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INTRODUCTION TO THE STANDARDS

At Oxygen/Oxygen-Software, we have Standards. Standards that every Member is meant to follow. Each Standard is strict and taken seriously and must be followed by all Members.

Think of the Standards like a Code of Conduct in a FOSS Project. You have Rules that you're meant to follow but failing to do so gets you into trouble and possibly excluded from that Project. Luckily, you don't get excluded from an Oxygen-Project when breaking any of these Standards. Instead, you're worked with to help you follow these Standards and to make sure no damage is caused to Oxygen or any Projects all because of failure to follow a Standard.

This Document explains everything you need to know about the Standards of Oxygen, what each Standard is about and how to follow that Standard.

THE STANDARDS

ANONYMITY

Oxygen is 'Decentralized' like a lot of other Internet-Groups such as Anonymous. Another thing about Oxygen is that it's extremely focused on making sure it's Members do not share any Personal-Information whatsoever. So in other words, Oxygen makes sure the Personal-Information of it's Members are kept to themselves and are not shared with any other Member or anywhere else online.

First, the User shall not reveal any part of their Name. That includes First Names, Middle Names and Surnames. The Name of the Person in question, can give the first few hints to that Person's Identity. What makes it even worse, is if the Member in question, has common Names(Such as Smith, David, Aaron, McDonald etc.) As stated, the Name is the first giveaway to a Person's Identity and should be kept hidden at all times. But, the Member can use the initials of their Name(E.g. Instead of using 'John Doe' for their Username/Name, they can instead use 'JD').

Note: It is recommended to use an Alias at all times when working on a Project. This Alias minimizes the chances of revealing your Name.

Next is the Age of that Person and their Date of Birth. This is another important part of the Member's Identity that must be kept hidden. The reason for Age to be kept hidden, more or less, mainly applies to any Minors(Primarily, people under 18[**Note: Age of Majority Laws differentiate in Countries. Some Countries are 18+, some Countries are 16+, you get the idea**]). The reason that this part of the Anonymity Standard applies to mainly Minors is that at anytime, a Minor could join Oxygen. But Oxygen will also be full of people who are above the Age of Majority. And since Oxygen is Decentralized, people won't know who they're talking to. This can lead to problems as the Minor could possibly be harassed, bullied or even stalked. **While the Age Rule of Anonymity mainly applies to Minors, it still applies to people above the Age of Majority in their Country. The Birthdate of that Person(No matter their Age) should also be kept hidden as it can give off hints to that Person's Age.**

Speaking of Country, next, is the Location, Nationality and Country of that Member. This is something that is heavily acted on. Giving away or revealing your Country or Nationality is all someone needs to track down a Member of Oxygen. This is something where danger starts coming in. If a Member happens to reveal their Country, Location or Town/City/Street then that Info could be taken by somebody else and can be used to track down the Person who revealed it. After that, anything could happen to that Person who revealed their Location. They could be stalked, murdered, kidnapped or have other extremely dangerous things happen to them. **Members of Oxygen must never reveal their Location. Doing so**

will have them forcefully removed from Oxygen until they comply. New Members cannot join until they remove their Location.

Next is Profile-Pictures/Avatars. While a lot of people primarily choose a Profile-Picture that has a Fictional-Character, some people do choose to use a real-life Photo of themselves. This is just asking to be exposed and Identified by anyone. As with Location, this is dealt with strictly and is prohibited. When using or creating a Profile-Picture/Avatar, it is recommended to have use a Fictional-Character or have a Symbol/Emoji-Face(**Such as '(|_|)'**). Using a Fictional-Character or Symbol/Emoji-Face also greatly minimizes the chances of being Identified. ***Any Member who does expose their Face(Even if they have Accessories such as a Bandanna or Sunglasses on), will be forcefully removed from Oxygen until they comply. New Members cannot join if they have a real-life Photo of themselves until they replace it with something else.***

Note: Oxygen does not recommend the Usage of Avatar-Makers(Such as avatarmaker.com). Using an Avatar-Maker can give people an idea of what you may look like.

Regarding Emails, Oxygen also does not allow the Usage of Personal-Emails. The reason for this is because one, it's a Personal-Email that's for Personal-Use and secondly, it reveals the Name of the Member in question(**Please refer back to the first part of this Section about Names/Usernames**). Oxygen recommends that you create a 'Burner-Email' that you'll only use when working on Oxygen-Projects. It is recommended that Members use an Encrypted-Email-Service such as ProtonMail as it will be a more Secure way of sending Emails and if you prefer to stay Anonymous then using Encrypted-Email is highly recommended.

Note: As with Names, it's recommended that you use an Alias with the Burner-Email. So instead of 'john-doe@mail.com', you'll instead have "the-coder@mail.com"

Oxygen also deals strictly with Usage of Products that are designed to collect massive amounts of Data. An example of this is Google Chrome(**Google's Browser that dominates the Web-Browser Market[Note: Oxygen forbids any Usage of Google Products when working on an Oxygen-Project]**). Since Google Chrome collects a lot of User-Information that gets sent back to Google and used for Monetization-Purposes, it's essentially 'Spy-Ware'. A Chrome/Chromium-Based Browser can easily be spotted mainly due to the Shape of the Tabs(**Chrome has Rounded-Tabs were as Chromium-Edge, Chromium-Opera, Brave all have lookalike Square-Tabs and similar UIs**). When it comes to something such as Web-Browsers and Search-Engine, Oxygen recommends Mozilla Firefox or any Firefox-Based Browser(**Note: Oxygen's Web-Software is aimed at only Firefox and Firefox-Based Browsers**). Oxygen also recommends using Search-Engines like Qwant and SearX. ***Anybody who is caught using Chrome or any Chromium-Based Browser, will be forced to use Firefox/Firefox-Based Browsers. The same applies to Search-Engines and other Products that are developed by Companies known for Spying.***

Note: One Company that Oxygen permits most Software-Usage of is Microsoft. While Microsoft does make a lot of Proprietary-Software and does do quite a bit of Data-Collecting, Microsoft does make Tools that can come in handy for Developers and Contributors such as Visual-Studio/Visual-Studio Code. Microsoft does also Support FOSS Software and doesn't do as much Data-Collecting as Google which is why Oxygen permits usage of their Software(Except for the new Chromium-Edge Browser. That is not allowed. Oxygen does also recommend that nobody uses MS Windows due to it's Spying).

SOCIAL-MEDIA

While on the Topic of Anonymity and Privacy, we also need to discuss Social-Media. One thing for sure is that **OXYGEN DOES NOT PERMIT OR ALLOW USAGE OF SOCIAL-MEDIA.**

The reason for this is Social-Media Companies like Facebook and Twitter all

collect lots of User-Data. All of that Data mostly being Personal-Information, what you do, your Career and tons of other stuff. As with Google(**Mentioned earlier**), they use this Data to earn Money and end up selling it to Advertisers.

Since Oxygen is extremely strict with Privacy, anybody who is a part of Oxygen is restricted from using Social-Media at all times. Any new Members of Oxygen who do have Social-Media Accounts on Sites like Facebook, Twitter, VK, Tumblr, Pinterest and Instagram, will be forced to delete any Accounts that they have and will be forced to show proof that they're fully deleted before joining. Not showing evidence that the Social-Media Account has been deleted will stop that Member from becoming a part of Oxygen.

FOLLOW EVERYTHING

When we say '*Follow everything*', we're referring to the following:

- Oxygen's Goals
- The Emerald-Coding Style
- The Oxygen-License
- The Standards
- The Contribution-Guidelines of each Project

That's what we're referring to here when we say '*Follow everything*'.

Following everything, will provide consistency with things, easier time Developing a Project, stop issues from arising(**Failure to follow the License, not following the Project's Contribution-Guidelines etc.**)

Every Member of Oxygen is expected to '*Follow everything*'. While there are no consequences that follow when not Following everything, it's recommended that you do '*Follow everything*' to make everything a lot easier.

FAITHFUL CONTRIBUTOR

A '*Faithful Contributor*' is:

- Somebody who respects FOSS
- Contributes to FOSS Projects
- Contribute regularly to FOSS Projects
- Is passionate with the Development of a Project

This is what Oxygen defines as a '*Faithful Contributor*'.

A Faithful Contributor is somebody who follows(**Or almost follows**) everything listed above. Some things like the '*Contribute regularly*' don't need to be followed.

HELPFUL CONTRIBUTOR

A '*Helpful Contributor*' is:

- Somebody who helps bring in a new Contributor to Oxygen or an Oxygen-Project.
- Helps teach someone everything about Oxygen(**What it's about, what the Standards are, the License etc.**)
- Provides Feedback and Opinions on Issues and a Contributor's Code.
- Helps assist with other things such as Testing the Software and writing Documentation.

This is what Oxygen defines as a '*Helpful Contributor*'.

As with the *Faithful Contributor*, a Helpful Contributor also isn't expected to follow everything. They just need to make an effort to follow **almost** everything. But Oxygen's Members are expected to help one another and assist each other when working together.

BIAS AND POLITICAL-BIAS

When we're talking about '*Bias and Political-Bias*', we're referring to '*One-Sided Opinions of a Person*'.

Let's look at an example. Let's look at *Surveillance* as our Topic. We have three Men. *Tom, Jerry and Mark*. *Tom*, thinks that *Surveillance* is a good thing as it can help the *Authorities* catch any *Criminals*. *Jerry* thinks that *Surveillance* isn't a good thing as some people end up getting the feeling that they're being watched and thus' they might start acting a bit funny. *Mark* on the other hand, doesn't have a side(**This is called '*Unbiased*'**).

As you can see in the example above, that's an example of Bias. People will side with one Opinion and end up arguing with the people who are on the other side of the Opinion.

But, with Bias and Political-Bias, comes with the arguments. Then comes, the Debating and thus' everyone starts fighting over what's right, what's wrong, what's good, what's bad, you get the idea.

While Oxygen will allow for Bias to be involved in Conversations, there cannot be too much Bias involved or else, things get bad and ***Members may even be temporarily kicked-out of Oxygen***. Oxygen advises all Members to have *Unbiased Opinions*. This means that nobody goes with one side of an Opinion, Argument or Debate. This is just a recommendation, but again, Oxygen will permit Bias provided it doesn't get out of hand.

DISCRIMINATION

When it comes to Discrimination, we must understand what counts as

Discrimination. Discrimination includes:

- Using Racist-Language that might offend people of a different Race.
- Using Homophobic, Bi-phobic or Trans-phobic Slurs and Language against the LGBTQ+ Community
- Not including someone due to a Disability or Mental-Health Issue(**Such as Autism or Dyslexia**).

What was listed above can count towards Discrimination.

But when it comes to Discrimination against anyone, it is none of Oxygen's business. If it was you or the person who first started the Discrimination, you both need to solve it yourselves.

Oxygen will under no circumstances intervene with any Issues of Discrimination and any Members who were not involved, are advised to stay out of the argument over Discrimination. ***The only time Oxygen will get involved is when things start getting out of hand. The Members who were involved will be asked to leave for a period of time and only come back once that time is up.***

FOSS

FOSS(**Free and Open-Source Software**) is what Oxygen creates. It is also what Oxygen uses for most of it's Projects(**Git, GIMP, GCC etc.**)

When it comes to FOSS though, Oxygen Members are expected to only use FOSS-Software for when working on Projects. While the use of Proprietary-Software is allowed, it is highly discouraged and should be switched with a FOSS-Alternative as soon as possible.