

Is showing google maps layer in OpenLayers legal?

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Im reading Google Maps/Google Earth APIs Terms of Service but Im not sure I clearly understand. It's in statement 10.2 a) . Is OpenLayers a wrapper?



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OpenLayers is considered a wrapper library.

However, when this clause was introduced to the Terms of Service (approximately a year ago), OpenLayers was granted a specific waiver.



You can read some additional discussion at

<http://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/openlayers-dev/2012-April/008625.html> (and associated emails in that thread).



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Also useful is the [official documentation](#) for the Google Maps component. It links to a Nabble archive of the same discussion you link to. – [jpmc26](#) Oct 24, 2016 at 21:06



As long as the OpenLayers, actually uses the Maps API it should be legal.

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(ie so OpenLayers is not accessing the content directly - bypassing the Maps API)



How the Maps API is loaded (that it loaded via OpenLayers) is not really an issue - of course as long as Openlayers doesnt interfere with the Maps API.



~~Openlayers itself is not a wrapper.~~ (edit: see other answer)

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Oh. Seems I misunderstood what 'wrapper' means in the context of the Maps API. Consider jlivni's answer more

authoritive than mine! – [barryhunter](#) Apr 26, 2012 at 11:21
