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Publishing Sector Proposal for a Sample Licence Clause for Text and Data Mining (TDM) of subscribed copyright-protected works and materials

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SAMPLE CLAUSES

Clause 1 – Licensed uses: TDM

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(e) Subject to sub-clause 1(d) above and clause 2 below, the Licensee may for non-commercial purposes communicate the TDM Output whether for internal or external use without creating products that substitute for subscribed Content, provided that the Licensee may not make the results or the TDM Output in the form of data sets available to third parties for their use.

**Clause 2 – Prohibited uses relating to subscribed Content and TDM Output**

[Explanatory Note: The grant of rights regarding permitted uses of TDM contained in Clause 1 above in no way broadens the scope of other rights granted under the subscription agreement and the grant of rights remains subject to each of the limitations and exclusions, including regarding third-party access to subscribed Content. To any subscription agreement may be added the following:]

(a) Subject to clause 1 above and unless agreed by separate written agreement, the Licensee and its Authorized Users may not engage in activities listed under (b.1 to b.8).

(b.1) create derivative products or services that would compete with or be substitutable for the Publishers’ products and services;

(b.2) extract, develop or use subscribed Content in any commercial activity;

(b.3) abridge, modify, translate subscribed content, or create any derivative work based on the subscribed Content, except to the extent necessary to make them perceptible on a computer screen to Authorized Users;

(b.4) allow a third party to harvest any TDM Output to an internal server;

(b.5) remove, obscure or modify in any way any copyright notices, other notices or disclaimers as they appear in the subscribe Content;
(b.6) In the case of Text and Data Mining at Publisher’s site: use any robots, spiders, crawlers or other automated downloading programs, algorithms or devices to continuously and automatically search, scrape, extract, deep link, index or disrupt the working of the subscribe Content;

(b.7) substantially or systematically reproduce, retain or redistribute the subscribed Content.

c) This clause 2, as well as the restrictions in sub-clause 1 (c) to 1(e) shall remain effective and survive termination of this Subscription Agreement, howsoever arising.

Clause 3 – Security, Grant of Access Rights, Formats and Delivery Mechanisms

The Publisher and the Licensee agree the following access protocols:

(a) The Licensee shall ensure compliance with Publisher’s Usage policies, including security and technical access requirements. Text and data mining may be undertaken on either locally loaded subscribed Content or as mutually agreed.

[INSERT AS APPLICABLE: onsite delivery, ftp file transfer, format (eg XML), application programming interfaces (APIs), use of “free” Publisher Content at Publisher website, including article abstracts].

(b) Licensee shall implement and maintain adequate and effective state of the art data security systems and measures, in line with international industry standards and best practice.

(c) In the event the Licensee collects or otherwise processes or uses personal data, Licensee shall expressly obtain consent from the end user or any person that is a beneficiary of applicable data protection laws which shall be limited to the use the end user/affected person expressly consents to. Licensee shall undertake the appropriate technical and security measures to protect any personal data Licensee collects.

(d) The Publisher may require the Licensee and Authorised Users to adhere to scheduling and staggering over time any TDM activities in line with publishers’ policies referred to in clause 1.1.2 above.

(e) The Publisher does not provide any warranty or assurance of fitness or availability of Publisher’s electronic servers and systems to carry out TDM or to extract TDM Output, nor of completeness or accuracy of any downloaded materials.

Definitions

“Text and Data Mining” means to perform extensive automated searches of subscribed Content, including data embodied therein, the sorting, parsing, addition or removal of linguistic structures, and the selection and inclusion of subscribed content into an index or database for purposes of classification or recognition of relations and associations.”

“TDM Output” means the result of any Text and Data Mining activity or operation, capable of fixation, reproduction and/or communication in any form, including without limitation the creation of an index, reference, abstract, relative or absolute description or representation of subscribed Content, an algorithm, formula, metrics, method, standard or taxonomy describing or based on subscribed Content, a relational expression or measurement, whether scalable or not, of subscribed Content, extraction, alternative representation or translation, expression or discussion of any
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Additional Definitions

[unless already covered in any subscription agreement to which above clauses relate]

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