

PhET SOFTWARE AGREEMENT
Terms of Use and Privacy Policy
for PhET’s collection of HTML5 Simulations
(Version 1)
University of Colorado Boulder

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This software agreement pertains to the collection of HTML5 simulations developed by the PhET Interactive Simulations Project at the University of Colorado Boulder (PhET).

For licensing information pertaining to PhET’s Java or Flash simulations, please visit <http://phet.colorado.edu>.

I. DEFINITIONS

“PhET HTML5 Simulation Source Code”: Each of PhET’s Simulation is composed of many assets, including but not limited to simulation-specific source code (JavaScript/HTML/CSS), images, audio and text. This collection of simulation-specific assets are referred to as “PhET HTML5 Simulation Source Code”.

“PhET HTML5 Common Source Code”: Each of PhET’s Simulation also utilizes common libraries and tools developed by PhET, including but not limited to source code (JavaScript/HTML/CSS), images, audio and text. This collection of common code assets are referred to as “PhET HTML5 Common Source Code”.

“PhET HTML Simulation File”: For each PhET simulation, the assets in the PhET HTML5 Simulation Source Code and the PhET HTML5 Common Source Code are combined into a single,

minified HTML file that can be run in a browser, or downloaded and launched, without any other requirements. Each minified simulation file is referred to as a “PhET HTML Simulation File”.

II. SOFTWARE LICENCE OPTIONS

A. ‘PHET HTML SIMULATION FILE’: CREATIVE COMMONS ATTRIBUTION 4.0

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What does this mean?

The simulation-specific source code for each HTML5 PhET simulation is available for use and/or modification. Anyone can have access to the source code and make modifications. The source code for any changes someone makes to the software must, in turn, be made publicly available by the party that makes the changes.

The simulation-specific source code repositories can be accessed at: <http://github.com/phetsims>. License files within each simulation-specific repository specify GPLv3.

C. 'PHET HTML COMMON SOURCE CODE': MIT LICENSE

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What does this mean?

The common source code libraries for PhET simulations are available for use and/or modification. For directions about how to access the source code, go to: <http://phet.colorado.edu/about/source-code.php>. Anyone can have access to the source code and make modifications. The copyright and permission notice must be included in all copies or copies of substantial portions of the Software.

The common source code repositories can be accessed at: <http://github.com/phetsims>. License files within each common code repository specify an MIT License.

D. ATTRIBUTION

Use of a “PhET HTML Simulation File” under the CC BY 4.0 license requires attributing the work to:

PhET Interactive Simulations, University of Colorado Boulder, <http://phet.colorado.edu>.

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E. DONATIONS

PhET needs ongoing donations and grant funding in order to support the project, continue the development of new simulations, and maintain existing simulations.

Commercial users are asked to support the project with a tax-deductible donation to PhET, to help fund the project mission. For more information, email phethelp@colorado.edu or visit <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/donate>

F. THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE CREDITS

PhET simulations use third-party software. A complete list of third-party libraries used, the developers, and the associated licenses is listed at the top of each “PhET HTML Simulation File”, using view source.

G. ALTERNATIVE LICENSING OPTIONS

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A. COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY

The University of Colorado and the PhET Interactive Simulations Project are committed to the protection of individual privacy, and ensuring the confidentiality of information provided by its employees, students, visitors, and resource users.

B. INFORMATION COLLECTED

In order to document the amount of use of PhET simulations and to provide the best services to our users, PhET collects a minimal amount of non-personally identifying information through the use of Google Analytics in each PhET HTML5 Simulation File.

When the simulation is opened, information is collected via Google Analytics' standard web statistics services.

C. INFORMATION SECURITY

The PhET Project has in place appropriate security measures to protect against the unauthorized use or access of its data. Such measures include internal review of data collection, storage, and processing practices and security measures, as well as physical security measures to guard against unauthorized access to systems where data is stored.

D. INFORMATION SHARING

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E. COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT

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F. ADDITIONAL PRIVACY TERMS APPLY WHEN PHET IS USED WITH THE MICROSOFT OFFICE MIX SERVICE

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