

Choosing a License

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Things to consider

- ▶ Is this code?
- ▶ Permissive or Copyleft
- ▶ Patents or not
- ▶ Legal aspects

Is this code?

- ▶ We only talk about licenses for software.
- ▶ These licenses are specifically written for software
- ▶ Creative Commons

License style

Permissive

- ▶ Allows relicensing
- ▶ Can make proprietary derived works
- ▶ Allows flow in any direction

Copyleft

- ▶ Can't relicense
- ▶ Share alike
- ▶ Weak copyleft

Patents & Legal aspects

- ▶ Do you care about patents?
 - ▶ You should!
- ▶ Legal aspects
 - ▶ Talk to your company's lawyer
 - ▶ License policy
 - ▶ Predictability

What to choose

Always use a patent license!

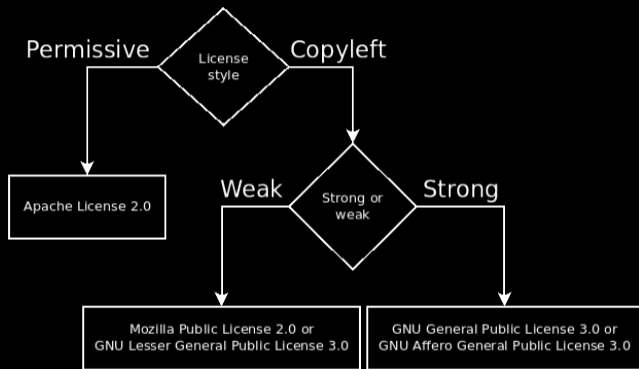


Figure 1: Flowchart for choosing license

Links

- ▶ <https://choosealicense.com>
- ▶ <https://www.gnu.org/licenses/license-recommendations.html>
- ▶ <https://creativecommons.org/choose/>
- ▶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_software_rebranded_by_Debian