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Licensing and Trademark Use Consultation ☆

Mark Thomas Sep 15
Sent to: evelyn.zhu@websoft9.com; trademarks
Cc: Damen Chen (Websoft; Jianjun Zhou (Websof

Hi Evelyn,

At this point, I don't see anything that is in conflict with Apache Software Foundation policies although I have not undertaken a detailed review.

If anything of concern does come to our attention, we will contact you.

Kind regards,

Mark
VP, Brand Management

On 05/09/2020 11:21, evelyn.zhu@websoft9.com wrote:
> Hi Mark,
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> Thanks for your reply. We have viewed the Apache License, version 2, and
> Apache trademark policy. As it can never be too cautious in respecting
> intellectual property, we'd like to check with you to know whether it is
> permissible to do that.
>
> 1)_We make integration solutions based on Apache software and offer the
> integration as an open source project on GitHub
> <https://github.com/Websoft9/ansible-kafka> so that users could deploy
> the integration by running script._
>
> The integration is a software package including related software
> required to complete certain work. For example, an integration
> includesApache Kafka, openjdk and Zookeeper. _Without any
> modifica__tions_to the included software, we arrange it in a unified
> operating environment to form an integration and automate the deployment
> for the integration. In this way, we offer user-friendly solutions.
>
> 2)_We publish the integration on platforms, like AWS and distribute
> Apache software as part of distribution for integration. _
>
> We deliver the integration to users as image. Image contains operating
> system and pre-configured software. It offers one-click deployment for
> the integration to users, an easier way to deploy it than running
> script. It is sure thing that we don't offer hosting service. Users
> subscribe the integration solution, and configure this software package
> to their own server. Image is paid. We charge fees for integrating and
> offering automatic deployment service.
>
> 3)_We use "Apache Software Name" to describe the integration, as
> shown on the following picture__. To avoid confusing users, we make
> statement about the copyright and trademark attribution _
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> We'd appreciate it if you could give clear reply to them. If what we
> have done is not in line with Apache license and your trademark policy,
> do not hesitate to point out. We would correct it.
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> Thanks a lot!
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> Best regards,
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> Evelyn
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> *Date: * Thu, Sep 3, 2020 05:43 AM
> *To: * "trademarks"<trademarks@apache.org>;
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> *jianjun.zhou(Websoft"<jianjun.zhou@websoft9.com>;
> *Subject: * Re: Licensing and Trademark Use Consultation
>
> Hi,
>
> Apologies for the delayed reply. As an organisation of volunteers we
> can't always respond as quickly as we would like.
>
> Apache Kafka is provided under the terms of the Apache License, version
> 2. Providing that your use is consistent with those terms, the Apache
> Software Foundation will not object.
>
> Providing you use Apache Kafka as provided by the Apache Software
> Foundation and do not make any modifications, then referring to that
> software as "Apache Kafka" would fall under nominative use and there
> would be no objections to such use.
>
> Kind regards,
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> Mark
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> Mark Thomas
> VP, Brand Management
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> On 06/08/2020 08:26, Websoft9 wrote:
>> Dear Sir or Madam,
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>> I am a business assistant from Websoft9. I am very glad to contact you
>> on behalf of our company. We are writing to consult you on questions
>> regarding licensing and Apache Kafka trademark use.
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>> Websoft9 is an open source software company that focuses on automatic
>> installation and deployment of cloud application software. We sort out
>> high-quality open source software, package it with runtime into image
>> without any change to source code, release source code for image on
>> Github <https://github.com/Websoft9/ansible-kafka>, and then distribute
>> the image on Major Cloud, so as to provide one-click use for global
>> users. So far, our image on Major Cloud have accounted for as much as
>> 1,000 installed capacity per day and our products have received more
>> than 20,000 daily views.Here is the link
>>
> <https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B083NWBQZW?ref_=sch_res_product_title>
>> to the image of Apache Kafka on AWS marketplace for you to get
>> information clearly.
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>>
>> Apache Kafka is a great and popular open-source distributed event
>> streaming platform. It is licensed under the Apache License, version
>> 2.0. Referring to the license, it grants the rights to reproduce,
>> distribute, and sell the work. Our product contains Apache Kafka
>> software. Hence, we are writing to confirm that under the Apache
>> license, it is permissible for us to do the following:
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>> 1. To package Apache Kafka with runtime into image and distribute the
>> image on Major Cloud.
>> 2. When we distribute it, we may use your word mark to describe the
>> work in the following way for that we should indicate that we make
>> use of your software and the product contains your software.
>> Meanwhile, we make intellectual property statement about the product
>> in order not to make users confused, as shown below.
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>> 3. To charge certain fees for developing image and providing users with
>> professional service and support.

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- The Apache Kafka software is developed in an open and participatory environment and released under the Apache License version 2.

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