

# The REUSE Initiative

Making Free Software Licensing Easier for All

# Assumptions

- Almost all here have programmed code before
- Most here has released code as Free Software
- Almost everyone has been confused by Free Software licensing

# Common Difficulties Faced

- Where to put information about my chosen license?
- What to do if I use multiple licenses in my project?
- How can I make sure that re-users are aware of my chosen license?
- Which license does an external resource have, and who has its copyright?

# REUSE helps YOU!



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<https://reuse.software>

- Solve the problem at the very source.
- Best practices for Free Software developers to make licensing easy and transparent.
- Licensing and copyright information stored in files.

# Three Simple Steps



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- Choose and provide licenses.
- Add copyright and licensing information.
- Confirm REUSE compliance.

# Add Copyright and License Information

```
/*  
 * SPDX-License-Identifier: GPL-3.0-or-later  
 *  
 * SPDX-FileCopyrightText: © 2020 Jane Doe <jane@example.org>  
 */
```

# REUSE Components

## Helper tool

Support developers in becoming REUSE compliant



## FAQ / Tutorial

Getting started and answer basic licensing and copyright questions

## Best practices

Specification to make REUSE a standard



## API / Badge

Quickly check a repository and generate a dynamic badge

# REUSE Adopters



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- Some MNCs
- Linux kernel (60 – 70%)
- Projects funded by the European Commission in the scope of the Next Generation Internet project
- Your projects?



# NEXT GENERATION INTERNET

INTERNET OF HUMANS



# An Internet for a free and open digital society

- Openness
- Inclusivity
- Transparency
- Privacy
- Cooperation
- Security

# How can NGL accomplish this?

- Assistance to new technologies / software projects
  - Financial assistance
  - Technical assistance

# NGIO Actions

- NGIO Privacy and Trust Enhancing Technologies (PET)
  - <https://nlnet.nl/PET/>
- NGIO Search and Discovery (DISCOVERY)
  - <https://nlnet.nl/discovery/>

# How Do These NGI0 Actions Work?

- Be working on developing a software project that meets these NGI aims
- Apply
  - <https://nlnet.nl/PET/>
  - <https://nlnet.nl/discovery/>
- Receive funding and assistance from the NGI0 consortium

# FSFE's Role

- Accuracy
- Compatibility
- REUSE Compliance

# REUSE Compliance



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API: [api.reuse.software](https://api.reuse.software)

Git: [git.fsfe.org/reuse](https://git.fsfe.org/reuse) | [github.com/fsfe](https://github.com/fsfe)

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