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Dear Dr. Burstedde,

We have reviewed your request to release the p4est Library under the open source GP 2.0 license.   The p4est is a "C library to manage a collection (a forest) of multiple connected adaptive quadtrees or octrees in parallel. p4est includes routines for the generation, refinement and coarsening, and 2:1 balancing of the forest. It also implements parallel partitioning and the creation of a ghost layer of quadrants/octants and a globally unique node numbering."

The p4est library will be available for download at:

http://users.ices.utexas.edu/~carsten/release/p4est-0.3.1.tar.gz

It is in the University's interest to make the code publicly available to gain visibility and promote partnerships in the academic/research community. We confirm that the benefit of releasing this code under the open source GPL 2 license is greater than any commercial benefit the university could receive from the code.

Under the provisions of the UT System Administrative Policy on Software Licensing, we gladly approve the release of these products under the open source license cited above.

Sincerely,

David Cook
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