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Rez License Change: LGPLv3 to Apache2.0 #1119

⊙ Open   **nerdvegas** opened this issue on 24 Aug · 45 comments

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🟥 **nerdvegas** commented on 24 Aug

We want to change rez license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0. To do this requires permission from all code contributors.

Why have you emailed me?

You are a contributor to the rez project and we require your permission to change its license.

How do the licenses differ?

LGPLv3 is a copyleft licence, whereas Apache2.0 is a permissive license. A good short explanation of these licenses can be seen here: https://www.cnx-software.com/2011/10/10/open-source-licenses-overview-gpl-lgpl-apache-bsd/. In short, there are less limitations on how you can use rez if it is licensed with Apache2.0.

Why Apache2.0?

Apache2.0 is the preferred license of the Academy Software Foundation (https://www.aswf.io/about/).

Why do we want to do this?

LGPL creates a legal gray area for some studios, who may be hesitant to use the project for that reason. Under LGPL, a larger work using rez would need to provide the full rez sourcecode in its distribution, and would itself need to be LGPL-licensed, unless "dynamically" linked to rez (which in python could be interpreted as not being contained directly in the distribution).

What do I need to do?

Either add a comment to this ticket, or reply to an email sent to you, using the following text:

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    I, <your full name here>, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I
    give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.
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Thank you kindly
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⤤ 🟥 **nerdvegas** mentioned this issue on 24 Aug

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✉ 🎞 **maxnbk** commented on 24 Aug

I, Stephen Mackenzie, am a current or former contributor to the rez
project, and I give my permission to change its software license from
LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🖼 **davidlatwe** commented on 24 Aug

I, Lai Ta-Wei, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its
software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🖼 **JeanChristopheMorinPerso** commented on 24 Aug

I, Jean-Christophe Morin, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission
to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🖼 **instinct-vfx** commented on 25 Aug

I, Thorsten Kaufmann, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to
change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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KelSolaar commented on 25 Aug

I, Thomas Mansencal, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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mchamberlain commented on 25 Aug

I, Morné Chamberlain, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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skral commented on 25 Aug

I, Sebastian Kral, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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zachlewis commented on 25 Aug

I, Zach Lewis, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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loonghao commented on 25 Aug

I, Long Hao, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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bpabel commented on 26 Aug

I, Brendan Abel, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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predat commented on 26 Aug

I, Sylvain Maziere, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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j0yu commented on 29 Aug

I, Joseph Yu, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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mstreatfield commented on 1 Sep

I, Mark Streatfield, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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renaudll commented on 1 Sep

I, Renaud Lessard Larouche, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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smaragden commented on 1 Sep

I, Fredrik Brännbacka, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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bfloch commented on 15 Sep

I, Blazej Floch, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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bsergean commented on 21 Sep

I, Benjamin Sergeant, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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bareya commented on 21 Sep

I, Piotr Barejko, am a current or former contributor to the rez
project, and I give my permission to change its software license from
LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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dbr commented on 21 Sep

I, Ben Dickson, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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sparklabo commented on 21 Sep

I, Sehwi Park, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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nerdvegas commented on 21 Sep

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- accepted: 20
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mottosso commented on 21 Sep • edited ▾

I, Marcus Ottosson, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

Good move! ❤️

> which in python could be interpreted as not being contained directly in the distribution

Can you elaborate on this? I've seen similar notions in the Blender community. Does it mean that this comment..

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import rez
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..is now dynamically linking Rez and is required to be LPGL'd as well? Or does it only apply if I put in a text file and upload it to GitHub?

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asztalosdani commented on 21 Sep

I, Daniel Asztalos, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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fxnut commented on 21 Sep

I, Andy Nicholas, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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sebastianelsner commented on 21 Sep

I, Sebastian Elsner, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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mychoko commented on 21 Sep

I, Mylene Pepe, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

adriankrupa commented on 21 Sep

I, Adrian Krupa, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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✉ **nerdvegas** commented on 21 Sep

I don't believe so, I took it to mean that you're fine as long as the LGPL
code isn't actually embedded into your project - I would say that just
listing a requirement in your package, and importing said requirement, can
reasonably be considered "dynamic linking" and thus your own code does not
get pulled into the LGPL umbrella.

Here's a thread explaining from python POV (and which is my interpretation
also):
https://stackoverflow.com/questions/8580223/using-python-module-on-lgpl-license-in-commercial-product

Thx
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↗ **nerdvegas** mentioned this issue on 21 Sep

switch from py-amqp vendor lib to pika #1131
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rfletchr commented on 22 Sep

I, Robert Fletcher, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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fnaum commented on 22 Sep

I, Federico Naum, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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gst commented on 22 Sep

I, Gregory Starck, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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pmolodo commented on 25 Sep

I, Paul Molodowitch am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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jasperges commented on 27 Sep

I, Jasper van Nieuwenhuizen, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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holofermes commented on 6 Oct

I, Fabio Piparo, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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cwmartin commented on 19 Oct

I, Christopher Martin, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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chadrik commented on 19 Oct

I, Chad Dombrova, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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nerdvegas mentioned this issue on 19 Oct

Typo or mistake in wiki anchor - package commands: variable-appending-and-prepending #1141

⑂ Merged

🧑 **douglaslassance** commented on 20 Oct

I, Douglas Lassance, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🔺 **lambdaclan** commented on 20 Oct

I, lambdaclan (Ira), am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🅷 **JoshkVFX** commented 28 days ago

I, Josh Kelly, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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🧑 **yawpitch** commented 13 days ago

I have no interest in hindering this conversion, thus:

I, Michael Morehouse, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

However, that said:

> LGPL creates a legal gray area for some studios, who may be hesitant to use the project for that reason. Under LGPL, a larger work using rez would need to provide the full rez sourcecode in its distribution, and would itself need to be LGPL-licensed, unless "dynamically" linked to rez (which in python could be interpreted as not being contained directly in the distribution).

If we take that interpretation as gospel then Rez must remain under LGPL, since it vendors a copy of an LGPLv2.1 licensed library.

I don't subscribe to that interpretation; the vendored AMPQ library is not modified, it's license accompany's it, and a Rez user is not hindered from using a modified version of AMPQ, so IMHO (though with the usual IANAL caveat) all of the rights the LGPL exists to protect have been maintained. The vast majority of Rez is clearly not "based" on AMPQ, so at worst only the "minimal corresponding source" would need to be made available to downstream users of code incorporating Rez.

So no argument against the change, I'm just not certain a particularly copyleft-averse lawyer-type would be completely mollified with that vendored code in place.

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nerdvegas commented 13 days ago

We've recently gotten rid of py-amqp specifically for this reason, see
https://github.com/nerdvegas/rez/releases/tag/2.96.0

And thanks for the email! You just saved me a bunch of work.
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yawpitch commented 13 days ago

> We've recently gotten rid of py-amqp specifically for this reason, see
> https://github.com/nerdvegas/rez/releases/tag/2.96.0

I saw the move to Pika, but vendor/amqp still seems to be there.

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nerdvegas commented 13 days ago

Ah so it is. I recall now I was planning on leaving removal of anything until a last step before the actual licence change, in case we needed to revert for whatever reason. So yes this will definitely be gone when the licence change happens.

thx
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willjp commented 9 days ago

I, Will Pittman, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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davidlatwe mentioned this issue 12 hours ago

Fix rez-pip on Windows #1155

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manuelkoester commented 5 hours ago

I, Manuel Köster, am a current or former contributor to the rez project, and I give my permission to change its software license from LGPLv3 to Apache2.0.

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