**

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**ORT**

- Analyzer - determines the dependencies and their meta-data
- Downloader - fetches all source code of the projects and their dependencies
- Scanner - uses configured source code scanners (ScanCode by default)
- Advisor - retrieves security advisories for used dependencies
- Evaluator - evaluates license / copyright info against customizable policy rules
- Reporter - presents results in various formats

emphasis on CI/CD

CLI

<https://oss-review-toolkit.org>



## useful tools and services

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**OpossumUI**

auditing/reviewing tool

consumes and integrates data from ORT, ScanCode, OWASP, ScanOSS, SPDX<sup>8</sup>

desktop/WebUI

<https://github.com/opossum-tool/OpossumUI>

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<sup>8</sup>SPDX 2.2 in JSON or YAML format.

**useful tools and services**

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**FOSSology**

license & copyright (& export control, patent) scanning suite  
scans only the code you fed it (+ unpacks any archives within)

auditing workflow

integrates several scanning agents

WebUI + REST API

<https://fossology.org>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FOSSology interface. The page title is "Change concluded License". The breadcrumb trail is "Home Search Browse Upload Jobs Organize Admin Help". The FOSSology logo is visible, along with version information: "Version: [unknown], Branch: [master], Commit: [#d26bcc] 2016/05/05 13:46 UTC built @ 2016/05/05 13:55 UTC". A "logout" link is present for the user "fossy" (Group: fossy).

The main content area shows the file path: "Folder: Software Repository/ zlib-1.2.8.tar.gz/zlib-1.2.8.tar/zlib-1.2.8/compress.c". Below this, there are links for "One-Shot Copyright/Email/URL", "One-Shot License", "License Browser", "File Browser", "Info", "View", "Licenses", "Copyright/Email/UH/Author", "ECC", "Bucket", "Hex", "Text", "Formatted", and "Refresh".

The file content is displayed in a code editor, showing the beginning of the "compress.c" file. The code includes a copyright notice for 1993-2003 Jean-loup Gailly and a legend for license relevance. A "Legend" box is overlaid on the code, showing "relevant" and "text" categories.

On the right side, there is a "Bulk recognition" section. It contains a notice: "Notice: Since punctuation is included in the matching process, periods needs to be included in the phrases if the word just before is included. Hint: New license candidates can be added via menu Organize>Licenses". Below the notice, there is a search input field containing "Zlib" and a "Show license" button. A table below the search field shows the results of the bulk recognition:

Action	License	
remove	Zlib-possibility	[remove row]
remove	ZLibref	[remove row]
add	Zlib	[remove row]

Below the table, there is a "Before/After" section with a "text" button.

Figure 1: FOSSology: License view of a file with bulk recognition function

## **useful tools and services**

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**SW360**

software catalogue manager

suited for complex projects/products or when they share components

integrates with many scanners and other tools (e.g. FOSSology)

(SW360Antenna is its optional automation component)

WebUI + REST API

<https://www.eclipse.org/sw360/>

SW360

Home Projects Components Licenses ECC Vulnerabilities Moderation Search Preferences

Projects / MyApplication (1.0)

### Project: MyApplication (1.0) Edit

Show 10 entries Search:  Print

Name	Project Origin	Clearing State	Release Mainline State	Project Mainline State	Type	Action
<a href="#">ActiveMQ 5.13.2</a>	MyApplication (1.0)	New	Open	Open	OSS	
<a href="#">jquery 1.12.1</a>	MyApplication (1.0)	New	Specific	Open	OSS	
<a href="#">Kafka 2.10</a>	MyApplication (1.0)	New	Mainline	Open	OSS	
<a href="#">less.js 3.7.1</a>	MyApplication (1.0)	New	Phaseout	Open	OSS	
<a href="#">xml-apis 2.0.2</a>	MyApplication (1.0)	New	Open	Open	OSS	

Showing 1 to 5 of 5 entries

Previous 1 Next Export Spreadsheet

Summary Administration Linked Releases And Projects Linked Releases Hierarchy Attachment Usages Clearing Status ECC Status Attachments Vulnerabilities 7/7

Figure 2: SW360: Project view with (license) clearing information shown



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**(more) specialised tools**

## Extra specialised tools

- [SPDX Tools](#) – to handle SPDX files
- [Tern](#) – for Docker images
- [BANG](#) – for firmware images
- [CLA Assistant](#) – **if** you need people to sign a CLA for your project<sup>9</sup>

more info on:

<http://oss-compliance-tooling.com/>

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<sup>9</sup>If you **really** need a CLA, please look at FLA-2.0 on <https://contributoragreements.org/ca-cla-chooser/>. Also my [blog post on it](#).

## tooling demo

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**tooling demo**

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**ScanCode & SPDX & OpossumUI**

<https://asciinema.org/a/ZJk3rrmymbVonySILxwxCpKF7>

or in terminal:

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asciinema play https://asciinema.org/a/ZJk3rrmymbVonySILxwxCpKF7
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# FOSS governance

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# **FOSS governance**

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**more than compliance**

= consistent *policies, processes, and decisions* regarding FOSS

- beyond mere compliance
- interact with the FOSS community
- contribute back to upstream
- collaboration reduces R&D costs in the long run

***FOSS = critical supplier ... treat it as such***



**the end**

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**thank you**

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