

Licenses: Words, Words, Words

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Copyright

- Covered actions
 - reproduce
 - publicly display
 - create derivative works
 - publicly perform
 - distribute
- Key requirements
 - original expression with some creativity
 - fixed in a tangible medium



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Derivative Works

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Patents

- Covered actions
 - make
 - use
 - sell
 - offer to sell
 - import
- Key Requirements
 - novel
 - non-obvious
 - has utility
 - described in detail

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GPLv2: “that is to say”

- Section 0:
 - “a “work based on the Program” means either the Program or any derivative work under copyright law: ***that is to say***, a work ***containing*** the Program or a portion of it, either verbatim or with modifications and/or translated into another language.”



GPL v2 Copyleft

- Section 2:

“b) You must cause any work that you distribute or publish, that in whole or in part ***contains or is derived from*** the Program or any part thereof, to be licensed as a whole at no charge to all third parties under the terms of this License.”



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GPL Redistribution Licensing

- Section 6
 - “Each time you redistribute the Program (or any work based on the Program), the recipient automatically receives a license from the original licensor.”
- Section 7
 - “If a patent license would not permit royalty-free redistribution of the Program by all those who receive copies directly or indirectly through you, then the only way you could satisfy both it and this License would be to refrain entirely from distribution” of the Program.”



AfferoGPL and ASPs

“2. d) If the Program as you received it is ***intended to interact with users through a computer network*** and if, in the version you received, any user interacting with the Program was ***given the opportunity to request transmission to that user of the Program's complete source code***, you must not remove that facility... and must offer an equivalent opportunity for all users interacting with your Program through a computer network to ***request immediate transmission by HTTP of the complete source code of your modified version or other derivative work.***”



LGPL v2: Section 5

“linking a ‘work that uses the Library’ with the Library **creates an executable** that is a derivative of the Library (**because it contains portions** of the Library), rather than a ‘work that uses the library’...Section 6 states terms for distribution of such executables.”

LGPL v2: Section 5

“When a ‘work that uses the Library’ ***uses material from a header file*** that is part of the Library, the ***object code for the work may be a derivative work*** of the Library even though the source code is not. Whether this is true is especially significant if the work can be linked without the Library, or if the work is itself a library. The threshold for this to be true is not precisely defined by law.”



LGPL v2: Section 5

“If such an object file uses only numerical parameters, ***data structure layouts*** and accessors, and small macros and small inline functions (ten lines or less in length), then the ***use of the object file is unrestricted***, regardless of whether it is legally a derivative work. (Executables containing this object code plus portions of the Library will still fall under Section 6.)”





LGPL v2: Section 6

“you may...distribute that work under terms of your choice, provided that the terms ***permit modification of the work for the customer's own use and reverse engineering for debugging such modifications.***”

LGPL v2: Section 6

Option #1:

“Accompany the work with the complete corresponding machine-readable source code for the Library...with the complete machine-readable “work that uses the Library”, as object code and/or source code, **so that the user can modify the Library and then relink to produce a modified executable containing the modified Library.**”



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LGPL v2: Section 6

Option #2:

“Use a ***suitable shared library mechanism*** for linking with the Library. A suitable mechanism is one that (1) uses at run time a copy of the library ***already present on the user's computer system***, rather than copying library functions into the executable, and (2) will operate properly with a modified version of the library, if the user installs one, as long as the modified version is interface-compatible with the version that the work was made with.”



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Questions

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