

License to Code

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Who should use a license?

- Do you want others to contribute?
- Do you want others to use and build on your work?
- Do you like open source?
- Do you want to define what can be done with your code?

Use A License!



What licenses do for you

- Define how others can use your code
- Tell other's what they need to do when re-using your code
- Absolve you of responsibility



license:

What choices are there?

Common licenses

How do I choose a license?

What licenses are other people using

choosealicense.com

On creation of a new Github repository, you are prompted to choose a license. For more information, Github provides the helpful site `http://choosealicense.com`

esoteric licenses

As with all things open source, there are esoteric options. Whether practical and extreme, or impractical and goofy, esoteric licenses exist. Examples include:

- wtfpl
- beerware
- fight club license



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beerware

"THE BEER-WARE LICENSE" (Revision 42):

jphk@FreeBSD.ORG wrote this file. As long as you retain this notice you

can do whatever you want with this stuff. If we meet some day, and you think

this stuff is worth it, you can buy me a beer in return.

Poul-Henning Kamp

fight club license and more

`https://gist.github.com/benlk/fb545889eaa5894e77ac`

What about non-software

What if you want to protect other things you produce? How can you license things like:

- artwork
- music
- photos
- writing
- and more



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