Licenses API

The Open Definition states: “A piece of content or data is open if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it — subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and share-alike.”

Data on more than 100 open licenses

Including all OSI-approved open source licenses and all Open Definition conformant open data and content licenses. Provided in easy to use, machine readable JSON – perfect if you need to drop a license chooser into your app.

View the licenses available

License Groups

In addition various generic groups are provided that are useful when constructing license choice lists, including non-commercial options, generic Public Domain and more. Pre-packaged groups include:

- All licenses
- OSI compliant
- Open Definition compliant
- Specially selected set developed for CKAN that is perfect for data and content site license choosers.

Format

JSON hashes with the following keys:

```
{
    "id": "ODC-BY-1.0",
    "domain_content": false,
    "domain_data": true,
    "domain_software": false,
    "od_conformance": "approved",
    "osd_conformance": "not reviewed",
    "status": "active",
    "title": "Open Data Commons Attribution License 1.0",
    "url": "https://opendatacommons.org/licenses/by"
}
<code>

Spot an error, think we should have more info? Please file an issue or submit
```

```
a patch.
===== How do I use it? =====

==== Get the data ====

Download the licenses, either all in one, individually (see below) or in
specific groups (see above).

For example, here's how to use curl to access an individual license:

curl [[https://licenses.opendefinition.org/licenses/ODC-BY-1.0.json]]

And here's how to use curl to access the CKAN license group:

curl [[https://licenses.opendefinition.org/licenses/groups/ckan.json]]

==== Git Access ====

You can also get the material as a git repo:

git clone [[https://github.com/okfn/licenses]]

Javascript Access (JSONP)

We also provide a simple way to get direct access from javascript in the
browser using JSONP, by providing versions of the all of the data in the jsonp
subdirectory wrapped in a callback function named

<code>
license_callback
```

Thus, the JSONP version of a file named:

```
xyz.json
```

whether it is a license group or an individual license, will be located at:

licenses/jsonp/xyz.json

For example from jQuery:

```
$.ajax({
    url:'https://licenses.opendefinition.org/groups/jsonp/ODC-BY-1.0.js',
    dataType: 'jsonp',
    // you *must* set the callback function to be license_callback
    jsonpCallback: 'license_callback',
    success: function(data) {
```

```
        console.log('License title is ' + data.title);
    }
});
```

Because our JSONP data is served from a static files, it has a hardcoded callback function and therefore must name your callback function for the JSONP request

```
license_callback
```

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