

Licensing Issues

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Questions

- ◆ Can we adopt a standard OSS license like BSD or Apache, that will be useful for now and the future.

Status

- ◆ Fermítools license is a modified BSD license.

Current Needs

- ◆ Provide licensing that is
‘understood’ (and thus acceptable)
 - ◆ by as many stakeholders as possible
 - ◆ by external communities - the grid
- ◆ More widely distributed audience every year

Open Source License

- ◆ Familiar to many
- ◆ Many to choose from
- ◆ Covers the important points we need (I think)

DOE & Open Source

- ◆ “Some laboratory software may be distributed to the public by designating the software as Open Source Software (OSS), which means, generally, that recipients may obtain the source code, modify it, and further distribute it with minimal restrictions.” (IPI-II-1-01)

DOE & Open Source

- ◆ “DOE intends to give the Laboratories the flexibility in choosing one or more of these standard licenses to be used with their OSS” (IPI-II-1-01)

DOE & Open Source

- ◆ There is a process to follow outlined in IPI-II-1-01
- ◆ Have we satisfied this process with the FermiTools license?

DOE Open Source Criteria

(IPI-II-1-01)

- ◆ Free Distribution
- ◆ Source Code included
- ◆ Derived Works allowed
- ◆ No Discrimination against Persons, Groups, Fields of Endeavor

DOE Open Source Criteria

(IPI-II-1-01)

- ◆ License must not be specific to a product
- ◆ License must not restrict other software distributed in tandem

Additional Questions

- ◆ What is implied for other collaborations with their OSS license already in place.
 - ◆ in the same spirit as the Globus incubator projects

Proposal

- ◆ Move FermiTools license to a standard open source license
 - ◆ BSD (partly used as an acceptable license by DOE)
- ◆ Document a set of acceptable OSS licenses for distribution of Fermilab products.