



License to Code

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- Absolve you of responsibility



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https:

`//github.com/blog/1964-license-usage-on-github-com`



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but when it comes to choosing a license, Github is your friend (other services are available)



How do I choose a license?

choosealicense.com

On creation of a new Github repository, you are prompted to choose a license. For more information, Github provides the helpful site <http://choosealicense.com>



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- beerware
- fight club license



wtfpl

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Poul-Henning Kamp



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`https://github.com/benlk/misc-licenses`



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EULAs are hilarious

Since nobody tends to ever read EULAs they're filled with laughs, surprises, and terrifying things.

Beware the EULAs



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- writing
- and more



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