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FROM CLOSED CODE TO OPEN SOURCE: HOW SOFTWARE LICENSES SHAPE DIGITAL INNOVATION

DATA PROTECTION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (GDPR – IP)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTS SOFTWARE AS A CREATIVE WORK

Software is mainly protected by copyright law, which grants the creator exclusive rights over its use, distribution, and modification. This legal protection is fundamental to encourage innovation and ensure control over technological development.

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LICENSES DETERMINE HOW SOFTWARE CAN BE USED

There are proprietary licenses, which restrict access and modification of the code, and free or open source licenses, which promote collaboration and transparency. Choosing the right license is a strategic decision for both developers and companies.

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OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE DRIVES INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

Thanks to its open nature, it allows global communities to contribute to its continuous improvement. This accelerates technological development, reduces costs, and improves security through public code audits.

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LICENSE COMPLIANCE IS KEY TO AVOID LEGAL RISKS

Using software without respecting its license terms can lead to legal and reputational consequences. It is essential that organizations properly manage the licenses of the components they integrate into their products.

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