

Soaring Distributions LLC

Markings

Please mark physical copies of Linux.

Do NOT run NVIDIA hardware with Linux and then redistribute that copy.

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https://u298813-sub*.your-storagebox.de

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de>
(hosted by Hetzner)

<https://github.com/soaringDistributions>

https://soaringDistributions.github.io/site_distLLC
(hosted by GitHub)

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Products - End User

Username u298813-sub7
Password wnEtWtT9UDyJiCGw

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/mirage335KernelBuild/linux-lts-amd64-debian.tar.gz>

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/mirage335KernelBuild/linux-mainline-amd64-debian.tar.gz>

https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/ubcp/package_ubiquitous_bash-msw.7z

https://github.com/soaringDistributions/ubDistBuild/raw/main/_lib/custom/package_kde.tar.xz

Installing some of these products correctly may require 'Run as Administrator', 'sudo', or similar.

Products - Developer

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<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/>

<https://github.com/soaringDistributions>

https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/mirage335TechArchive_discImages/

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/mirage335KernelBuild/linux-lts-amd64-debian.tar.gz>

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/mirage335KernelBuild/linux-mainline-amd64-debian.tar.gz>

<https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/ubcp/>

https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/ubcp/package_ubiquitous_bash-msw-rotten.7z

https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/ubcp/package_ubcp-core.7z

https://github.com/soaringDistributions/ubDistBuild/raw/main/_lib/custom/package_kde.tar.xz



Other

Username u298813-sub10
Password 0JgZTe0yNilixhRy

<https://u298813-sub10.your-storagebox.de/>

Public files not officially at a 'release' directory may be automatically generated, mostly for diagnostics. Usually, not expected useful for developer or end user. Completeness and notability may not be expected.

Usage

Files may be downloaded from command-line.

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wget --user u298813-sub7 --password wnEtWtT9UDyJiCGw 'https://u298813-sub7.your-storagebox.de/file'
```

Plain Text

An essentially plain text copy of this document is normally available as 'README.sh.out.txt' , generated by 'scriptedIllustrator'.

Assistive technologies may be able to more usefully parse this.

Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS)

Most if not all software from Soaring Distributions LLC is Free/Libre and Open Source Software.

Please see included software licenses.

Distributing individual files or pieces of files without other relevant information (ie. without corresponding source code) may not be possible.

Some software may be created by Soaring Distributions LLC manager, mirage335, for and on behalf of Soaring Distributions LLC.

Safety

Pre-built disk images are a last resort, mostly for diagnostics with physical access and for embedded. If your cloud provider has 'cloud-init' or similar, prefer that, instead of pre-built desktop/VM disk images.

Passwords, SSH identity, OpenSSL self-signed certificates, etc, may not be different for copies of pre-built images, in spite of some efforts by Soaring Distributions LLC to remove such. Change if this may be an issue (ie. if network login may be possible through SSH, CUPS, SAMBA, etc). Scripts (ie. 'rotten_install.sh' by manager 'mirage335') may be able to set these randomly.

Passwords may be set randomly, to disable login except by autologin or cloud provider. Locking a desktop session (eg. with "Ctrl+Alt+L" may not be easily reversible).

NVIDIA

Users of NVIDIA hardware may require an internet connection or similar convenience to download software, may have to run software themselves, and by running that software, may create resulting software that is not distributable.

A syscall exception may be what allows distribution of NVIDIA proprietary binary Linux modules at all. Or, so long as NVIDIA can dubiously claim their proprietary binary driver for Linux may not be a derived work of a GPLv2 licensed Linux kernel, NVIDIA may argue that an 'attempt otherwise to' 'sublicense' the Linux kernel has not occurred, and thus NVIDIA may claim their rights did not yet 'automatically terminate'. Supplementing that, NVIDIA may claim the structure of their proprietary binary driver for Linux makes only the compiled combination of Linux kernel, 'glue layer', and proprietary binary blob a derived work of Linux and not distributable.

A United States court might usefully settle this continuing derived work GPLv2 copyright issue, which apparently has not been raised as of 2022.

Apparent absence of distribution of LiveCD/LiveUSB images with NVIDIA drivers precompiled is strong evidence of a consensus demonstrating obviousness the compiled combination of Linux kernel, 'glue layer', and proprietary binary blob, is definitely a derived work of Linux and is definitely NOT distributable.

Meanwhile, Soaring Distributions LLC attempts to at least follow best usual (eg. commercial) practices, or better.

Soaring Distributions LLC is at least reluctant if not unwilling to itself distribute software which includes what may be found derived works that create binary Linux kernel modules. Soaring Distributions LLC does NOT expect to ever have itself distributed a compiled combination of Linux kernel, 'glue layer', proprietary binary blob, etc.

COMPLAINTS should NOT be directed to Soaring Distributions LLC. Neither Soaring Distributions LLC nor manager mirage335, caused or intended to cause, any 'attempt otherwise to' 'sublicense' the Linux kernel. Instead, send such complaints to responsible parties who may have made the 'attempt otherwise to' 'sublicense' the Linux kernel in violation of the GPLv2 copyright license, or may have knowingly caused others to do so (eg. at least NVIDIA, complicit distributors including Debian, Ubuntu, OEMs, etc).

To the extent legally possible, Soaring Distributions LLC should be reasonably expected to publish, and specifically make relevant third-parties aware of, any such notices.

Soaring Distributions LLC may not yet on its own have sufficient information, understanding, knowledge of precedent, or representation, to prove, but does not discount, that responsible parties (eg. at least NVIDIA, complicit distributors including Debian, Ubuntu, OEMs, etc) committed or knowingly caused coercive, flagrant, willful, commercially gainful to the extent of many years and multiple billions of dollars, violation of the GPLv2 copyright license of the Linux kernel. Soaring Distributions LLC however, far downstream of those originating distributors, itself benefiting from and using the protections of GPL/AGPL copyright license, having no expected interest in weakening those protections, is at most a victim, not in any way a knowing cause of GPLv2 copyright violation.

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Reference

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Series_of_tubes

http://ipw2100.sourceforge.net/firmware_faq.php

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source_license_litigation

<https://slashdot.org/story/06/05/14/2059242/kororaa-accused-of-violating-gpl>

'When someone takes that same compiled glue plus binary module and distributes them, they're distributing a derived work of Linux, without complying with the terms of the GPL, and therefore without permission to distribute under copyright law. '

<https://www.gnu.org/licenses/old-licenses/gpl-2.0.html>

<https://www.quora.com/Are-lifetime-contracts-legal>

'lifetime contracts' 'unconscionable'

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_and_open-source_graphics_device_driver#ATI_and_AMD

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_General_Public_License#Linking_and_derived_works

<https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Module-HOWTO/copyright.html>

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2006/12/8428/>

<https://gitweb.gentoo.org/repo/gentoo.git/tree/x11-drivers/nvidia-drivers/nvidia-drivers-510.60.02.ebuild>

<http://gpo.zugaina.org/AJAX/Ebuild/53561524/View>

'SRC_URI' '[https://us.download.nvidia.com/XFree86/Linux-x86_64/\\${PV}/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-\\${PV}.run](https://us.download.nvidia.com/XFree86/Linux-x86_64/${PV}/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-${PV}.run)'

ie. https://us.download.nvidia.com/XFree86/Linux-x86_64/510.60.02/NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-510.60.02.run

<https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/NVIDIA/nvidia-drivers>
'wrapper functions that will compile against the Linux kernel'

<https://opensource.stackexchange.com/questions/1477/do-i-have-to-disclose-the-source-code-of-a-linux-driver-i-have-not-developed>
'But, if the driver doesn't directly link to the kernel, that may not apply. I remember in the past some graphics drivers (I think NVidia, but aren't sure) had two parts. One GPL-part included in the kernel and offering an interface for the second part, that was proprietary. I don't know how legally stable this construct is, but it may work.'

<https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/latest/process/license-rules.html>
'GPL-2.0, with an explicit syscall exception'

<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/drivers/geforce-license/>
'Linux/FreeBSD Exception. Notwithstanding the foregoing terms of Section 2.1.1, SOFTWARE designed exclusively for use on the Linux or FreeBSD operating systems, or other operating systems derived from the source code to these operating systems, may be copied and redistributed, provided that the binary files thereof are not modified in any way (except for unzipping of compressed files).'

<https://packages.debian.org/es/bullseye/firmware-ipw2x00>
<https://packages.debian.org/es/bullseye/arm/firmware-ivtv>

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