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Exercise: Licenses and Data Re-Use

Work in small groups
- Time: about 30 minutes
- At the end, one member of your group should briefly present the results of your discussion and your conclusions.

In your research project you examine reasons for drop-outs at three universities in your country. You use data about individuals from various sources. The datasets include all relevant information and can be harmonized for your research project. However, they carry different licenses:
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In addition, you received the following information from the universities’ administration: number of enrolled students, the drop-out rate as well as the rate of students successfully completing their final degrees, the age structure and gender ratio at each of the three universities. These data are for the use in your research project exclusively. Further license agreements for any of this administrative data do not exist.

Discuss
- whether the different datasets can be re-used in your research project;
- whether you can cumulate all three individual datasets, merge the administrative data and publish this integrated dataset. If yes, under which license would you publish the integrated dataset?
- whether you are allowed to publish your research results with journal publisher.

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