

FLA-2.1 Update and Contributor Agreements.org

now dev2B and B2B ready

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Fiduciary License Agreement – what's is it?

main goals of the FLA in general

well-balanced *contributor agreement*, which gives the *trustee* **responsible power** to make sure the contributed *software* **always remain free and open**.

relationship between parties

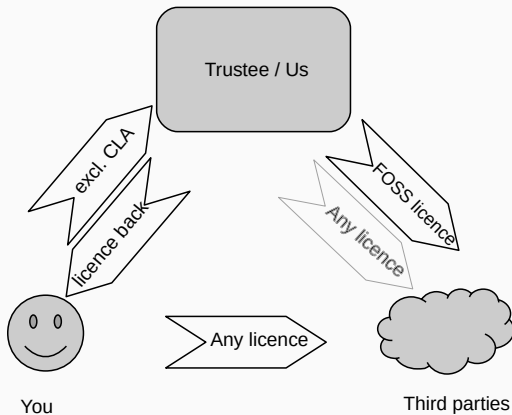


Figure 1: Simplified flow chart (using FLA-2.1 wording)

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anyone using it?

- KDE e.V.
- some NGI0 projects
- most Commons Conservancy projects
- Gentoo (WIP)
- DataVerse
- Liferay
- Lago
- ...

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what's new in 2.1?

clarify that dual-licensing is allowed (whoopsies!)

“harden” it to make it B2B-ready

clarification and simplification

main changes in fla-2.1

- ~~entity~~ version -> single unified text
- lots of clarification and "hardening" of text
- explicitly explain dual-licensing (previously implied, but widely understood as a key feature)
- ~~numbered~~ sections -> named sections
- restructured the sections to make them more logical
- ~~ALL CAPS~~ disclaimers
- ~~list of FSF && OSI approved licenses~~ -> FSF && OSI definitions
- lots of smaller bugs
- double- and tripple-checked a lot

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release candidate – have your say

- fresh eyes :)
- double-check patents sections
- better term for non-code to replace “documentation” and fall-back
- anything missing to be genAI-proof?

- better UX of <https://contributoragreements.org> licensing chooser and general update
- colour-coded decisions
- automate signing
- ...
- ideally, get funding for above ;)



Figure 2: <https://github.com/contributoragreements/ca-cla-chooser/>

3.0?

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crazy ideas for the future

- cover all things open (perhaps as separate licenses) – OSHW, Open Data, etc.
- genAI?

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thank you

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