

Do What The Fuck You Want Public License Plus (WTFPL+)



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Introduction

The **Do What The Fuck You Want Public License Plus** (WTFPL+) is an evolution of the famously short and permissive WTFPL. The original WTFPL essentially boiled down to: *"Do whatever the hell you want."* However, in some countries there have been cases where software authors were sued despite such permissive terms, often because their software allegedly caused **damage** or **did not function as expected**.

To address these situations, **Version 1.0.0** adds a clear and detailed **disclaimer**. This disclaimer explicitly states that the software is provided **without any warranty whatsoever**, and that the authors accept **no liability** for damages, data loss, or any other consequences.

Background and Examples

The WTFPL+ was created in response to several real-world incidents where developers faced legal action despite using highly permissive licenses.

Examples include:

- **2014:** A US-based open-source library maintainer was sued after a dependency of their software indirectly caused a system outage.
- **2021:** In Germany, a company attempted to hold the author of a free automation tool liable after an internal process built on it deleted critical data.
- **2023:** A French startup sought damages from a game developer after a modification script allegedly led to hardware failure.

These cases highlighted that even a "do whatever you want" license can still be **legally vulnerable** without an explicit liability disclaimer.

The WTFPL+ closes this gap by adding a clear **"use at your own risk"** statement.

Plain text Version

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1           WTFPL+
2       DO WHAT THE FUCK YOU WANT TO PUBLIC LICENSE PLUS
3           Version 1, August 2025
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5   Copyright (C) 2025 [Your Name or Organization]
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7   Everyone is permitted to copy and distribute verbatim or modified
8   copies of this license document, and changing it is allowed as long
9   as the name is changed.
10
11           DO WHAT THE FUCK YOU WANT TO PUBLIC LICENSE PLUS
12   TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COPYING, DISTRIBUTION AND MODIFICATION
13
14   0. You just DO WHAT THE FUCK YOU WANT TO!
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16      DISCLAIMER
17  This software is provided "AS IS", without warranty of any kind,
18  express or implied, including but not limited to the warranties of
19  merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and noninfringement.
20  In no event shall the authors be liable for any claim, damages or
21  other liability, whether in an action of contract, tort or otherwise,
22  arising from, out of or in connection with the software or the use or
23  other dealings in the software.
24
25  So in short:
26
27      DO WHATEVER YOU WANT,
28      BUT IF IT BREAKS SOMETHING,
29      DON'T COME CRYING – OR SUING – TO ME.

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Version with protected spaces (U+00A0)

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18  express or implied, including but not limited to the warranties of
19  merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and noninfringement.
20  In no event shall the authors be liable for any claim, damages or
21  other liability, whether in an action of contract, tort or otherwise,
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Github Projekt

https://github.com/NorHei/WTFPL_Plus/

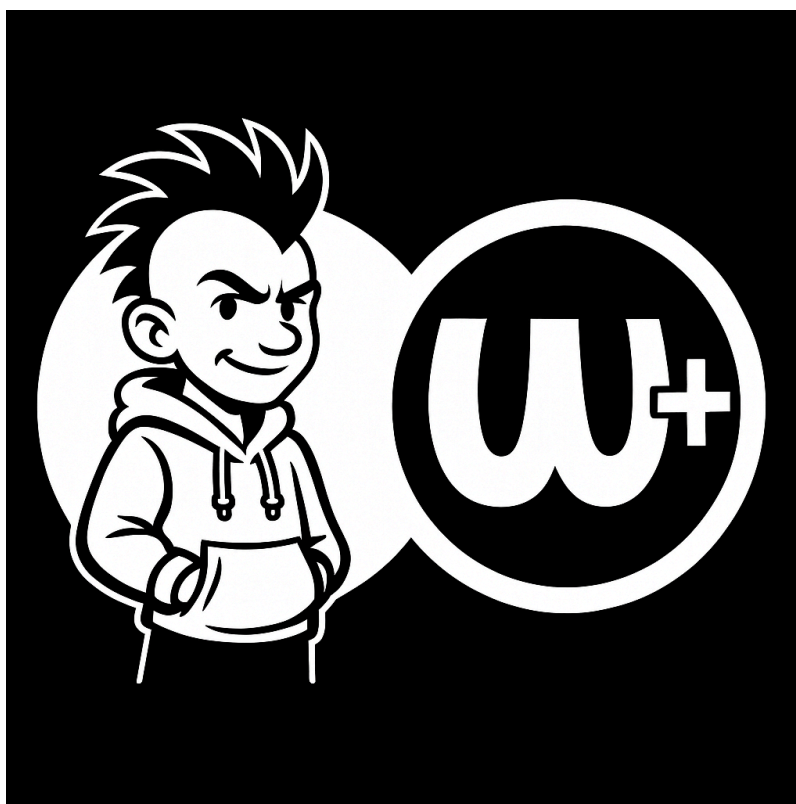
Homepage

<https://wtfpl-plus.net>

Artwork

inside of the https://github.com/NorHei/WTFPL_Plus/tree/main/img folder of the Github Project page you can find several Artworks that can be used. They are all released under the same License as the License ;-)

Here are just some examples:





Downloadable documents

Simple text files to download are available here:

https://github.com/NorHei/WTFPL_Plus/tree/main/docs

In addition there is a full pdf version of this Document.

Contact

This is a purely private, non-commercial project.

If you would like to get in touch, you can reach me via GitHub:

https://github.com/NorHei/WTFPL_Plus

Please open an Issue in this repository or send me a direct message (if available).

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Tip

All .md files in this project a basically Markdown files build with the Typora Markdown editor.

<https://typora.io/>

The Homepage is just an HTML Export of the index.md page.