Respecting Open Source Licenses!

An Open Source License Compendium

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Erleben, was verbindet.
The standard license management process ...

You always have to know, how many are allowed!
“Free Redistribution

The license shall not restrict any party from selling or giving away the software as a component of an aggregate software distribution containing programs from several different sources. The license shall not require a royalty or other fee for such sale.”

§ 1 of the Open Source Definition*

* http://www.opensource.org/docs/osd
Open Source thinks the other way round:
You ever have to know, what you have to do!

“PAYING” BY DOING
Open Source thinks the other way round:
Respect the rules and you are allowed ...

69 \times > 5 = > 345

(with respect to 2012-05-11) OSI certified


Open Source Licenses

Open Source Use Cases

Fulfilling Task Lists

* http://www.opensource.org/licenses/alphabetical
Open Source thinks the other way round:
Respect the rules and you are allowed to use, to modify, and to distribute ...
Open Source thinks the other way round:
Respect the rules and you are already allowed to use, to modify, and to distribute the results!

WHO SHALL DO THAT?
Strategy ‘Hope’
I don’t care - anyone will do it!
Strategy ‘Delegate’
Each project for itself!
Strategy ‘Centralize’
One team of OS License Experts for all.

quality

CENTRALIZE

respect
costs
Strategy ‘Collaborate’
Use the OS Community Knowledge.

COLLABORATE
quality
respect
savings
Centralize an internal team of experts named the (Telekom) Open Source Review Board.

The 6 Steps of Handling an Open Source License Support Request

1. **Support Request**
   - **anyone**

2. **Sponsor Selection**
   - **OSRB**

3. **Sponsor Analysis**
   - **sponsor**

4. **Open Discussion**
   - **experts**

5. **Final Discussion**
   - **OSRB**

6. **Solution Transfer**
   - **sponsor**

- **Case-Analysis documented**
- **Solution documented**

**Informal Support Request**
- **fast**

**Preliminary Solution Statement**
- **thoroughly**

**Final Solution Statement**
Centralize and know that pareto will strike back!
The same work must be repeated to often.

80% of the requests are manageable by

20% standard answers!
It’s better to enable the employees to answer the simple questions themselves ...
Centralize, but allow the internal delegation ...
if it’s supported by a simple tool!

... without being disruptive, losing quality, generating extra costs:
Enable the internal delegation of handling the standard cases...

Telekom is writing an Open Source License Compendium

Mission: Support our developers to use Open Source Software in a correct manner.

Motto: Offer one reliable way for each license and each use case in a simple and easy to find manner.
Enable the internal **delegation** ... supported by the **OSLiC**...
Enable the internal delegation
... in a simple not disrupting way

- Use an OS application as you got it
- Use an embeddable OS library as you got it
- Modify and use an OS application
- Modify and use an OS library
- Distribute an OS application as you got it
- Distribute an embeddable OS library as you got it
- Modify and distribute an OS application
- Modify and distribute an OS library
But enable also the external collaboration! The swarm always knows more than a small group of experts:

Telekom is giving it free: The Open Source License Compendium

- is commonly developable because of its LaTeX/BibTex nature
- is publicly hosted as a GitHub project
  - Oslic Projectpage (on GitHub): https://github.com/dtag-dbu/oslic
  - Oslic Homepage (on GitHub): http://dtag-dbu.github.com/oslic
- is licensed under CC BY-SA 3.0 DE*
- is open to be collaboratively developed together with the community
Be invited, be welcome!
We want to collaborate.

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Many thanks for your time and attention!

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Backup
The right to use Open Source Software is granted by meeting of the respective Open Source licenses. This is a particular challenge for large companies, for several reasons:

Firstly there are many different Open Source licenses. Secondly these licenses each have different obligations. Thirdly these obligations depend on different conditions and circumstances such as systemic or architectural aspects, aspects of usage, how they are combined, and so on. And fourthly, because large companies are likely using more Open Source Software packages than small companies or individual developers, they have to invest more resources into the task of fulfilling the licenses correctly.

There is much information concerning Open Source available. Unfortunately there are not any materials describing concretely what one has to do for using a specific Open Source Software in a specific situation correctly. There is a need to have very reliable and quickly accessible instructions about fulfilling the obligations of a particular Open Source License. Such an Open Source License Compendium should consolidate reliable background knowledge, should offer an easy to use ‘finder’ and should offer a something like to-do-lists which are simply doable.

Deutsche Telekom AG has already started to work on such an Open Source License Compendium. This OSLiC will be published under the Creative Commons License Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Germany. Moreover DTAG wants to develop this OSLiC together with the community using the methods of Open Source Development: release early, release often. This common work will be started at CeBIT 2012.

The lecture, which we want to offer to the Linux-Days 2012, shall recapitulate the intention of this Open Source License Compendium and the method of development. And it shall report the state of the cooperation between Deutsche Telekom AG and the Open Source Community concerning this OSLiC.
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