Free Your Javascript

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What is non-free JS?

Everything else

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HTML Script Tags

```
<script src="myfile.js"> </script>

<script>
var myString = "Hello World!";
alert(myString);
</script>
```

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Event Handlers

```
<body onload="alert('Hello World!')">
```

What about dynamically embedded JS?

"You should only worry about this sort of scripts after you have set proper licensing to all the other forms of JavaScript on your page and it is still not behaving as expected when running the page with LibreJS on. This usually means LibreJS is blocking further scripts that are loaded dynamically, and you need to add free license notices to them as well."

What to do about that pesky JS?

Which License(s) to Use?

CC0	GPLv2.0 or later	GPLv3 or later
Apache 2.0	LGPL v2.1	LGPL v3.0
BSD 3 Clause	MPL 2.0	Expat
X11	XFree86	FreeBSD
ISC	Artistic 2.0	Public Domain

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HTML embedded JS (script tags and event handlers)

```html
<head>
    <title>My Page</title>
    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <script>
    /*
    @licstart   The following is the entire license notice for the
    JavaScript code in this page.

    Copyright (C) 2012   Loic J. Duros

    The JavaScript code in this page is free software: you can
    redistribute it and/or modify it under the terms of the GNU
    General Public License (GNU GPL) as published by the Free Software
    Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or (at your option)
    any later version.   The code is distributed WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY;
    without even the implied warranty of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS
    FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.   See the GNU GPL for more details.

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    may distribute non-source (e.g., minimized or compacted) forms of
    that code without the copy of the GNU GPL normally required by
    section 4, provided you include this license notice and a URL
    through which recipients can access the Corresponding Source.

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Stylized Comments

Less cool cousin of magnet links

Be careful with minification tools removing them

```
/**
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 * General Public License (GNU GPL) as published by the Free Software
 * Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or (at your option)
 * any later version.  The code is distributed WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY;
 * without even the implied warranty of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS
 * FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.  See the GNU GPL for more details.
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 * As additional permission under GNU GPL version 3 section 7, you
 * may distribute non-source (e.g., minimized or compacted) forms of
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Magnet Links!!!

LibreJS 5.0 and newer

List of magnet links on GNU LibreJS website

No code/comments after @license-end in that script tag

```
<script>
// @license [magnet-link] [human readable name of the license]
... [script is here] ...
// @license-end
</script>


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JS Web Labels

Specific formatting required

```html
<table id="jslicense-labels1">
<tr>
<td><a href="/js/jquery-1.7.min.js">jquery-1.7.min.js</a></td>

<td><a href="http://www.jclark.com/xml/copying.txt">Expat</a></td>

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Link from all pages that load a JS script.

```html
<a href="/about/javascript" rel="jslicense">JavaScript license information</a>
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Further Reading

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- http://www.gnu.org/software/librejs/free-your-javascript.html
- http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/javascript-trap.html