OpenDP: Governance and Licensing

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2. Contributor License Agreements?
3. Proofs?
4. Governance Structure of OpenDP?
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Enable and encourage contributions from a diverse community (balancing principles & practical deployment)

Encourage adoption of OpenDP software for target use cases

Facilitate collaboration & partnership among individuals, businesses, academic inst’ns, gov agencies, etc.

Create diverse and inclusive community in which stakeholders have a voice

Maintain a well-defined process for contribution, vetting, and testing to ensure transparency and quality

Ensure OpenDP has resources needed to meet strategic directions and sustain the project (incl private sector contributions) while maintaining community-driven mission

Transform and evolve through org’s lifecycle stages

The OpenDP White Paper, p. 14
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Creative Commons?

Journal publishing requirements?

University open access policies?

Generally accessible platforms (Arxiv, etc.)?

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