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A third difference is that the GPL is a single, copyrighted (by the Free Software Foundation, Inc.) license with no variants. BSD-style licenses, in contrast, are commonly modified for the specific situation.

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The issue of which license provides greater freedom and does the most to promote the development of improved software is highly controversial. In spite of the seeming simplicity of the licenses, there are no simple answers.

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The Common Development and Distribution License (CDDL) is a free and open-source <> software license <>,[3] <> produced by Sun Microsystems <>, based on theMozilla Public License <> (MPL). Files licensed under the CDDL can be combined with files licensed under other licenses, whether open source or proprietary.[2] <> In 2005 the Open Source Initiative <> approved the license. TheFree Software Foundation <> (FSF) considers it a free software license <>, but one which isincompatible <> with the GNU General Public License <> (GPL).[1] <>

Terms

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Derived from the Mozilla Public License <> 1.1,[4] <> the CDDL tries to address some of the problems of the MPL.[5] <> Like the MPL, the CDDL is a weak copyleft <> license in-between GPL <> license and BSD <>/MIT <> permissive licenses <>, requiring only source code files under CDDL to remain under CDDL.

Unlike strong copyleft <> licenses like the GPL, mixing of CDDL licensed source code files with source code files under other licenses is permitted without relicensing. The resulting compiled software product ("binary") can be licensed and sold under a different license, as long as the source code is still available under CDDL, which should enable more commercial business cases, according to Sun.[5] <>[6] <>[7] <>

Like the MPL the CDDL includes a patent grant to the licensee from all contributors ("patent peace"). However, in section 2.1(d), the patent grant is lost if the code implementing a patented feature is modified.[8] <>

History

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The previous software license <> used by Sun <> for its open source <> projects was theSun Public License <> (SPL), also derived from the Mozilla Public License <>. The CDDL license is considered by Sun <> (now Oracle <>) to beSPL <> version 2.[9] <>

The CDDL was developed by a Sun Microsystems <> team (among them Solaris <> kernel engineer Andrew Tucker[10] <>[11] <> and Claire Giordano[12] <>), based on theMPL <> version 1.1. On December 1, 2004 the CDDL was submitted for approval to theOpen Source Initiative <>[12] <> and was approved as an open source license <> in mid January 2005. The second CDDL proposal, submitted in early January 2005, includes some corrections that prevent the CDDL from being

in conflict with European Copyright law and to allow single developers to use the CDDL for their work.

In 2006, in the first draft of the OSI's license proliferation <> committee report, the CDDL is one of nine preferred licenses listed as popular, widely used, or with strong communities.[13] <>

While the Free Software Foundation <> (FSF) also considered the CDDL a free software <> license, they saw some incompatibilities <> with their GNU General Public License <> (GPL).[1] <>

GPL compatibility

[edit <>]

The question of whether and when both licenses are incompatible <> sparked debates in the free software domain in 2004 to 2006.[14] <>[15] <> For instance, the FSF considered the CDDL incompatible to their GPL license, without going into detail until 2016.[16] <>

CDDL is one of several Open Source Licenses <> which are incompatible with GPL <>. This characteristic was inherited from the MPL 1.1 (fixed with the MPL 2.0 according to the FSF[1] <>) and results from a complex interaction of several clauses:[14] <>[17] <> the root of the problem being GPL virality <>, similar to other cases of GPL incompatibility.[18] <> Some people argue that Sun (or the Sun engineer) as creator of the license made the CDDL intentionally GPL incompatible.[14] <> According to Danese Cooper <> one of the reasons for basing the CDDL on the Mozilla license was that the Mozilla license is GPL-incompatible <>. Cooper stated, at the 6th annual Debian conference <>, that the engineers who had written the Solaris kernel requested that the license of OpenSolaris be GPL-incompatible.[19] <>

Mozilla was selected partially because it is GPL incompatible. That was part of the design when they released OpenSolaris. ... the engineers who wrote Solaris ... had some biases about how it should be released, and you have to respect that.

Simon Phipps <> (Sun's Chief Open Source Officer at the time), who had introduced Cooper as "the one who actually wrote the CDDL", [20] <> did not immediately comment, but later in the same video, he says, referring back to the license issue, "I actually disagree with Danese to some degree", [21] <> while describing the strong preference among the engineers who wrote the code for a BSD-like license, which was in conflict with Sun's preference for somethingcopyleft <>, and that waiting for legal clearance to release some parts of the code under the then unreleased GNU GPL v3 would have taken several years, and would probably also have involved mass resignations from engineers (unhappy with either the delay, the GPL, or boththis is not clear from the video).

Later, in September 2006, Phipps rejected Cooper's assertion in even stronger terms.[22] <> Similarly, Bryan Cantrill <>, who was at Sun at that time and involved in the release of CDDL licensed software stated in 2015 that he and his colleagues expected in 2006 the fast emergence of CDDL licensed software into the Linux ecosystem and the CDDL being not an obstacle.[23] <>

cdrttools controversy

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The GPL compatibility question was also the source of a controversy behind a partial relicensing ofcdrttools <> to the CDDL which had been previously all GPL. In 2006, theDebian <> project declared the cdrttools legally undistributable because thebuild system <> was licensed under the CDDL.[24] <>

The author, Jrg Schilling, claimed that smake <> is an independent project and does not violate theGPLv3 <>.[25] <> Schilling also argued that even though the GPL requires all scripts required to build the work to be licensed freely, they do not necessarily have to be under the GPL.[26] <>[27] <>[page needed <>] Thus not causing an incompatibility thatviolates the license <>.

He also argued that in "combined works" (in contrast to "derived works <>") GPL and CDDL licensed code is compatible.[28] <>[29] <>

Red Hat <>'s attorneys have prevented cdrttools from being in Fedora <> or Red Hat Enterprise Linux <>, arguing that Schilling has an "unorthodox" view of copyright law that isn't shared by their legal counsel or the Free Software Foundation.[30] <>

ZFS in the Linux kernel

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In 2015, the CDDL to GPL compatibility question reemerged when Ubuntu <>

announced inclusion of OpenZFS <> by default.[31] <>

In 2016 Ubuntu announced that a legal review resulted in the conclusion that it is legally acceptable to use ZFS as binary kernel module <> in Linux. (As opposed to building it into the kernel image itself.)[32] <>

Others followed Ubuntu's conclusion, for instance James E. J. Bottomley argued there cannot be "a convincing theory of harm" developed, making it impossible to bring the case to court.[33] <>

Eben Moglen <>, co-author of the GPLv3 <> and founder of the SFLC <>, argued that while the letter of the GPL might be violated, the spirit of both licenses is unharmed, which would be the relevant aspect in court.[34] <>

The SFLC mentioned also that a precedent exists with the Andrew File System <>'s kernel module, which is not considered a derivative work of the kernel by the kernel developers.[35] <>[36] <>

On the other hand, Bradley M. Kuhn <> and attorney Karen M. Sandler <> from the Software Freedom Conservancy <>[37] <> argued that Ubuntu would violate both licenses, as a binary ZFS module would be a derivative work of the kernel.[38] <> In April 2016, the Ubuntu <> 16.04 LTS <> release included the CDDL-licensed ZFS on Linux <>.[citation needed <>]

Adoption

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Example projects released under CDDL:

- * OpenSolaris <> (including DTrace <>, initially released alone, and ZFS <>)
- * illumos <> (as OpenSolaris OS/Net, continuation project) and illumos distributions <>[39] <>
- * OpenZFS <> multi platform open source volume manager and file system
- * NetBeans <> IDE and RCP
- * GlassFish <>
- * JWSDP <>
- * Project DReaM <>
- * cdrtools <>
- * OpenDJ <>

See also

[edit <>]

- * Free and open-source software portal <>
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Multi-licensing

[edit <>] Main article: Multi-licensing <>

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[edit <>] Further information: Software law <>, Software copyright <>, Software patent <>, and End-user license agreement <>

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- * Windows XP <> can be installed on one computer, and limits the number of network file sharing connections to 10.[40] <> The Home Edition <> disables features present in Windows XP Professional.

- * Traditionally, Adobe <> licenses are limited to one user, but allow the user to install a second copy on a home computer or laptop.[41] <> This is no longer true with the switching to Creative Cloud.

- * iWork '09 <>, Apple's productivity suite, is available in a five-user family pack, for use on up to five computers in a household.[42] <>

Inspection and modification of source code

[edit <>] See also: Open-source software <> and Crippleware <>

Vendors typically distribute proprietary software in compiled <> form, usually the machine language <> understood by the computer's central processing unit <>. They typically retain the source code <>, or human-readable version of the software, often written in a higher level programming language <>.[43] <> This scheme is often referred to as closed source.[44] <>

While most proprietary software is distributed without the source code, some vendors distribute the source code or otherwise make it available to customers. For example, users who have purchased a license for the Internet forum software vBulletin <> can modify the source for their own site but cannot redistribute it. This is true for many web applications, which must be in source code form when being run by a web server. The source code is covered by an non-disclosure agreement <> or a license that allows, for example, study and modification, but not redistribution.[45] <> The text-based email client Pine <> and certain implementations of Secure Shell <> are distributed with proprietary licenses that make the source code available.[citation needed <>] Some licenses for proprietary software allow distributing changes to the source code, but only to others licensed for the product, and some[46] <> of those modifications are eventually picked up by the vendor.

Some governments fear that proprietary software may include defects <> or malicious features <> which would compromise sensitive information. In 2003 Microsoft established a Government Security Program (GSP) to allow governments to view source code and Microsoft security documentation, of which the Chinese government <> was an early participant.[47] <>[48] <> The program is part of Microsoft's broader Shared Source Initiative <> which provides source code access for some products. The Reference Source License (Ms-RSL) and Limited Public License (Ms-LPL) are proprietary software licenses where the source code is made available <>.

Governments have also been accused of adding such malware to software themselves. According to documents released by Edward Snowden <>, the NSA <> has used covert partnerships with software companies to make commercial encryption software exploitable to eavesdropping, or to insert backdoors <>.[49] <>[50] <>

Software vendors sometimes use obfuscated code <> to impede users who would reverse engineer <> the software.[51] <> This is particularly common with certain programming languages <>.[citation needed <>] For example, the bytecode <> for programs written in Java <> can be easily decompiled <> to somewhat usable code,[citation needed <>] and the source code for programs written in scripting languages <> such as PHP <> or JavaScript <> is available at run time <>.[52] <>

Redistribution

[edit <>] Further information: Shareware <> See also: Freely redistributable software <>

Proprietary software vendors can prohibit the users from sharing the software with others. Another unique license is required for another party to use the software.

In the case of proprietary software with source code available, the vendor may also prohibit customers from distributing their modifications to the source code.

Shareware <> is closed-source software whose owner encourages redistribution at no cost, but which the user sometimes must pay to use after a trial period. The fee usually allows use by a single user or computer. In some cases, software features are restricted during or after the trial period, a practice sometimes called *crippleware* <>.

Interoperability with software and hardware

[edit <>] Further information: Interoperability Software <>

Proprietary file formats and protocols

[edit <>] Further information: Proprietary format <> and Proprietary protocol <>

Proprietary software often[citation needed <>] stores some of its data in file formats that are incompatible <> with other software, and may also communicate using protocols <> which are incompatible. Such formats and protocols may be restricted as trade secrets <> or subject to patents <>.[citation needed <>]

Proprietary APIs

[edit <>]

A proprietary application programming interface <> (API) is a software library <> interface "specific to one device or, more likely to a number of devices within a particular manufacturer's product range." [53] <> The motivation for using a proprietary API can be vendor lock-in <> or because standard APIs do not support the device's functionality. [53] <>

The European Commission <>, in its March 24, 2004, decision on Microsoft's business practices, [54] <> quotes, in paragraph 463, Microsoft general manager for C++ <> development Aaron Contorer as stating in a February 21, 1997, internal Microsoft memo drafted for Bill Gates <>:

The Windows API <> is so broad, so deep, and so functional that most ISVs would be crazy not to use it. And it is so deeply embedded in the source code of many Windows apps that there is a huge switching cost to using a different operating system instead.

Early versions of the iPhone SDK <> were covered by a non-disclosure agreement <>. The agreement forbade independent developers from discussing the content of the interfaces. Apple discontinued the NDA in October 2008. [55] <>

Vendor lock-in

[edit <>] Further information: Vendor lock-in <>

Any dependency on the future versions and upgrades for a proprietary software package can create vendor lock-in, entrenching a monopoly position. [56] <>

Software limited to certain hardware configurations

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Proprietary software may also have licensing terms that limit the usage of that software to a specific set of hardware. Apple <> has such a licensing model for macOS <>, an operating system which is limited to Apple hardware, both by licensing and various design decisions. This licensing model has been affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit <>. [57] <>

Abandonment by proprietors

[edit <>] Main article: Abandonware <>

Proprietary software which is no longer marketed, supported or sold by its owner is called *abandonware* <>, the digital form of orphaned works <>. If the proprietor of a software package should cease to exist, or decide to cease or limit production or support for a proprietary software package, recipients and users of the package may have no recourse if problems are found with the software. Proprietors can fail to improve and support software because of business problems. [58] <> Support for older or existing versions of a software package may be ended to force users to upgrade and pay for newer versions [59] <> (planned obsolescence <>). Sometimes another vendor or a software's community themselves can provide support <> for the software, or the users can migrate to either competing systems with longer support life cycles or to FOSS <>-based systems. [60] <>

Some proprietary software is released by their owner at end-of-life <> as open-source or source available <> software, often to prevent the software from

becoming unsupported and unavailableabandonware <>.[61] <>[62] <>[63] <> 3D Realms <> and id Software <> are famous for the practice of releasing closed source software into theopen source <>.[further explanation needed <>] Some of those kinds are free-of-charge downloads (freeware <>), some are still commercially sold (e.g.Arx Fatalis <>).[further explanation needed <>] More examples of formerly closed-source software in theList of commercial software with available source code <> and List of commercial video games with available source code <>.

Pricing and economics

[edit <>] See also: Commercial software <>

Proprietary software is not synonymous with commercial software <>,[64] <>[65] <> although the two terms are sometimes used synonymously in articles about free software.[66] <>[67] <> Proprietary software can be distributed at no cost or for a fee, andfree software <> can be distributed at no cost or for a fee.[68]] <> The difference is that whether proprietary software can be distributed, and what the fee would be, is at the proprietor's discretion. With free software, anyone who has a copy can decide whether, and how much, to charge for a copy or related services.[69] <>

Proprietary software that comes for no cost is called freeware <>.

Proponents of commercial proprietary software argue that requiring users to pay for software as a product increases funding or time available for the research and development <> of software. For example, Microsoft <> says that per-copy fees maximize the profitability of software development.[70] <>

Proprietary software generally creates greater commercial activity over free software, especially in regard to market revenues.[71] <> Proprietary software is often sold with a license that gives the end user right to use the software.

Technical support for proprietary software can often be provided only by employees of the company that created the program and such service is included with the software. However, a dedicated technical support system increases the cost of software maintenance, which has an impact on its price.[72] <>

See also

[edit <>]

- * Business software <>
- * Commercial off-the-shelf <>
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