Framework for Managing University Open Source Software

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"Open source is present everywhere. All around the world, companies and public services are using the open source collaborative methods to innovate and build new solutions. It powers the cloud and provides professional tools for big data and for information and knowledge management. It is in supercomputers, blockchain, the internet of things and artificial intelligence. It is in the internet. It is in our phones and our TVs. It provides us with streaming media. It is in our cars. It runs Europe's air traffic control. The chances are that, in any new project involving software, from kitchen appliances, through web-based public services to highly specialised industrial tools, most of the code will be based on open source."

– European Commission Open Source Strategy 2020-2023

1.1 Introduction

Open Source Software (OSS) is the foundation of today's digital economy, powering critical innovations across industries, from artificial intelligence and quantum computing to cloud technologies and data analytics. For universities, OSS offers a strategic opportunity to enhance research capabilities, accelerate technological advancements, and enable valuable knowledge transfer that collectively generates both economic and social impact. This is particularly relevant in the Irish university sector, where fostering knowledge transfer and innovation can have a direct impact on national economic growth.

In today's technology landscape, enabling responsible open source practices is not a trivial undertaking. The choice between open source and proprietary software is not a simple "either-or" decision. Most modern systems are a blend of both, with organizations leveraging the strengths of each to meet their goals. The real challenge—and skill— for all those operating in an academic context lies in understanding when to use or create open source software (OSS) and when proprietary solutions may be more appropriate. Success comes from managing this combination responsibly, balancing transparency, innovation, and control to ensure security, scalability, and sustainability while addressing institutional and individual goals.

This document serves as a comprehensive guide for universities looking to develop or refine an open source software framework. It provides the foundational knowledge and tools needed to create an environment that supports open source that is aligned with the unique needs and goals of each institution.

1.2 Key Recommendations

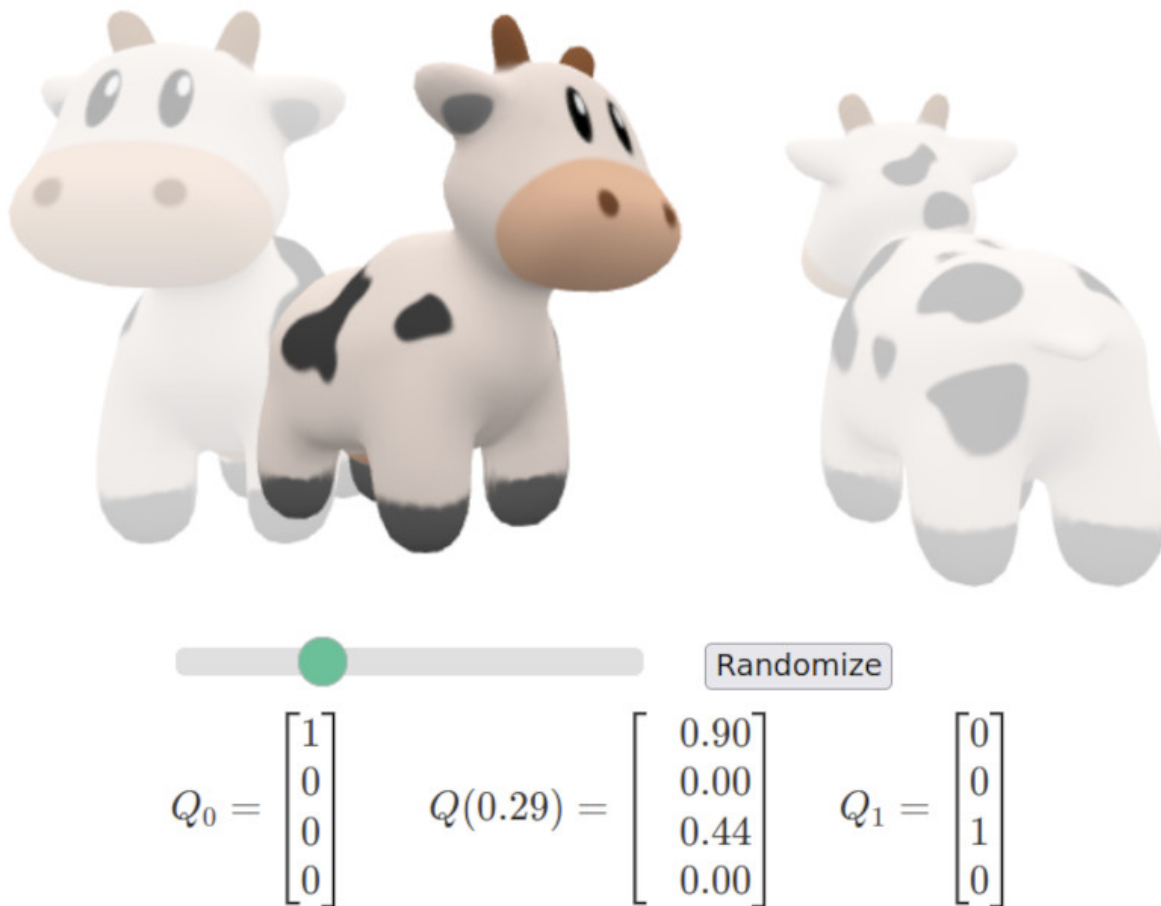*Figure 1. Key recommendations to establish an open source framework*

1. Establish clear mandate for an open source framework for faculty, staff and students.

2. Provide dedicated resources and support services to establish and implement the open source framework.

3. Build open source skills and literacy across the institution.

4. Create pathways for recognition of open source contributions and impact.

5. Review and evolve the open source framework over time.

2 Kevins Sample Text

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Figure 1: cow

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