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3/22/2020

I think we all agree to use "The Sandpiper Authors" as the holder of the copyright, but I'm not sure what that means exactly.

1. Do we need to have a formalized organization?
2. Do we need to file an actual copyright (<https://www.copyright.gov/help/faq/index.html>).  
registration (<https://www.copyright.gov/registration/>)?

Also, I've used the MIT license for the reference implementation and website. I chose that without any real analysis. I wonder if maybe we need a bit more control (??). Here is an article that talks about some of the options:

<https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2010/03/a-short-guide-to-open-source-and-similar-licenses/> (<https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2010/03/a-short-guide-to-open-source-and-similar-licenses/>).

And a nice chart on wikipedia:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_free\\_and\\_open-source\\_software\\_licenses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_free_and_open-source_software_licenses)  
([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_free\\_and\\_open-source\\_software\\_licenses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_free_and_open-source_software_licenses)).

And another nice resource from Google:

<https://choosealicense.com/> (<https://choosealicense.com/>).

Maybe someone can research this further for the group.

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A related question is if we need a "Privacy Policy" on the website.

I've been looking at several open source projects. Here are a few:

1. **Kubernetes.** <https://github.com/kubernetes/website/blob/master/LICENSE>  
(<https://github.com/kubernetes/website/blob/master/LICENSE>).
2. **Docker.** [https://www.docker.com/legal/privacy\\_](https://www.docker.com/legal/privacy_)(<https://www.docker.com/legal/privacy>).
3. **OpenHAB.** <https://www.openhab.org/privacy.html> (<https://www.openhab.org/privacy.html>).
4. **Brave.** <https://brave.com/website-privacy/#websites-detail> (<https://brave.com/website-privacy/#websites-detail>).

It also seems like many open source project that are not affiliated with a company have no privacy policy on their website.

Ours, if we decide to have one, could be very simple:

- We don't collect personal information
- We don't track your access in any way (other than what might be stored on our web host's logs).
- We don't use cookies.

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I like this and think it's perfectly appropriate.

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