

Curation of ORT output –

useful features from the perspective of FOSS license compliance

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FOSS License Compliance

FOSS LICENSE COMPLIANCE:

Common Obligations



Include / Retain
copyright notices



Include / Retain license
text



Provide source code /
offer to provide (access
to) source code



Mark modifications,
including date of
modification



Provide NOTICE file



Acknowledge origin

FOSS LICENSE COMPLIANCE

Particularities of Binary Distribution

- Source Code distribution vs Binary Distribution
 - Not human readable
 - License texts & copyright notices get lost / cannot be perceived
- Many licenses have special provisions for binary distribution
- Solution: prepare “Compulsory Statement Document”/“Disclaimer”/“FOSS Documentation”/“Disclosure Document” etc.
 - include all license texts
 - include all copyright notices and acknowledgments
 - include license election choices
 - include written offer for source code
 - include disclaimer

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Common Obligations

E.g. Apache-2.0

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E.g. Apache-2.0

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Dealing with scan results

- All license texts to be extracted
 - Correct detection of licenses
 - Correction of false positives
- Extraction of NOTICE files on Apache-2.0 projects
- All Copyright notices to be extracted
 - Authors \neq Copyright owners
 - Mapping copyright notices and licenses

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Dealing with scan results

- Obligations in FOSS licenses are triggered by “distribution”
- Which code is distributed?
- Filtering files helps to reduce workload and applicable licenses

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SBOM

Legal Provisions for SBOM: Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

- EU regulation – addresses cyber security / vulnerabilities of software
- Measures include requirement of Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)
 - transparency
 - accountability
- CRA does not define contents of SBOM
 - Name and version of the software component
 - Link to download resource
 - License in SPDX format
 - What else?

Legal Provisions for SBOM: Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

- Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) – technical directive published
- Technische Richtlinie TR-03183
 - Dependencies
 - Hash
 - Information about producer of the SBOM (URI, i.e. email, time stamp)
 - Name of producer -> name and URI of FOSS project?



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License scanning and curation

License scanning and curation

- Main license and “internal” licenses
 - The main license is usually in a "COPYING" or "LICENSE" file at the top level of a source tree
 - Individual folders or even single files may have code from other projects under the others project's license
 - Such internal licenses are not void but apply next to the main license
 - SPDX: Apache-2.0 AND MIT AND BSD-3-Clause
 - Curation: deleting false positives and licenses which do not apply
 - Curation: helpful to have easy access to the relevant source code for control

License scanning and curation

■ Dual Licensing

- Some files or even components provide for two or more licenses among which licensee can elect one
- SPDX: Apache-2.0 OR UPL-1.0
- Choice may be important for license compatibility
- Curation needed to elect one license
- Control of concrete text

Code

Blame 85 lines (64 loc) · 12.9 KB

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2
3 This software is dual-licensed to you under the Universal Permissive License (UPL) 1.0 as shown at https://oss.oracle.com/licenses/upl
4 or Apache License 2.0 as shown at http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0. You may choose either license.
5
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```

License scanning and curation

- Template licenses and individual licenses
 - The Apache-2.0 looks always the same (but be aware of "Frankenstein licenses")
 - BSD-3-Clause licenses look mostly different
 - Curation: individual text to be added

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License scanning and curation

- Source code packages may contain different copyrightable works
 - Computer programs ("functional code")
 - Fonts (may be protected by design law and/or as computer programs)
 - Icons (e.g. .png, .jpg files)
 - Logos (may be protected as trademarks)
 - Documentation (e.g. text files)
 - Specifications (may have specific licenses which are related to the implementation of the standard and/or sample code)
 - Curation: what is really distributed? Knowing file type and corresponding license
 - Curation: filter out works that are not distributed

License scanning and curation

- Sourcecode files may refer to URLs
 - URL still available?
 - Does the URL contain the license text or is further research necessary?
 - Typical example: Unicode Terms of Use

```
# EmojiSources-12.0.0.txt
# Date: 2018-08-03, 00:00:00 GMT [MS, KW]
# © 2018 Unicode®, Inc.
# For terms of use, see http://www.unicode.org/terms\_of\_use.html
#
# Unicode Character Database
# For documentation, see http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/
#
```

Source: <https://www.unicode.org/Public/12.0.0/ucd/EmojiSources.txt>

License scanning and curation

- License compatibility
 - Licenses within one component
 - Which component is linked to which other components -> [dependency tree helpful](#)
 - Dual licensing or “any later version” licensing – e.g. MPL-1.1 is not compatible with GPL-2.0 but MPL-2.0 is -> [documentation of relicense or dual license options](#)
 - Automated compatibility check? -> OSADL compatibility matrix (<https://www.osadl.org/html/CompatMatrix-noexpl.html>) but: still work to do

License scanning and curation

- Integrating curation data
 - OSSelot – the open source curation database
 - Contains SPDX-files with curated data of components (currently 337 packages)
 - <https://github.com/Open-Source-Compliance/package-analysis/>
 - License: CC0-1.0
 - Integration in scan tools would be helpful (either trusting or control)



Any Questions?

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