

Walt Disney Animation Studios Open Source Licensing

After careful consideration, Walt Disney Animation Studios has decided to start licensing our Open Source Software (OSS) using the Microsoft Public License(MS-PL) template.

Previously we had used the Modified BSD License and other licenses. We feel the Ms-PL template provides stronger protections to the community as it addresses intellectual property rights in the form of Patent Grants as well as the previously addressed Copyright Grants.

What does this mean for you if you are currently using one of WDAS' Open Source libraries under the current license? You may continue to use the same version of the library under the same terms. If you like, you can create forks of that version and continue to distribute changes under those same terms. Once we release a new version of the library using the Ms-PL license, you have a choice of continuing with the old version under the old terms, or moving to the new version of the library under the new terms. You may not use the new version under the old terms. Walt Disney Animation Studios has a strong interest in the continuing development of the Open Source libraries that we've released, and continuing development and releases will occur using the new license.

New open source projects from Walt Disney Animation Studios will use the new licensing scheme. Existing open source projects will convert to the new licensing scheme when additional functionality is added (i.e. with the next major or minor feature release).

The Microsoft Public License(MS-PL) can be referenced here. A copy of this text, preceded with a copyright statement will be included in a file name, LICENSE, in the root directory of each project.

Walt Disney Animation Studios Contributor License Agreement template

Here at Walt Disney Animation Studios, we've been pleased and proud at the interest in, and adoption of, the Open Source projects that we've produced. In addition to the usage of our projects, we're grateful for the interest that others have in contributing to our open source projects. After a lot of thought and discussion, we've decided to use the Apache Contributor License Agreement (CLA) template in conjunction with contributions to the projects.

You can download a copy of the CLA, with instructions, [here](#). Select the open source project on the first page, read the document carefully, provide any supporting materials as required, then sign and return a scanned copy of the file.