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A FIELD GUIDE TO
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OPEN SOURCE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

☐ **Do we have an open source usage policy?**

☐ **Do we have a list of ALL the open source and commercial libraries we are using?**

☐ **How recent is this list?**

☐ **Does this list include all libraries brought in through repository managers? (e.g. Maven/Ruby Gems/npm, etc.)**

☐ **Do we have a list of all the web services we depend on? (e.g. credit card processors, stock price lookup, etc…)**

☐ **Do we have an open source disclosure from our commercial suppliers?**

☐ **Are we minifying our Javascript? Where are the originals kept? Do we preserve copyright and license statements?**

☐ **Do we have a policy for the proper usage and attribution of code snippet Cut and Pastes?**

☐ **Do we publish the component and license disclosures as required by our open source libraries?**

☐ **Do we send along all required License and Notice files as required by our open source libraries?**

☐ **Could we quickly comply with a request for our GPL/LGPL source code?**

☐ **Do we check our open source libraries for known vulnerabilities on the National Vulnerability Database?**