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Prevalence of the PDF Format

PDF is one of the world's most widely used document formats.

How did this happen?



How it all started for PDF

- ≡ 1991: “The Camelot Paper” by John Warnock, Adobe
 - ≡ Explains why PDF is needed
 - ≡ From Carousel Product Specification to PDF 1.0
- ≡ Adobe’s bold move: make the Reader free of charge

How it all started for iText



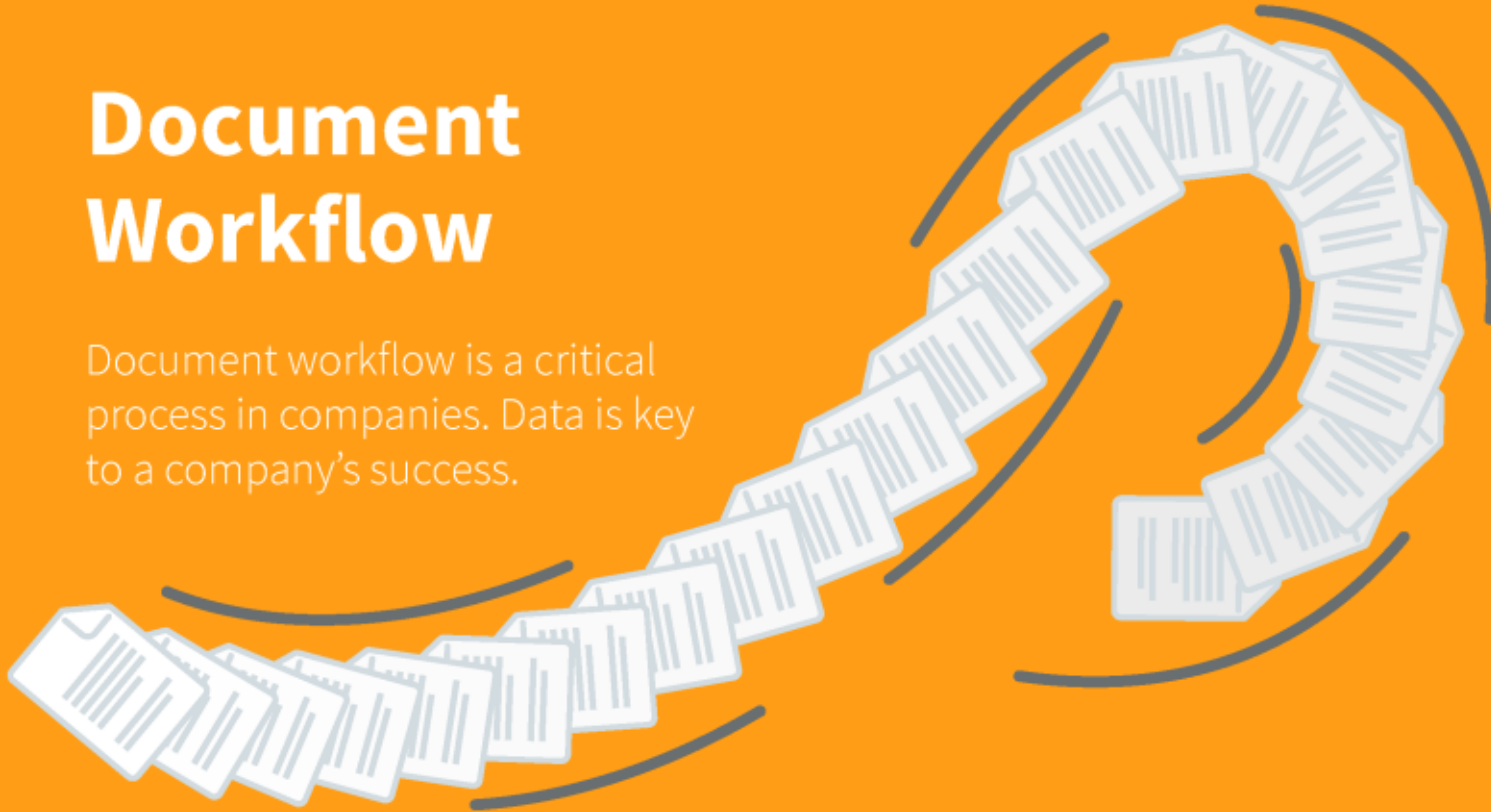
- ≡ 1998: first open source PDF library; 2000: first iText release
- ≡ Bring PDF from the Desktop to the Server
- ≡ World-wide distribution as open source library
- ≡ iText's bold move: Automate PDF creation

Document workflow

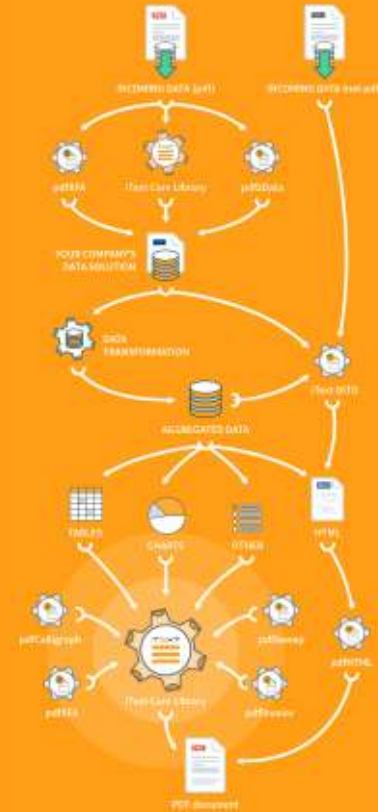


Document Workflow

Document workflow is a critical process in companies. Data is key to a company's success.



How iText Can Enrich Your Document Workflow





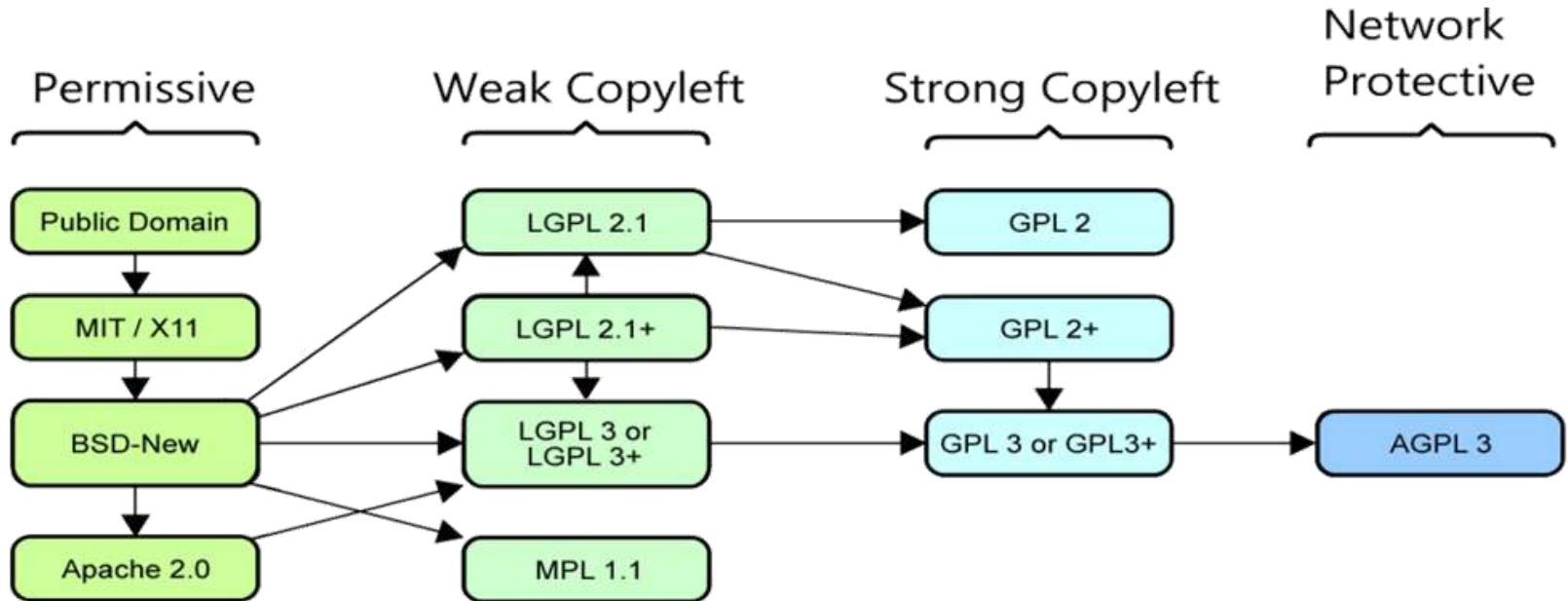


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Open Source License overview



How the (A)GPL works

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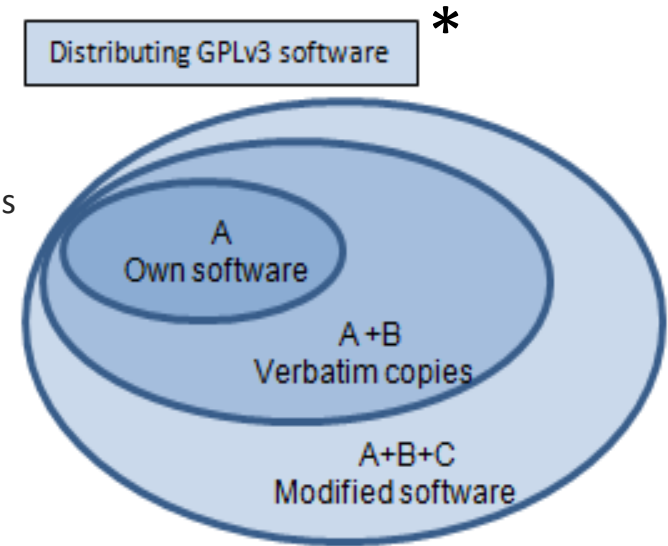
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* **USE only:** you don't have to accept the GPL

** **Modification:** very broad interpretation

Licensing options

≡ Viral effect of the open source license:

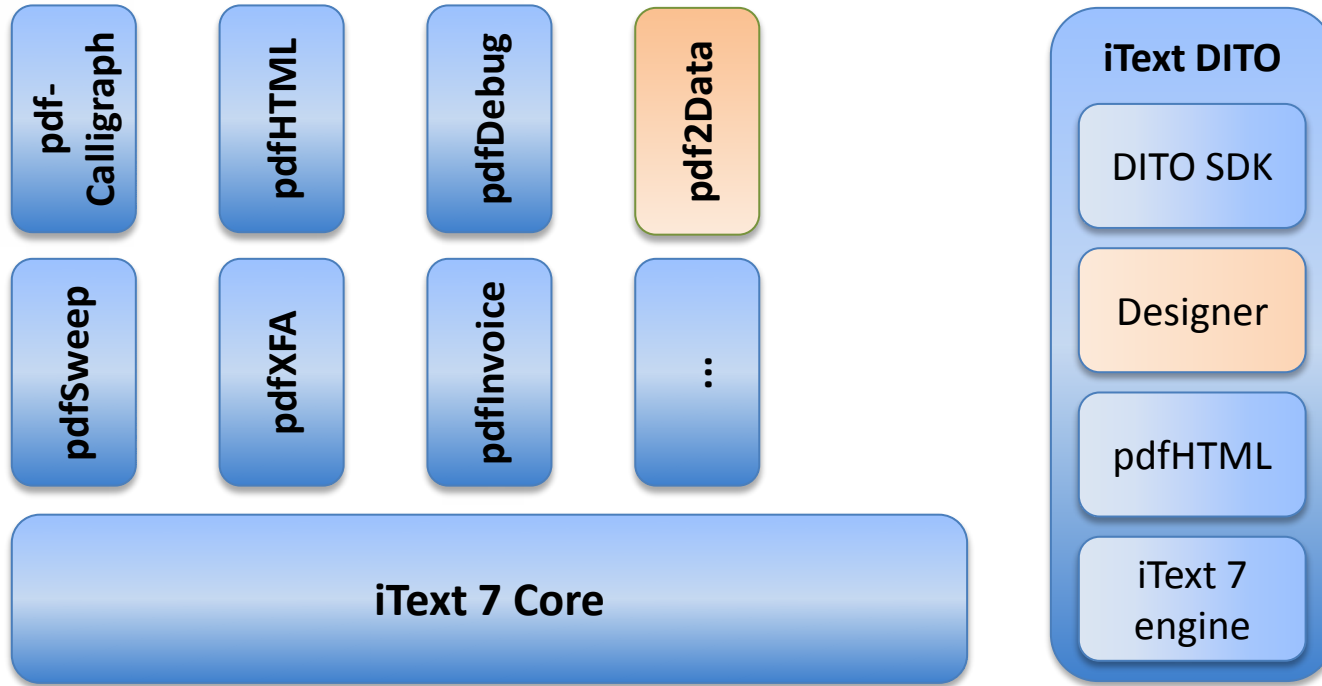
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 - Perpetual (per server) + maintenance, Capacity Rental, OEM.

≡ Partnerships for co-creation and co-promotion of products!

iText 7 platform





Why iText?

What people tell us:

- ☰ We use iText because of the quality of the PDFs:
 - E.g. many other products don't support tagging, specific features we need,...
- ☰ We use iText because there is a big iText community:
 - Many people write about iText; questions on Stack Overflow get answered quickly.
- ☰ We use iText because we see that it is actively developed:
 - We see that iText Group constantly invests in new development,
 - It's as if iText has been around forever!
- ☰ The iText development team offers great support:
 - The support team has helped us solve our problems;
 - Feature requests from our company made it into the official road map.



Thank you!