**PhET SOFTWARE AGREEMENT**

**Terms of Use and Privacy Policy for PhET’s collection of HTML Simulations**

**(Version 1)**

**University of Colorado Boulder**

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**I. OVERVIEW**

This PhET Software Agreement (“**Agreement**”) pertains to the collection of HTML simulations developed by the PhET Interactive Simulations Project at the University of Colorado Boulder (“**PhET**”). PhET currently offers three different software licensing options, which are detailed in Section II(A), II(B) and II(C) below, to the users of its HTML simulations.

This Agreement and the licenses specified below do *not* permit the licensing of PhET’s Java or Flash simulations. Information regarding PhET’s Java or Flash simulations is available at <http://phet.colorado.edu>.

**II. SOFTWARE LICENSE OPTIONS**

1. **PhET Regular HTML Simulation File: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0**

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The simulation-specific PhET HTML Simulation Source Code repositories can be accessed at <http://github.com/phetsims>. The license file within the specific PhET HTML Simulation Source Code repository specifies whether it is available under the GPLv3.

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**What does the GPLv3** **mean?**   
The simulation-specific source code for each PhET HTML Simulation Source Code is available for use and/or modification. Anyone may access to the source code and make modifications. If a user makes any changes whatsoever to the source code of the software, then the changes must be made publicly available by the party that makes the changes.

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PhET HTML Common Source Code can be accessed at <http://github.com/phetsims>. The license file within the PhET HTML Common Source Code specifies whether it is available under the MIT License.

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The common source code libraries for PhET HTML Common Source Code 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.

1. **Donations**

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

Commercial users are highly encouraged to support the project and its mission with a tax-deductible donation to PhET. For more information, email [phethelp@colorado.edu](mailto:phethelp@colorado.edu) or visit <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/donate>.

1. **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 Regular HTML Simulation File”, using the browser’s view source tool.

1. **Alternative Licensing Options**

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

1. **Information Collected**

It is the policy and practice of the University to collect the least amount of personally identifiable information necessary to fulfill its required duties and responsibilities, complete a particular transaction, deliver services, or as required by law. This applies to the collection of all personally identifiable information regardless of source or medium.

Users may choose whether or not to provide personally identifiable information to the University and PhET via the PhET website.

In order to document the amount of use of PhET simulations and to provide the best services to our users, PhET collects non-personally identifying information through the use of Google Analytics in each PhET Regular HTML Simulation File. When the simulation is opened, information is collected via Google Analytics’ standard web statistics services. As of July 8, 2014 Google Analytics Terms of Service are located here <http://www.google.com/analytics/terms/us.html>.

In addition, PhET uses “cookies,” which are small text files stored on the user’s device, to help operate its website and collect information about online activity.

1. **Information Security**

The PhET 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.

1. **Information Sharing**

Access to information collected through the use of PhET simulations is limited to those employees, contractors, and agents who need to know that information in order to operate, develop, or improve our services. PhET may report a summary of this information (in aggregate) to other organizations and individuals for grant reporting purposes, or in published articles to document PhET’s wide-spread use. No personally-identifying information is distributed. PhET requires third parties to whom it discloses information to protect the information in accordance with this policy and applicable law. In addition, PhET may disclose information to third parties when such disclosure is required or permitted by law.

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The University of Colorado and the PhET project are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S § 24-72-101 *et seq.* The Colorado Open Records Act requires that all records maintained by the University and PhET be available for public inspection except as otherwise provided by law. Personal identifying information collected by PhET may be subject to public inspection and copying unless protected by state or federal law.

1. **Additional Privacy Terms Apply When PhET is Used with the Microsoft Office Mix Service**

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**VI. CONTACT US**

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