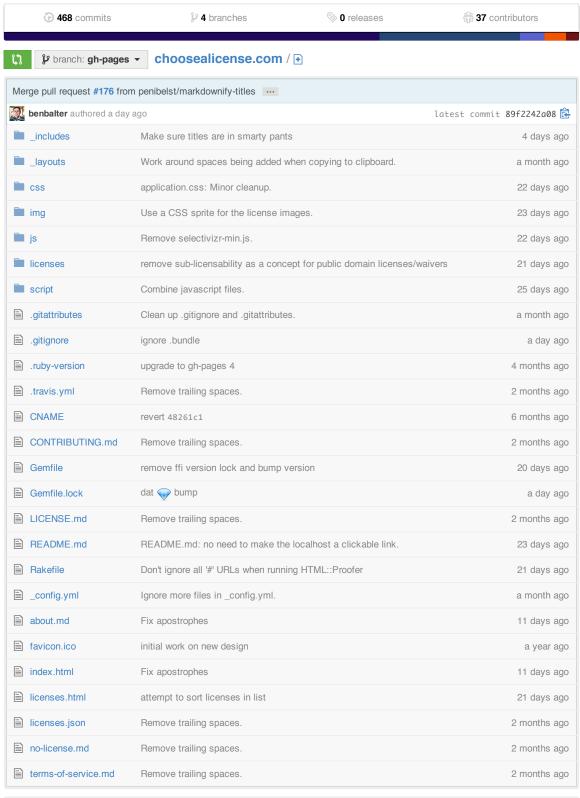


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A site to provide non-judgmental guidance on choosing a license for your open source project http://choosealicense.com





■ README.md

Choose a License Web Site

Like a Choose Your Own Adventure site, but only much less interesting.

Intro

A lot of repositories on GitHub.com don't have a license. GitHub provides a license chooser, but if you don't know anything about licenses, how are you supposed to make an informed decision?

ChooseALicense.com is designed to help people make an informed decision about licenses.

Immediate Goals

- · Politics Free Let's just not get into it.
- · Well designed, but that goes without saying.
- The homepage should have just enough to help 99% of folks make a decision.
- For the 1%, the site will contain a list of licenses common to specific communities and situations.
- Not comprehensive. Seems like an odd goal, but there are a bajillion licenses out there. We're going to
 have to filter that down to a small list of those that matter.

Run It On Your Machine

git clone https://github.com/github/choosealicense.com.git
cd choosealicense.com
script/bootstrap
script/server

Open http://localhost:4000 in your favorite browser.

Adding a license

The text of the license should be wrapped to a 78 character width.

Licenses sit in the (71icenses folder. Each license has YAML front matter describing the license's properties. The body of the file should be the text of the license in plain text. The available metadata fields are:

- title The name of the license
- layout This should be license
- permalink The absolute URL to the license, beginning with //licenses/
- source URL to the license source text
- note The note field in the sidebar (optional)
- how How to use the license, also in the sidebar
- required, permitted, forbidden bulleted list of rules applicable to the license (see below)
- filename The filename to be created on GitHub.com when a repository is initialized with this license.

The licenses on choosealicense.com are regularly imported to GitHub.com to be used as the list of licenses available when creating a repository. When we create a repository, we will replace certain strings in the license with variables from the repository. These can be used to create accurate copyright notices. The available

variables are:

- [fullname] The full name or username of the repository owner
- [login] The repository owner's username
- [email] The repository owner's primary email address
- [project] The repository name
- [description] The description of the repository
- [year] The current year

Rules

Rules (the license's properties) are stored as a bulleted list within the licenses YAML front matter. A full list of rules can be found in the repository's <u>_config.yml</u> file. Each rule has a name e.g., <u>include-copyright</u>, a human-readable label, e.g., <u>Copyright inclusion</u>, and a description

Include the original copyright with the code. To add a new rule, simply add it to <code>config.yml</code> and reference it in the appropriate license.

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