

Re:[-] WPF Contact Form Inquiry Evelyn ☆

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Hi Erica,

Thank you for your help!

Taking your advice, we'd change "WordPress" into "WP" in the product name and use WordPress in the description.

Regarding redistribution, we have carefully study the GPLv2 license and the page about GPL Primer that you shared. When we distribute the image of WordPress, we are distributing unmodified source code for WordPress instead of derivative work. As outlined in the license, you may copy and distribute verbatim copies of the Program's source code, and you may charge a fee for the physical act of transferring a copy, and you may at your option offer warranty protection in exchange for a fee.

While in order there is any misunderstanding of the license, we'd like to check that the distribution and commercial use of WordPress software are allowed. For this is not related to the trademark, I'm sorry to bother you but we are confused whom to contact about this.

Thanks for all your assistance again.

Best regards,
Evelyn.

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Erica (WordPress Foundation)

Aug 12, 2020, 5:45 PM UTC

Hi Evelyn,

Thanks for providing that additional information about Websoft9.

Regarding your question about packaging WordPress and charging certain fees, that's more related to the GPL, rather than the trademark. You can find some more information and clarity about how both of these apply to the GPL in this page here, including information about service/support fees: <https://make.wordpress.org/community/handbook/wordcamp-organizer/planning-details/gpl-primer/>

Regarding product names, while WordPress trademark cannot be used in the name of the product itself, one option that you might consider is replacing WordPress with the abbreviation WP. The abbreviation WP is not covered by the trademark, and therefore allowed in both product names and domains.

Using WordPress in the description of your product, however, is allowed - in case that's helpful to keep in mind as you consider this.

I hope this helps to provide some additional guidance. Thanks once again for checking with us.

Regards,

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