

Open Data getting more recognition

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Abstract

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The idea behind this licenses seems to come down to:

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I am looking forward how this license will be picked up by the community. [PubChem](#) may be a good candidate to use this license; to formalize their dump into the public domain. Not just yet, though, because things might still change. It is said that a wiki will be set up to ask for feedback. Paul has written [a nice writeup on the history of this license](#).

I particularly like the quote by Tim O'Reilly from [this blog](#):

One day soon, tomorrow's Richard Stallman will wake up and realize that all the software distributed in the world is free and open source, but that he still has no control to improve or change the computer tools that he relies on every day. They are services backed by collective databases too large (and controlled by their service providers) to be easily modified. Even data portability initiatives such as those starting today merely scratch the surface, because taking your own data out of the pool may let you move it somewhere else, but much of its value depends on its original context, now lost.

In the past I have [argued for the CC-BY license](#) , and so does Peter in [this recent comment](#)