

LicenceIssues

THIS IS A DRAFT. IT MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY CORRECT

(For FAQ information concerning LGPL in particular, see [Using_LGPL'd_code](#))

A list of licences other than the Apache v1 and v2 licences, and whether they may be used by Jakarta (and other ASF projects by implication) sub-projects.

For a full range of potential open-source licences, see <http://www.opensource.org/licenses/>. Also see <http://wiki.apache.org/old/Licensing>.

Summary

Nothing on this page is ratified by the board of the ASF, it merely represents our current understanding.

Licence	importable	downloadable	Commentary
BSD	Yes	Yes	According to legal-discuss@apache.org is officially ok.
MIT	Yes	Yes	
GPL	No	No	
LGPL	No	No	The LGPL's intent is that it could be usable, but the legalese is too poor
IBM CPL	Yes	Yes	CPL'd source may not be on the ASF servers however.
Sun BCL	Yes	Maybe	Shall not be independently downloadable from ASF servers. May be packaged with a distribution
Sun SCSL	Yes	No	
LPPL (Latex)	No	No	Demands restrictions the ASL cannot provide
MPL	Yes	Yes	(confirm. 1.0, 1.1 different?)
Public domain	Yes	Yes	Antlr and Doug Lea's concurrency package in particular

Work-around ideas

1. A plugin architecture can get around this, however the plugins cannot be a part of the ASF in anyway. Also, the licensing of the plugins may be intricate.
2. Footnotes/disclaimers being added to the non-usable licences might allow us to use them.
3. Ask the maintainer of the library to dual-license under an acceptable license.

Comments

[HowardLewisShip](#): I was under the impression that the ASF forbade downloading any code that did not originate within the ASF. I wish I had a reference. Tapestry and [HiveMind](#) download all their dependencies from the Maven repository. I'd also love to see an explicit clarification about Hibernate and its wacky license since Hibernate integration examples are probably the #1 demand from both the Tapestry and [HiveMind](#) communities.