What is...

OPEN SOURCE ?

Open source denotes software that follows an ensemble of principles. Including (but not limited to):



Making the source publically available



Allowing modification



Allowing redistribution

"My code is on GitHub. Anyone can access, download and re-upload my code, it is open source right?"

No. Whatever you put out in the world is subject to copyright. Putting a license on your work tells people what they are allowed to do, under which condition.

No License? Not Open Source...



MIT license

BSD license

O GNU GPL

...and many others

The Open Definition

Defined by the Open Knowledge International, it is a samilar standard relating to data and content.



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(e.g image, data, creative work)

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