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Policy**

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# 1. Purpose

Correct attribution of contributed open source code is a critical component of community management both to establish provenance and to allow for appropriate credit to be given to the authors. As such, maintaining and propagating the various attributions that comprise the running history of a code base is a requirement of all widely accepted licenses including the Apache 2.0 license used by OSEHRA. The purpose of this document is to establish a policy ensuring the technically and factually correct attribution of open source code submitted to OSEHRA either via a publicly available open source repository or through an open submission to the OSEHRA Technical Journal.

# 2. Scope

This document applies to all open source code submitted to a publicly available OSEHRA code repository or through an open submission to the OSEHRA Technical Journal.

# 3. Implementation

Correct attribution of code has two parts. First, the author or authoring entity must correctly claim the code contributions or modifications that they make to the code distribution; and, second, any person or entity distributing the code must propagate the attribution appropriately.

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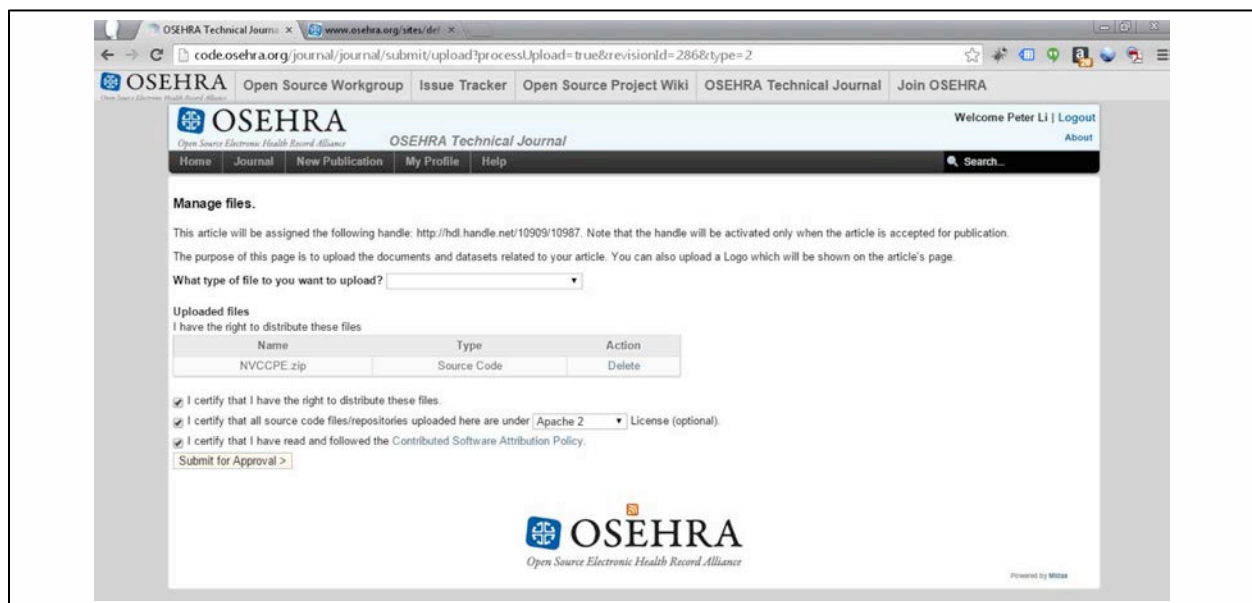
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### 3.1. OSEHRA Technical Journal (OTJ) Submission

The OTJ is the application through which code contributions are made to the OSEHRA repository. The figure below shows the screen used to upload the documents and datasets comprising an OSEHRA code submission. Note that the submitter is required to execute three assertions demonstrating compliance with this policy.



## 3.2. Source Code

All source code submissions to the OSEHRA repository for licensing under the terms of the Apache 2.0 license shall contain attribution of the authorship of the work, whether corporate or individual, in the comment format appropriate to the code language. MUMPS examples:

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; Submitted to OSEHRA 10/20/2014 by Alpha Research Inc.  
; Original routine authored by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 1980-1995  
; Includes F00, BAR entry points authored by Ian Ferguson 2012-2013
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## 3.3. Notice File

All submissions, whether of a single source code file or multiple source code files, shall include a NOTICE text file that contains, in human-readable format:

- the name of the submitter;
- provenance of code modules to which the Apache 2.0 license has previously applied; and,
- name and contact information for the entity making the submission to the OSEHRA repository or to the OSEHRA Technical Journal.

## 3.4. Attribution Review and Approval

All submissions to OSEHRA containing source code modules for which applicability of the Apache 2.0 license is asserted shall be reviewed by the OSEHRA Director of Open Source Product Management (or the Director's designee) for completeness with respect to the terms in (3) above before being committed to OSEHRA's managed code base. The following conditions apply:

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## 4. Approval

(signature of OSEHRA Corporate Officer)