

Team 5

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License Chosen : CopyLeft License

Reasons for Choosing:

A CopyLeft license while remaining mainly open-source, features stipends that we as a team believe can benefit our audience. A CopyLeft License allows users to use, modify, and redistribute our software on the condition that any redistributed copies must also fall under the same CopyLeft License, meaning that our software cannot be redistributed and privatized. This allows for greater redistribution of our software, meaning greater accessibility among users, and users being able to modify the software to suit their needs.

Of course, a CopyLeft License makes monetization slightly more difficult. However, how our software can monetize itself is through the distribution of services through the software. Having businesses pay a fee for our company to set them up on our software is one way. Another way is having a “software addition” that is under a commercial license that can be accessed for a

fee. This allows for the base software to be distributed and reconfigured while still allowing for there to be financial gain to us.

Being an open source software allows for others to redesign aspects of the software which can better suit our users as well as allow us to add in features observed in others distributions. However, as previously mentioned, monetization and creating a sustainable business model with just this software alone is unlikely under this license. As stated, it isn't impossible if composed of a small team actively pursuing other forms of income; such as other, privatized, software.

We do have the ability to seek a commercial license and that likely would provide a more stable financial plan. Due to the limitations of being such a small team, we would unlikely be able to provide adequate support towards our users and believe that greater support from the larger community would benefit our audience much more than we individually could.

We expect our community of users to have significant needs that we likely would not realize. The goal of our software is for users to be able to more easily access the resources they need in their daily lives. The point of this software is not one of required dependency, but rather a tool for general information to create a greater ease of access.