

Creative Commons Version 4.0: An Open License for the Next Decade(s)

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Since CC's launch in 2002, it has versioned its core license suite three times, the last (3.0) in early 2007. The time is right to update the CC licenses so they better reflect updates to the law, technical realities, and social norms since the last release. Over the last year, CC has engaged license experts, stakeholders, and open communities around the world in this process. Now nearing completion, version 4.0 is a tremendous opportunity to ensure the license suite is ideally crafted to further CC's vision and mission over the next decade(s). Some big goals of 4.0 include internationalization, interoperability, durability, addressing sector-specific needs (such as public sector information), and support for existing adoption models. We'd like to share the 4.0 progress thus far with the CODATA community and conference participants. Even while the new license version will not be released at that time, we will be in a position to begin to explain the likely legal and technical changes. We can also answer questions, discuss specific education-related upgrades, and explore with CODATA the best methods for communicating the new license version to the PSI and open data communities, and beyond.