

DATELINE: BRUSSELS

Copyleft: Data and Theory

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Copyleft: Sorry, We're Going To Talk About It Again

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25 minutes in 25 seconds

PART ONE

Data

PART TWO

Theory

PART THREE

Anecdota

PART FOUR

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(a brief introduction)

Me and Copyleft

- › Mozilla Public License 2.0
- › Open Database License 1.0
- › Creative Commons 4.0
- › GNU GPL 3
- › Common Data License Agreement 1.0



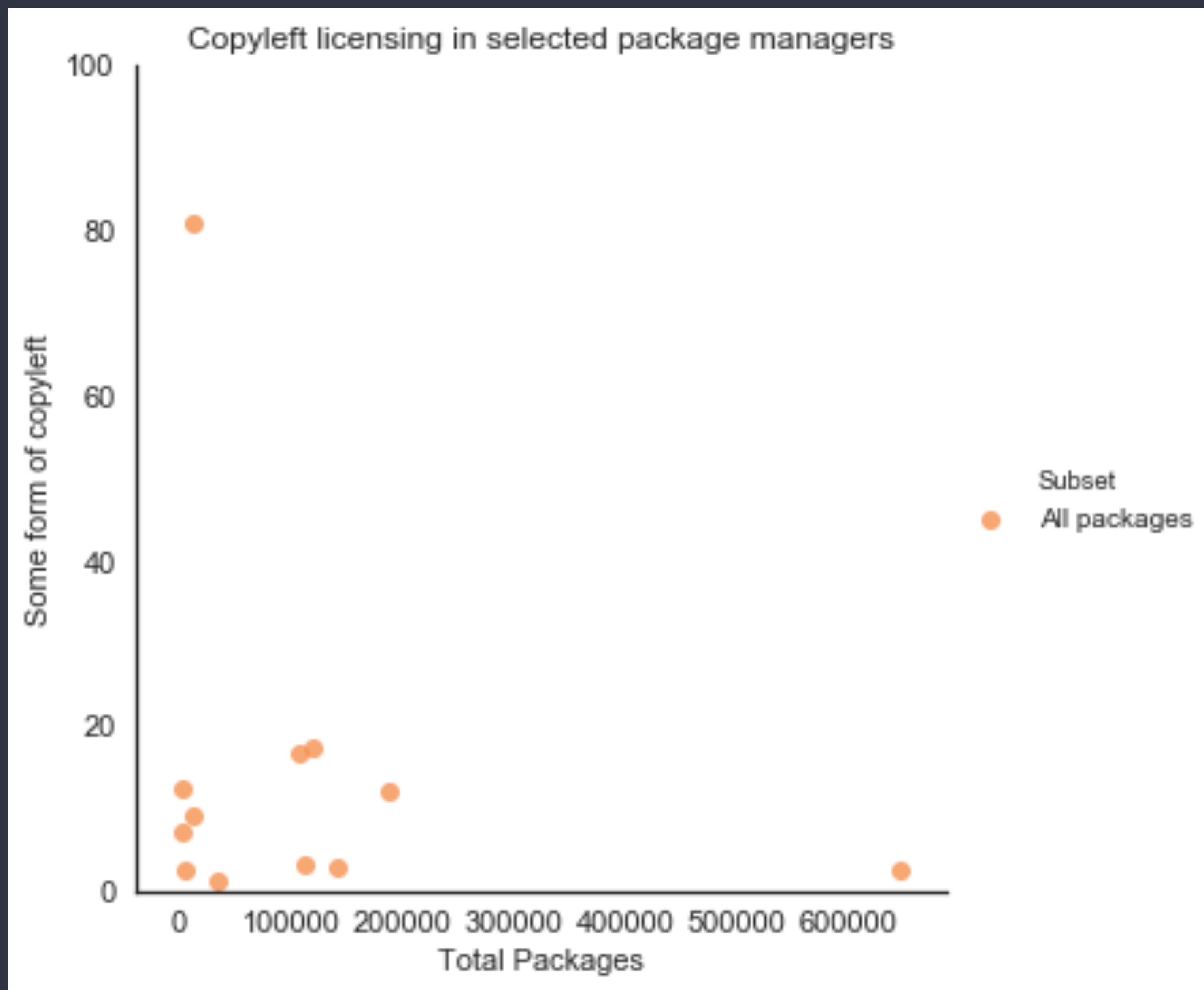
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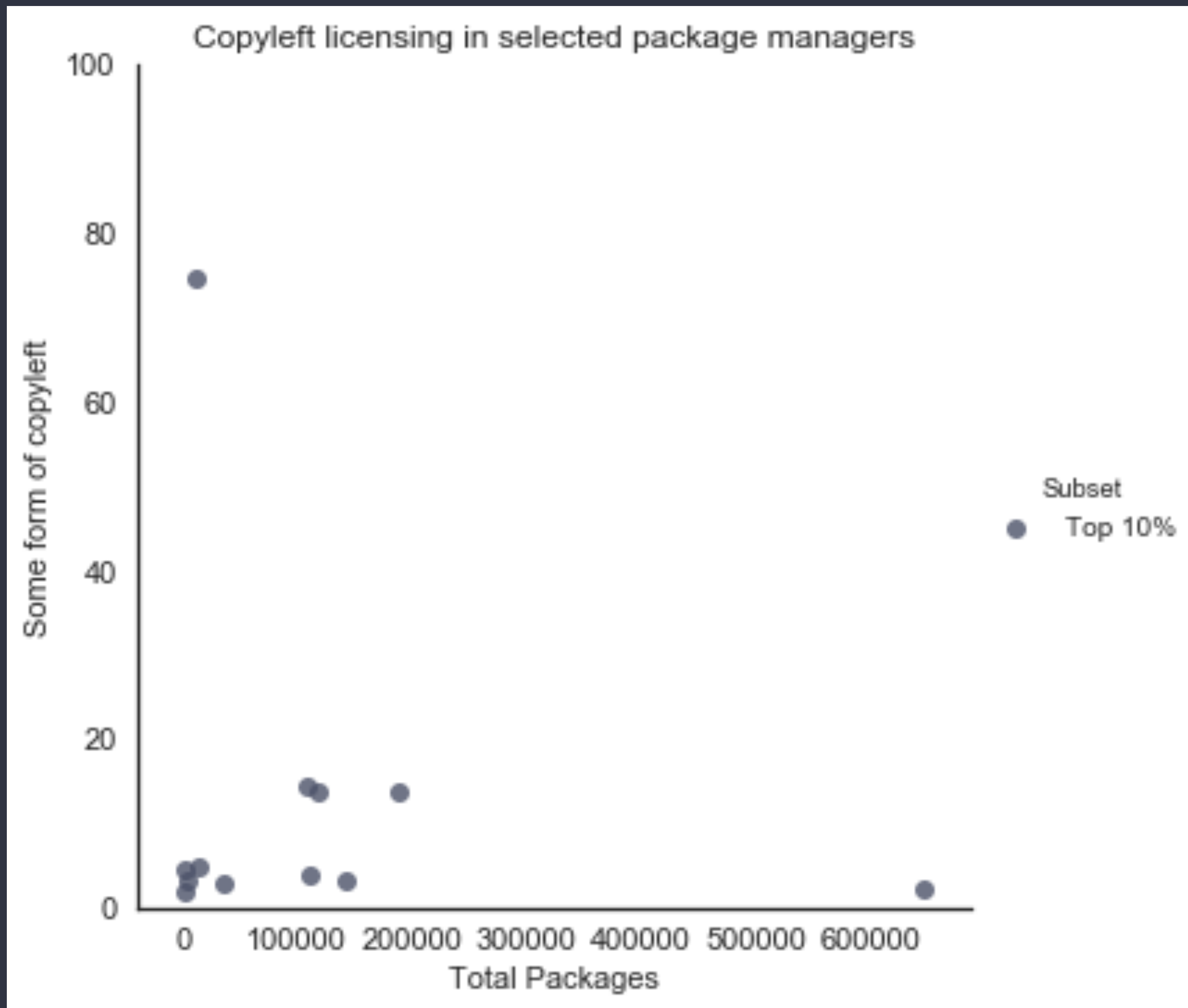
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Data:
Some Numbers

libraries.io

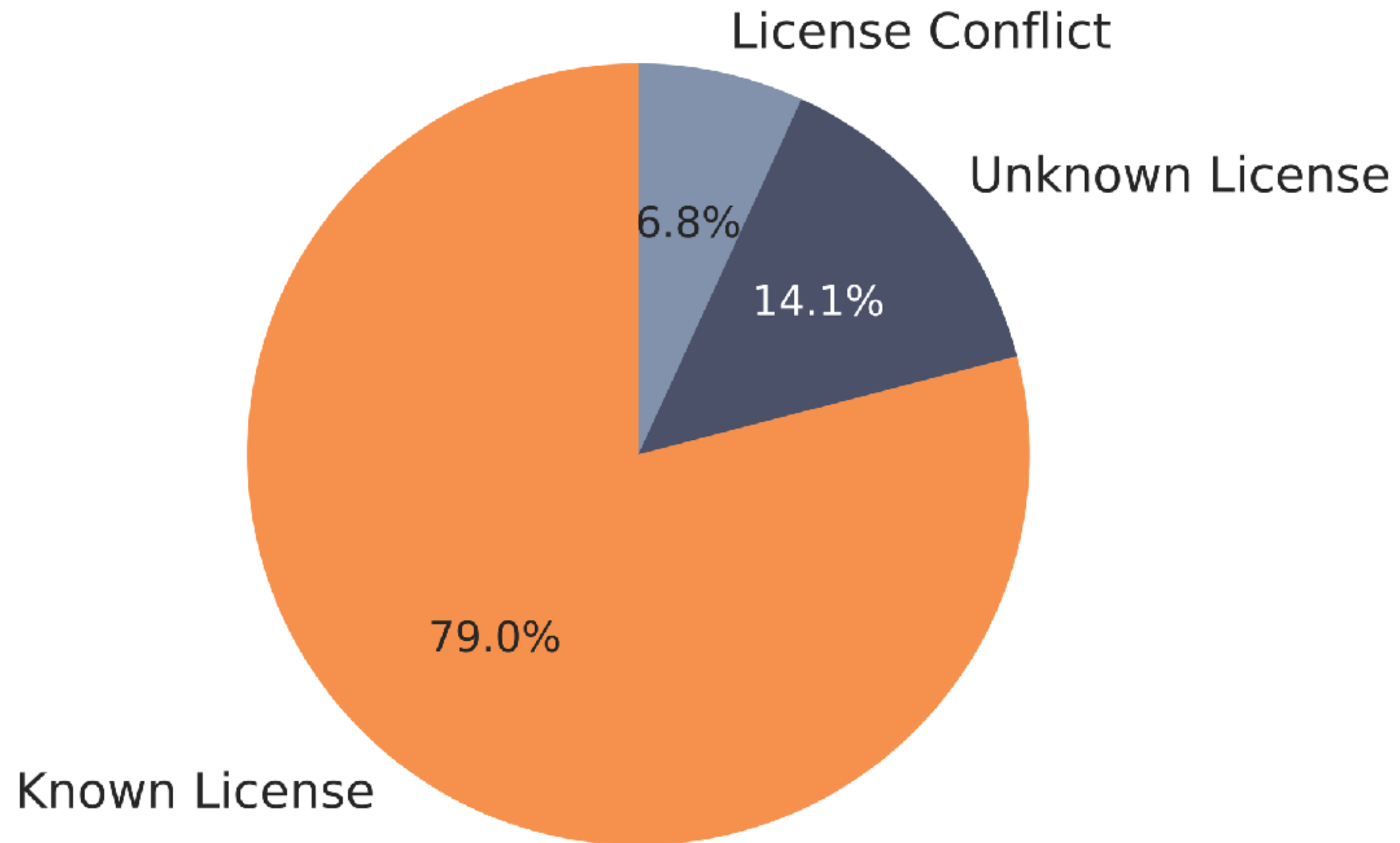
- › 35+ package managers
- › 2.4 million packages
- › (incomplete!)
dependency graphs





8-12%

Known Licenses and Licensing Conflicts in Selected Package Managers



open (CC BY-SA 4.0) data:

libraries.io/data


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Theory:
*(Or, Copyleft: Still a
Good Idea!)*

1. freedom

2. quality

3. contributions

so why only 10%?

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Anecdota:
*There's More Demand For
Copyleft Than You Might Think*

large companies
do *not* universally hate
concept of copyleft

specifically, some
like ***contribution***
motive for copyleft

but no current license
works

developers are also
increasingly frustrated

desire for copyleft
hasn't gone away!

licenses advance neither
freedom nor utility

feels solvable

feels solvable
(if we try)

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Begging:
*Iterating Towards a
Modern Copyleft*

two vast changes:

1. broad participation
2. death of distribution

copyleft must adapt

plea:
bring back
experimentation!

legal nerds can help:

tweaks?

examples: Lesser AGPL,

AGPL 3.1

different rules for
businesses?

example: licensezero.com

contracts? trusts?

example: digitalpublic.io

kill attribution

to focus on corresponding source?

example: (maybe copyleft-next?)

developers can help:
accept new experiments

please
(and thanks!)

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