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Background

BSD – Berkeley Software Distribution license. The original BSD license is Free Software Foundation/GPL compatible, but the modified versions are not because of advertising clauses.

Key Points

- Free software license, with minimal restrictions on redistribution
 - Does not have share-alike requirements like copyleft.
- Allows proprietary use and allows incorporation into proprietary products.

Discussion Questions

1. Why would a person choose the BSD over the GPL?
2. How does BSD contrast from GPL?
3. What differentiates BSD from other licenses?

Additional Resources

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