

Amanda,

There are a couple of issues remaining so I thought I'd outline them here, it may be easier to convey what I'm thinking visually.

### 1. Finalising Mind Map

My understanding of the mind map is as follows:

The mind map leads the user through a series of questions that will end with either:

- a. a group of copy left licenses
- b. a group of permissive licenses

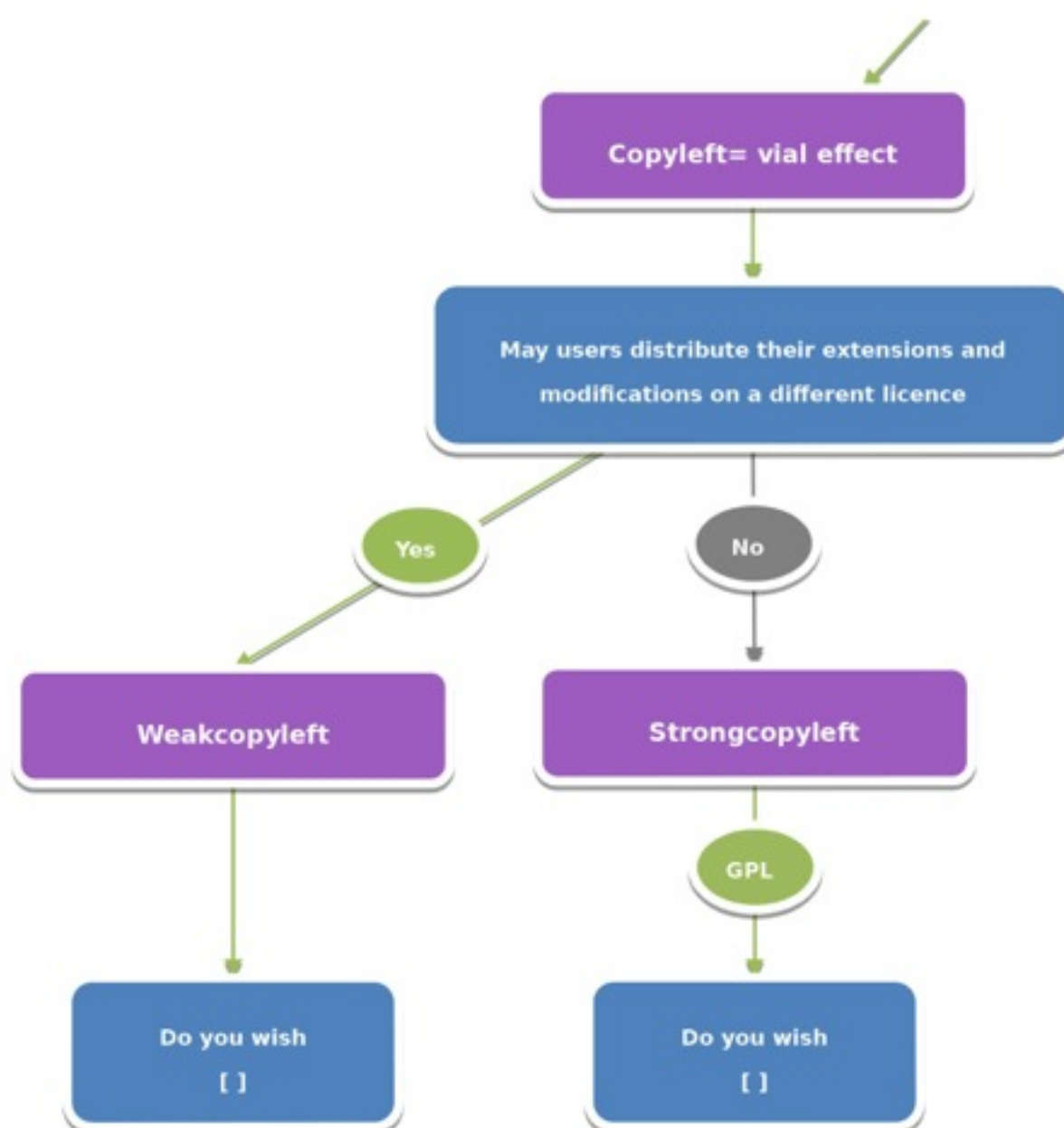
From this point a mix of license "features" will determine the final suggested license or licenses.

Similar to the selection process at [oss-watch.ac.uk/apps/licdiff](http://oss-watch.ac.uk/apps/licdiff)

So what I need to clarify is the final steps before we reach this point.

For instance - copy left:

The current mind map is as follows:

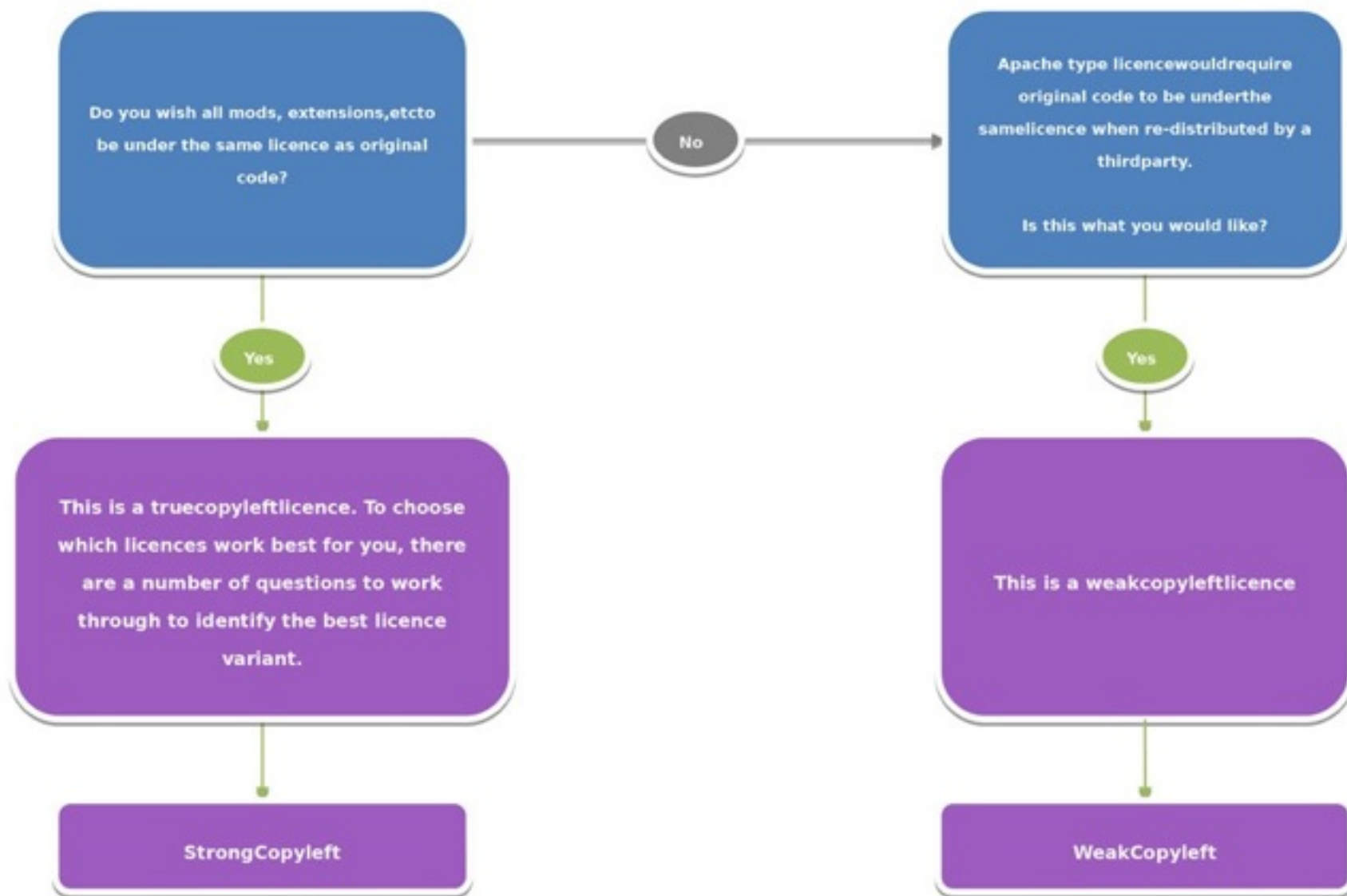


The Question "may users distribute their extension....." leads to either weak or strong copy left.

It's not clear however how that transitions to the next question as it seems to repeat much the same question.

Do both weak copy left and strong copy left above lead to the question below, or does this new question “Do you wish all mods, extensions, etc to be under the same licence as original code?”, replace the previous question.

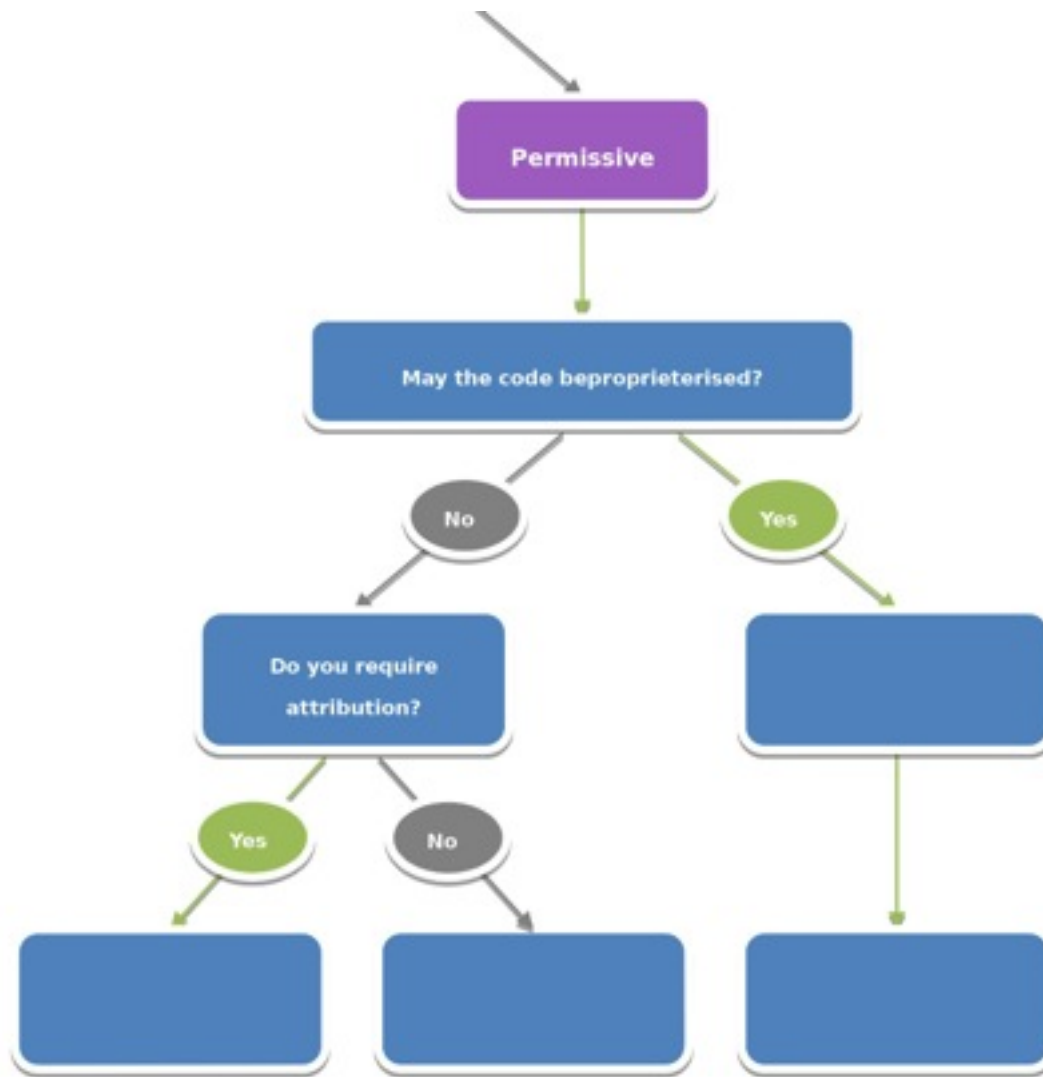
## COPYLEFT LICENCES



If the answer to “Apache type license ... “ above is no, where do we go?

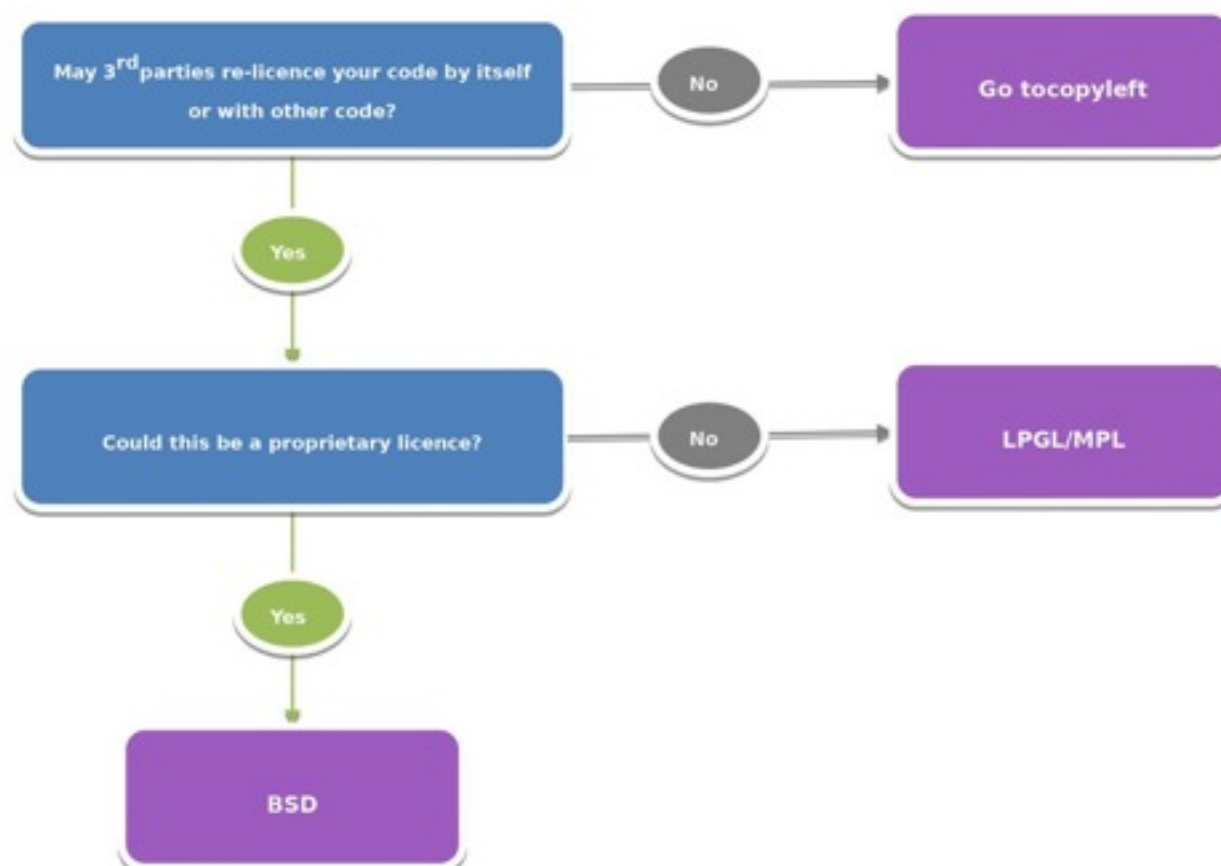
There is a similar issue with the permissive side.

It is not clear how the below, taken from page 3.



leads to this:

### PERMISSIVE LICENCE



## 2. Selecting the final license

Again my understanding is that once a particular point is reached in the mind map single yes or no questions do not suffice as many licences may have one or more of the given characteristics.

In the call the other day we said that Miguel and I would prepare a “truth table” of the possible combinations of the final questions you provided.

Looking at that, it appears there are at least 6 of these shared characteristics and possibly more.

To prepare a table of each of the possible combinations and then attach a license or licenses to each of those combinations seems very inefficient. For instance if there are 6 characteristics to be examined then the possible combinations would be 64, and each of the 64 could have one or more licenses attached.

A more efficient alternative would be to have a table similar to below.

	specifies	Includes a patent grant?	May third parties sub-licence?			
Apache License 2.0	NO	YES	YES			
MIT license						
Mozilla Public License 1.1						
GNU General Public License						

If you provide me with a table like this, which shows all the licenses, if they are copy left or permissive and indicate the characteristics I can programatically sort given a users answers and return the appropriate licenses.

This will be far more efficient than me giving you a table of 64 possible combinations and you indicating the one or many licenses that apply to each combination.

So just to recap, we need to complete the flow of question that can be answered yes or no as I've indicated above, we need to decide where the “multiple choice” element appears and we need a table such as suggested above completed.

You indicated previously that you would probably limit the app to around 10 licenses, if you send me a list of those licenses I will prepare a table that you can fill in.

If the final app is to be delivered by the end of the month I really need this info sooner rather than later.

## 3. Some additional comments:

The app at [oss-watch.ac.uk/apps/licdiff](http://oss-watch.ac.uk/apps/licdiff) lists 8 or 9 questions, but the answers are more in-depth, for instance:

We ask “Do you want a licence which specifies a jurisdiction?” and the answers are yes/no

However oss-watch have

“I don't care”

or

“i'd like a license that is silent on the subject”

or

“I'd like the jurisdiction to be my own”

I prefer the efficiency of yes/no, but, are we covering all the possibilities?

There is one final area that I need material for.

We mentioned previously that it may be helpful to the user to explain certain words/questions as we go through the app, so the user could click for more info and a popup could provide a definition etc.

If this is to be included I'll also need those definitions to be provided asap.