

Choosing the Right Open Source License for Your Software

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# **Open Source Framework**

Open source is two different things are the same time:

- Open source development model
- Open source licensing model



# **Open Source Development Model**



# Definitions Source Code – language programmers use to write software Object Code – source code that has been translated into machine readable code using a complier Proprietary Software Freeware –Proprietary code that is distributed at no cost such as Skype and Adobe Reader Public Domain – author has waived his/her copyright interest/No IP rights. Derivative Distribution

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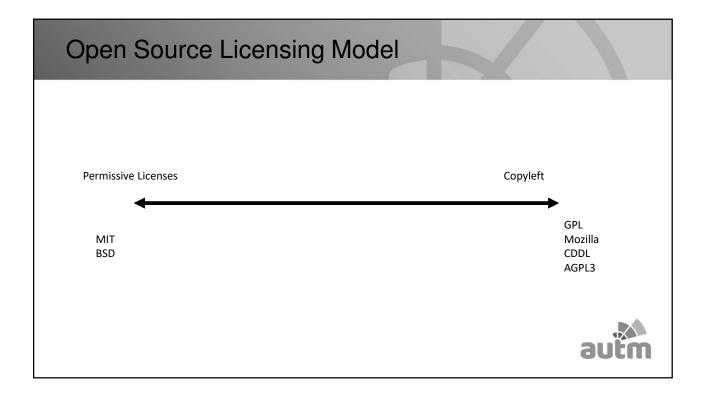
# **Open Source Licenses**

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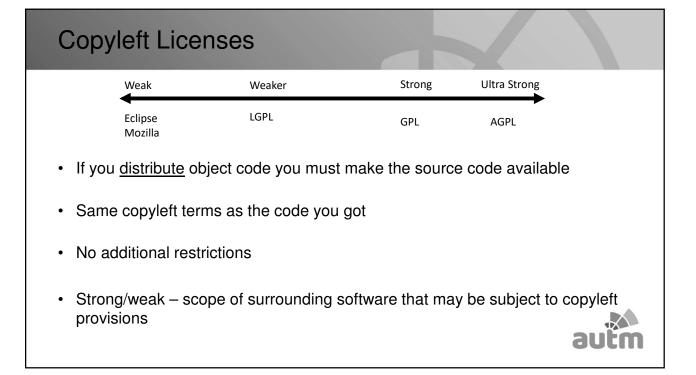
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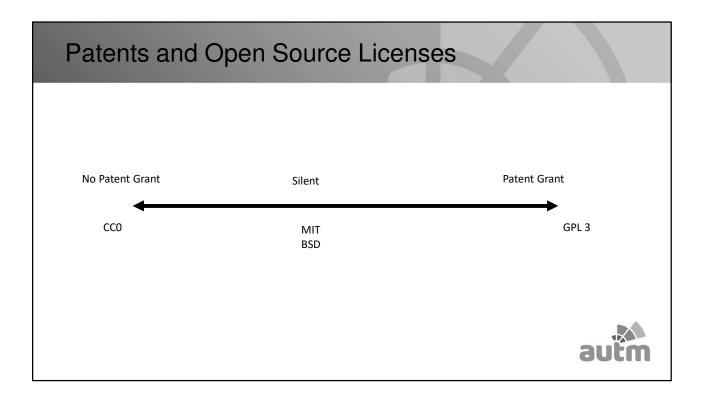
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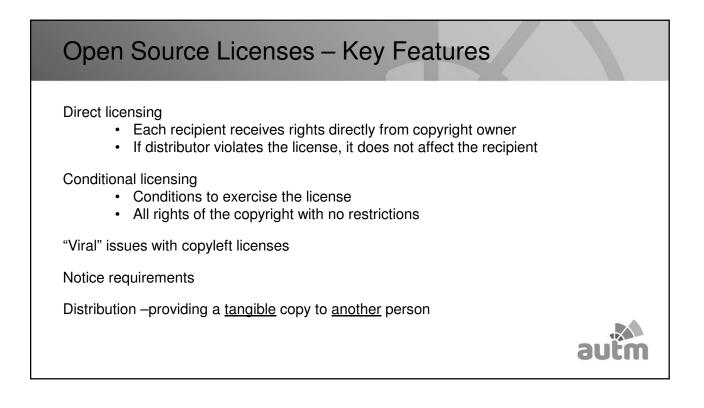


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- Do whatever you want with the code
- Use at your own risk
- Acknowledge me







## Compliance

Why is compliance important when using open source software

Factors to consider when implementing a compliance program



# **Open Source License Guidelines**

What factors should a university tech transfer office consider when choosing an open source license?



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