

# Go REUSE to license your code

Free Software licensing made simple for everyone

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# Some Honesty

1. Who has ever programmed some code?
2. Who has released some code as Free Software?
3. Who has never been confused by how to properly do Free Software licensing?

# Some Common Uncertainties



- 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?





**How to make licensing and  
copyright easier for everyone?**



# REUSE helps YOU!



<https://reuse.software>

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

# Three simple steps

1. Choose and provide licenses

2. Add copyright and licensing information

3. Confirm REUSE compliance



**REUSE**  
S O F T W A R E

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



# 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

- >120 projects funded by the European Commission in the scope of the *Next Generation Internet* project
- Linux kernel (60-70%)
- Some multinational corporations
- Your projects?



# Keen to contribute?

- Looking forward to bug reports and pull requests
- Work on this and other projects as an intern!
- ... and spread the word.

# Thank you! Questions?



Web: [reuse.software](https://reuse.software)

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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