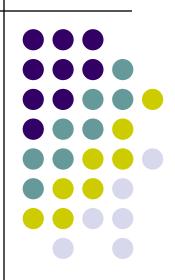
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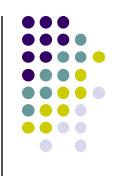
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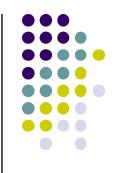


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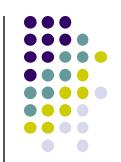
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- This is the last provision in the CUSupp. As already noted, individual Sun licenses will contain additional terms, which govern either the specific Technology being licensed or the terms under which technology specifications can be distributed. Those specific contracts are not described here.

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 The SCSL and the CUSupp present a combination of open source and proprietary contract ideas and values. The SCSL is very far from an open source contract in its strict limitations on the use of the licensed code; the bar on any form of commercial use eliminates a great deal of the motivation for participation in open source projects.
- The CUSupp, while permitting such commercial use, imposes two significant limitations.
 - First, the possible requirement of payment of royalties will certainly limit the availability of the code (depending on the price).
 - Second, the need to remain compliant with Sun's specifications, while encouraging uniformity, will discourage innovation, at least innovation outside the lines envisioned by Sun.

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 Microsoft has historically wrung great profits from proprietary software licensing. Its business model, along with its substantial profit margins, is completely dependent upon licensing access to the software that it controls.
- In response to the growing market for open source and free software in the last 15 years, Microsoft has made clear that it has no intention of changing its approach. In fact, its public position and actions seem to signify that the company is becoming more aggressive about its licensing programs and about protecting its intellectual property through strategies such as patent procurement and litigation.
- Yet, historically, Microsoft has provided at least some business partners and customers access to its source code, as well as obtained access to the source code of others for inclusion in its products, or for ensuring interoperability.

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- New demands are also growing: as a result of open source, the developer community is increasingly used to having liberal access to whatever source code it needs to conduct business; governments and customers now expect to be able to audit the source code that makes up the products that they depend upon daily; and academics and start-ups alike understand that open source is an efficient way to conduct shared research projects.
- As the open source movement continues to gain steam, Microsoft, like many other software companies, has felt pressure to provide public access to its source code.
- Microsoft cannot easily turn to existing open source licenses and communities in order to solve this problem.
- Large-scale proprietary software products represent a complex web of legal relationships between all of those who own copyrights, trademarks, and patents that apply not only to the code, but also to arcane elements such as the communications protocols and media

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 Were Microsoft to relicense its code, all participants would have to be contacted and terms renegotiated, or else replacement code would need to be written and tested.
- □ As described in Chapter 3, when Netscape open source licensed its proprietary Communicator software under the Mozilla Public License, it had to negotiate with third-party providers of code that had been part of the Communicator system and had to rewrite substantial sections of code when some of those providers refused to permit their code to be released under the MPL.
- Companies that generate income through services or hardware businesses can piggyback directly on open source by refocusing on those aspects of their business. But with almost all of its revenues derived from the licensing of proprietary software, Microsoft needs an approach to source code access that permits it to continue to use its current business model.



- The Shared Source Initiative has many facets, and it is difficult to describe briefly. It can be most simply explained as an umbrella under which Microsoft positions its many different software-licensing practices. On its face, it is a program for facilitating access to Microsoft source code, but, considered more broadly, it is also a lobbying effort aimed at explaining and defending the benefits of strong intellectual property laws to the world at large.
- Within this system, Microsoft has defined five key source code licensing attributes:
 - 1. The ability to view and reference source code without changing it
 - 2. The ability to enhance debugging with source code access
 - 3. The ability to modify source code for local use only
 - 4. The ability to distribute products based on modified sources for non-commercial purposes
 - 5. The ability to commercialize products built on modified source code



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 Using these attributes, Microsoft has carefully tailored a number of software licenses that grant more or less restricted access to the source code for many of its software products, depending upon a number of variables such as what country the licensee resides in; how important the product is to Microsoft's core business; and whether the software is being used for commercial purposes, charitable use, or academic research.
- □ Because the Microsoft Shared Source Initiative is so complex, and each license is the result of relatively laborious negotiation within Microsoft and between Microsoft and its users and developers—with product and location specificity built into each license—the project has none of the simplicity or transparency of open source and free software licenses.
- Although some of the licenses involved allow for unfettered change and redistribution of underlying code, the code to which these licenses apply is not core application or operating system code. Develoers have no real opportunity to make changes to such core assets without first agreeing to very restrictive terms.

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 Despite its readily apparent lack of enthusiasm for them, Microsoft has been actively following developments in the open source movement and slowly adapting to them via the Shared Source Initiative.
- Microsoft has begun to use existing open source licenses for some of its newer projects.
 - Although these projects are minor at this point, the trend is very likely to continue because of the great advantages that open source has to offer, even to Microsoft, at least under certain circumstances.
- Microsoft is also beginning to understand how open source approaches can be "safely" integrated with its traditional business practices, and as a result of this, Microsoft's intellectual property agenda is likely to cause profound change within existing open source practices, through litigation, lobbying, lawmaking, and "coopetition."