

Legal aspects of content mining: true or false

Question 1: In the UK it is legal to mine content for non-commercial

research without asking for permission.

Question 2: PLOSOne articles are universally CC-BY.

Question 3: CC-BY is the most liberal CC licence.

Question 4: If a publisher has their own API for text and data mining,

researchers must use this to do mining.

Question 5: In the UK, a publisher cannot enforce a contractual term

stating a maximum number of records to be mined in a 24

hour period.

Question 6: If you have legal access to an article, you may mine it for

the purpose of developing a commercial service without

asking permission.

Question 7: Most academic research is considered to be commercial

according to the law, since research grants are awarded

based on previous work.

Question 8: Non-commercial text-mining is legal throughout the EU.

Question 9: Commercial products can be made legally from mining

copyrighted material in the UK as long as the original

purpose of the research was non-commercial.