



## **EO DaaS License Tool**

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## Introduction

- The **diversity of licenses in use by (public and commercial) EO data providers complicates cloud-based, increasingly automated work-flows** for data search, download, analytics, merging and value adding.
- **Legal interoperability can support faster and more efficient processes** for EO value adding and service companies as well as for end users.
- The goal of **all (public and commercial) stakeholders agreeing to one single license type is unrealistic**, due to applicable legal frameworks, data policies and differences in the applicable law.
- Nevertheless, **what can eventually be reached is a higher degree of standardisation/harmonisation**, supporting legal interoperability.
- BHO Legal together with its subcontractor Catalyst Solutions B.V. has developed an **online license tool for EO data providers with boilerplates**, enabling the **production of individual licenses within a given standardized framework**.
- This **allows the production of diverse licenses**, ranging from short and simple open data licenses to more lengthy and restrictive licenses.

## Some important clarifications

- **The tool is for EO data providers** and (mainly) relates to data provision.
- **It is not designed for software.** Thus, licensing of software requires an additional license between licensor and licensee.
- **It is not specifically designed for use by EO value adders/service providers.** However, in a potential follow-on activity, the acceptability and the benefits of the license tool for value adders/service providers could be verified for ensuring successful implementation.
- **It can be used by both public and commercial EO data providers.** By nature, public customers must check overall compatibility with their specific framework and applicable data policies, but due to the flexibility of the tool no major hurdles are expected.
- **Each data provider can freely decide whether to use the license tool or not.**
- **The tool provides a lot of flexibility, within a given framework.** Basically, each public/commercial approach to data provision can be implemented, from concise open data licenses to detailed commercial licenses.
- **The licenses modules are agnostic with regard to the applicable law.** Each EO data provider can insert the national law it wants to apply.

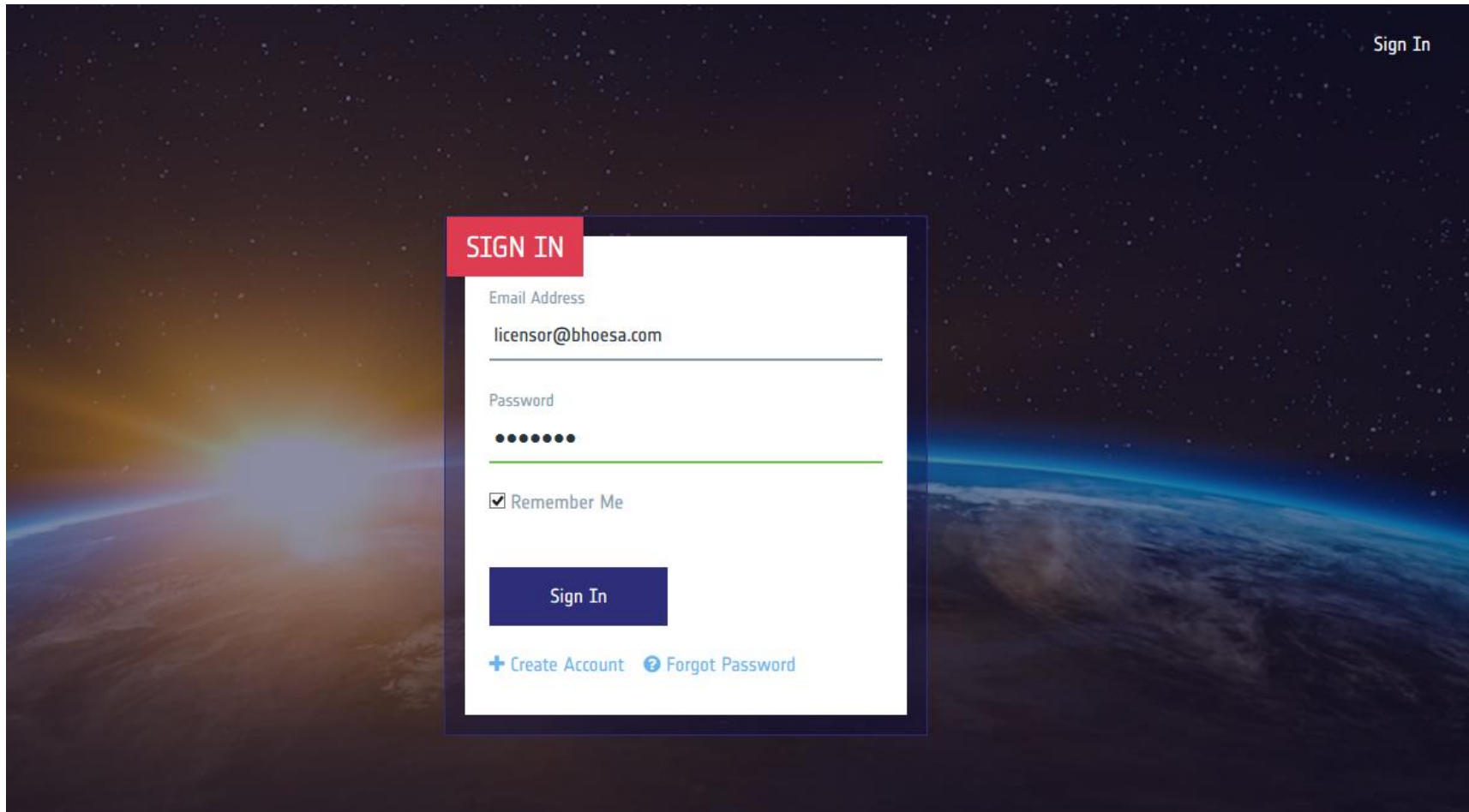
## How does it work?

- The **license tool will be made available online** on a dedicated website.
- EO data providers go to the website and register.
- **Following registration, EO data providers can access and use the tool.**
- Following the different modules, **each EO data provider can produce its own, tailored license, within the given framework.** The production time is between 30 min and 2 h and does not require legal experts.
- **The resulting license can be downloaded/printed** and then transferred to the individual institution/company template (adding logo, commercial annexes etc.)
- Upon **adoption according to institutional/company processes**, the license can be used in all subsequent transactions.
- The **license is machine readable**, based on a string the tool automatically generates.
- The more EO data providers shift to a license based on the tool, the **higher the degree of legal interoperability.**

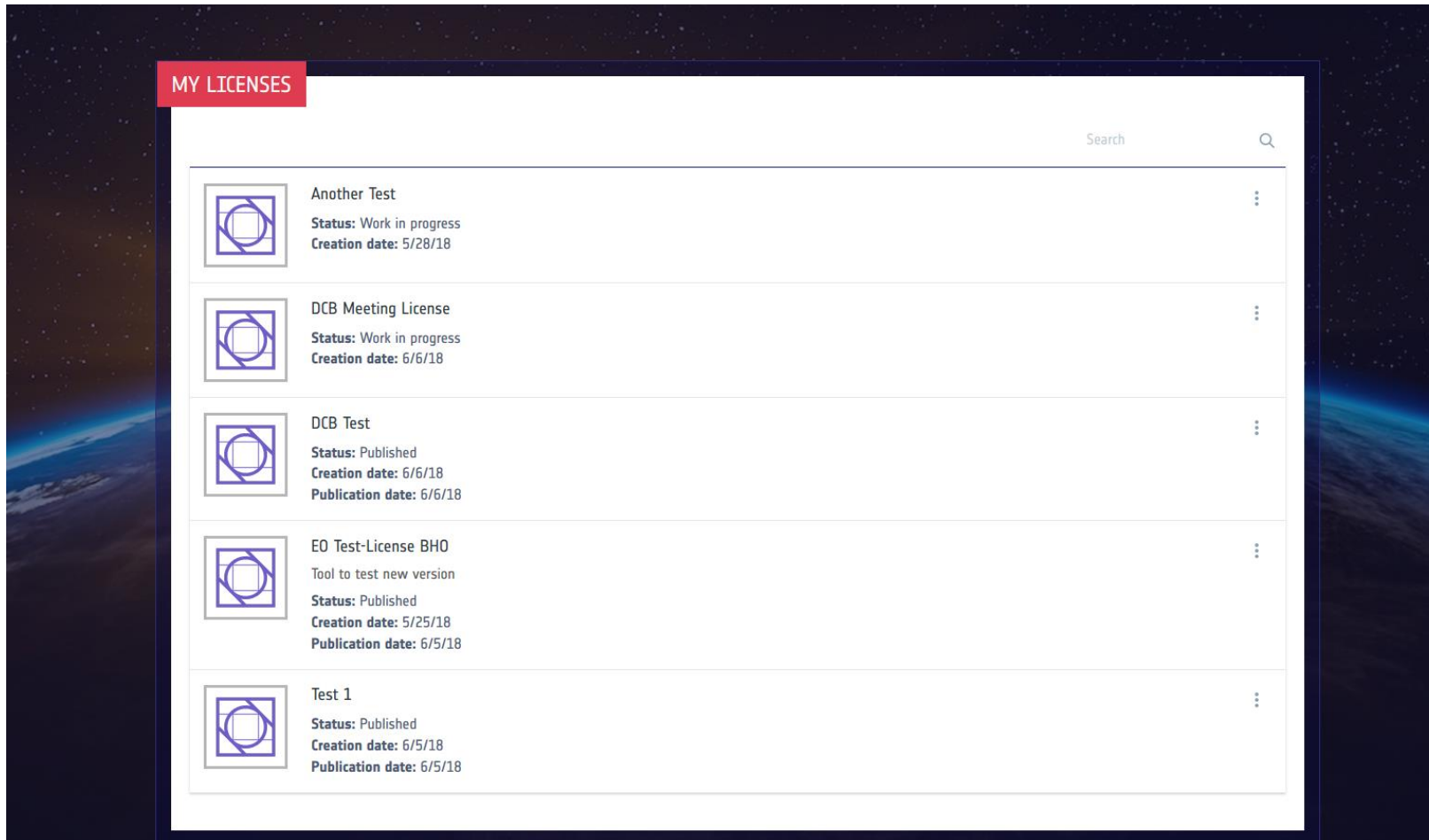
## Where are we today and envisaged next steps?

- The **draft license and a click-dummy tool** have been presented at a workshop during the Big Data in Space conference in Toulouse in November 2017.
- Industry and public authorities have provided detailed feedback on the license text. The feedback has been taken into account where feasible.
- The tool itself will be finalized within the next weeks. Content will be added in order to give users a better understanding of the tool and how to use it.
- A number of license templates will be generated for those who do not want to go through the entire process.

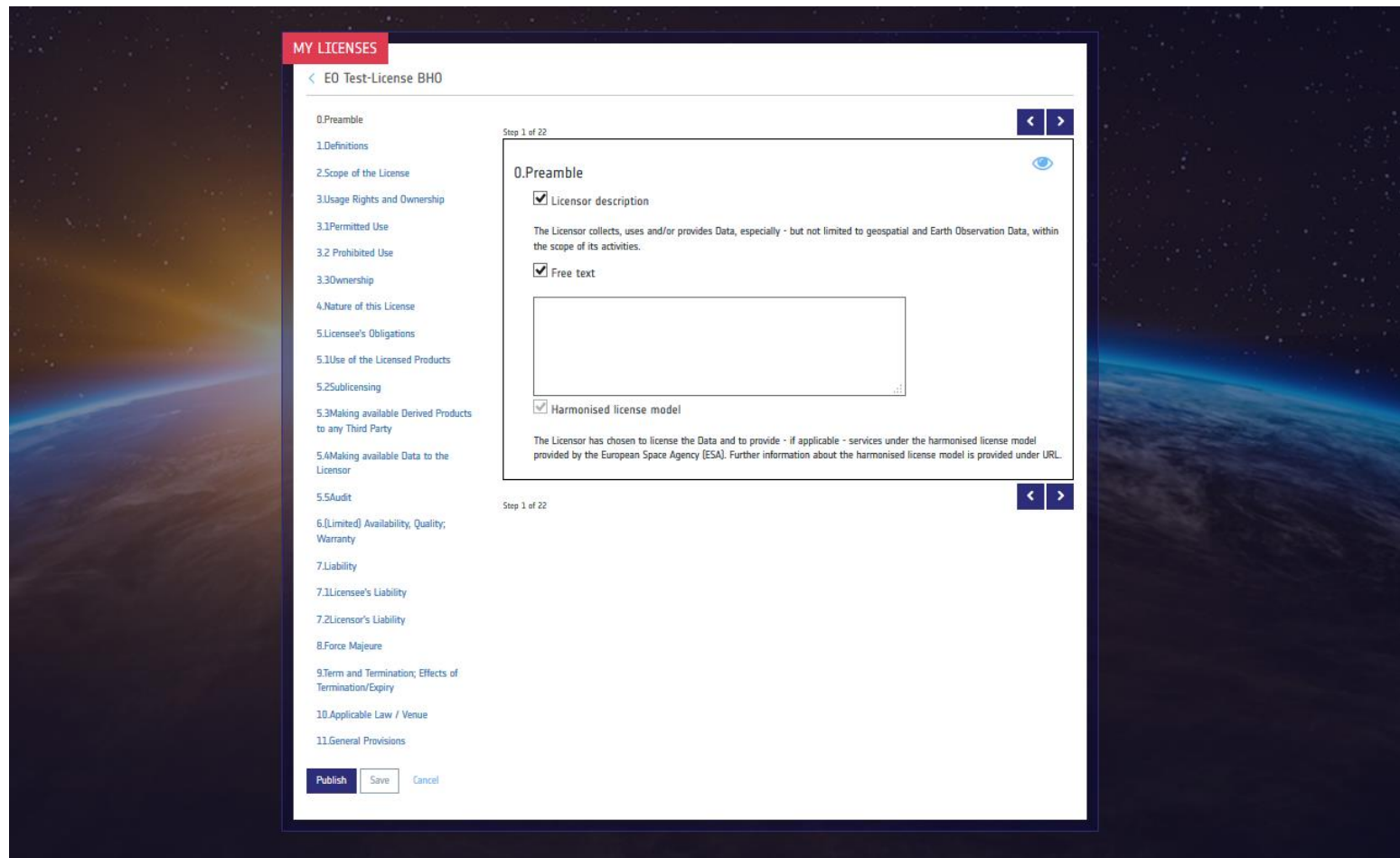
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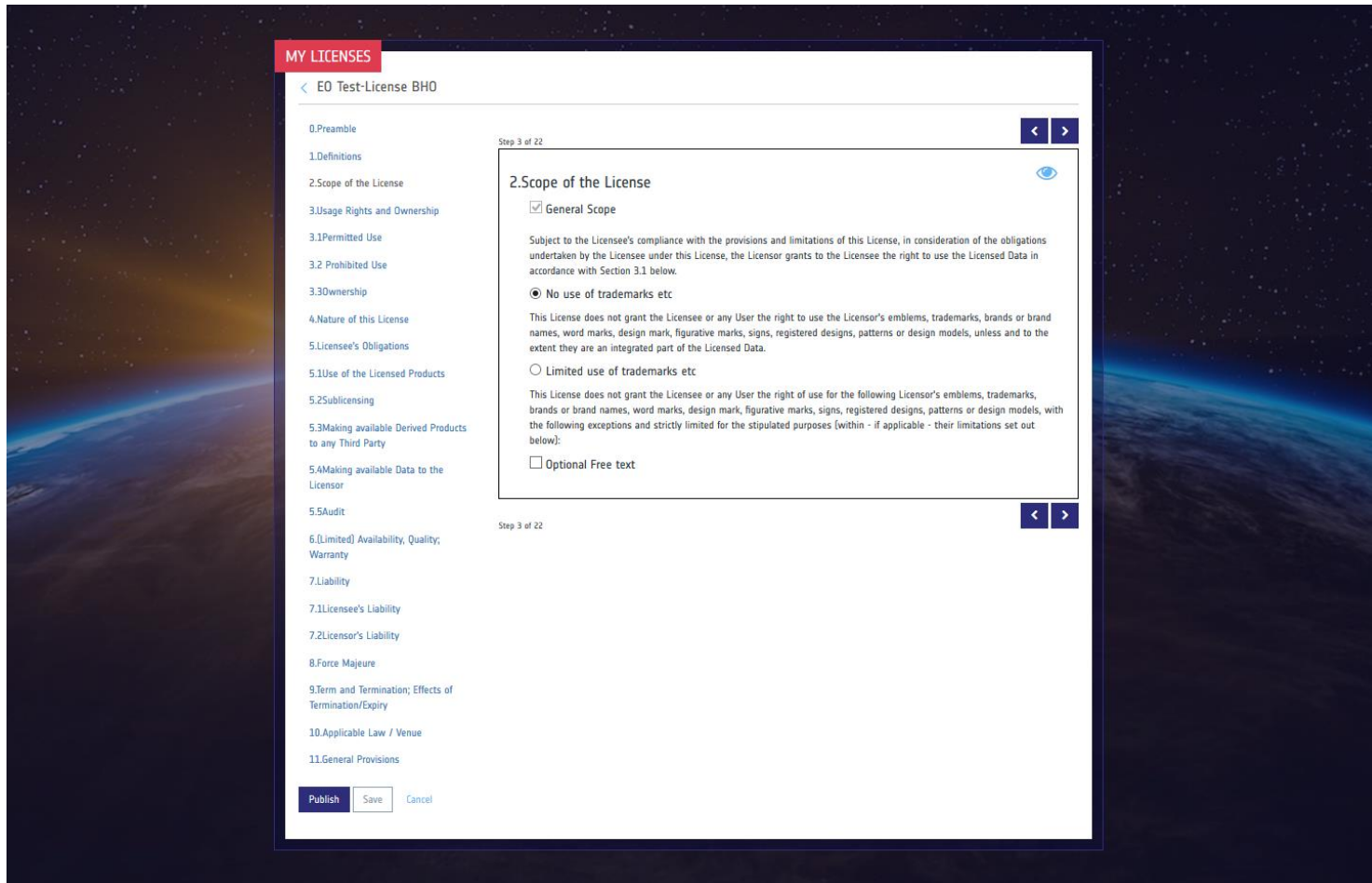


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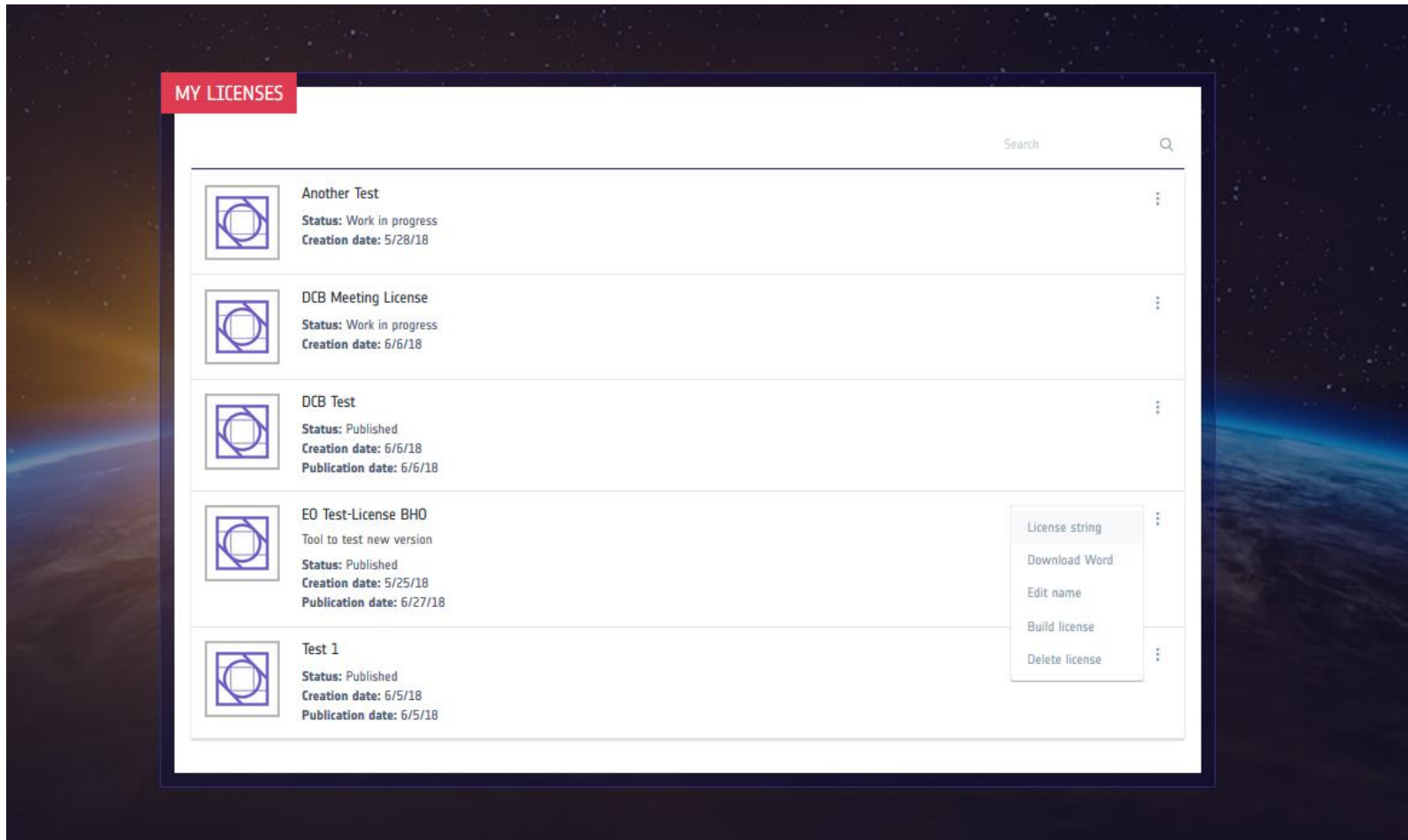




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