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## Possible better open source license

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5/27/2020

Hello, All,

Following our discussion Friday about licensing, I've been researching and ran across one that addresses our concerns about adhering to a standard in order to be "Sandpiper". The Artistic License 2.0 is OSI-certified, and includes some interesting provisions. It's used by Perl and npm among a few others.

Basically, it defines a "Standard" work (the original) and a "Modified" work (any changes made to the original).

You're free to embed the standard work, redistribute it, etc., with attribution, like an MIT license.

If you want to distribute a modified work, you have to document in detail how it's different, and you can't call it by the same name, use any of its trademarks, etc. Further you have to do one of three things:

1. License the whole source code for your version back to the project, or
2. Make sure that your modified version can run side-by-side with the standard, without interference, or
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Here is another thread we started on this

topic: <https://autocare.communifire.com/spaces/127/sandpiper/forums/general/5831/copyright-and-license>  
(<https://autocare.communifire.com/spaces/127/sandpiper/forums/general/5831/copyright-and-license>).

It's interesting that "Ruby on Rails" is MIT, and yet the creator of Rails owns the logo trademark:

<http://www.rubyinside.com/david-heinemeier-hansson-says-no-to-use-of-rails-logo-567.html>  
(<http://www.rubyinside.com/david-heinemeier-hansson-says-no-to-use-of-rails-logo-567.html>).

"Rails", "Ruby on Rails", and the Rails logo are trademarks of David Heinemeier Hansson.

This gives him some control on its use:

"Trademarks are like commit access for brand use. Just like not everyone have commit access to the Rails codebase in order to ensure quality, not everyone gets to commit the Rails logo to their own promotional campaign."

Maybe we should trademark the name and logo (?). Do do that right costs money, however.

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6/5/2020

Hello, All,

After discussion here and on our calls, we've decided to relicense the code base under the Artistic License 2.0. I'll send around an email to the core team as well just to make sure we're all aware. Thank you!

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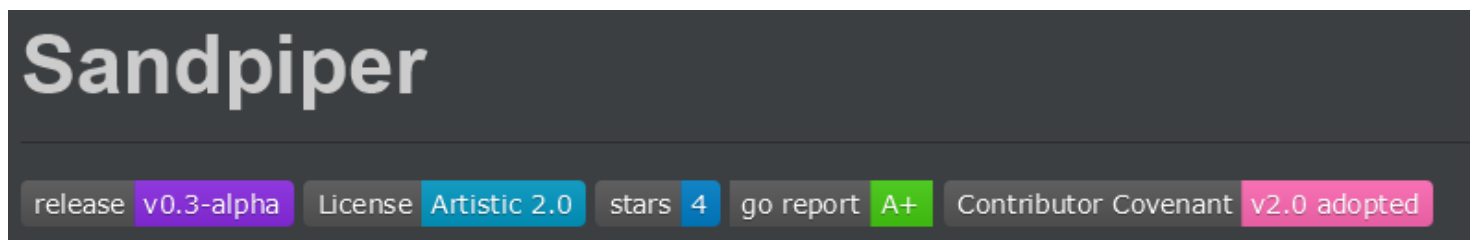
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6/10/2020

Made the change on 6/5/2020 as shown [here](https://github.com/sandpiper-framework/sandpiper/commit/ef1037d97a5a8207d10f1837a55e3744f2d62d91) (<https://github.com/sandpiper-framework/sandpiper/commit/ef1037d97a5a8207d10f1837a55e3744f2d62d91>):

Also added these README badges:



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