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# Introduction

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# Our Theme

The implication of Free Software licenses for the future of IPTV



# Establishing Context

What is Free Software anyway?

# Today's Market

Rise of Free Software-based solutions

Up to 32% of EU ICT industry by 2010

Contribute up to 4% of EU GDP by 2010

# User Rights

What can a user do with their software?

# Proprietary Software

Restricts rights for the end user

# Free Software

'Free' does not refer to price

It refers to freedom



# Freedom To Innovate

Use

Study

Share

Improve

# What This Means

Free Software gives you access to  
technology and opportunity



# The Result

Flexibility

Interoperability

Sustainability

# What This Requires

If you want to receive the benefits  
you need to embrace the paradigm

# In A Nutshell

You need to give as well as take

# Powered By Licences

In practical terms, you need  
to understand the licences

# Licence Terms

Attribution

Usage rights

Subsequent user rights

# Examples Of Licences

Modified BSD

GNU LGPL

GNU GPL

Apache

MPL

Affero GPL

# GPL = Most Popular Licence

Freedom maintained in modified or improved versions of the software

About 60% of Free Software uses GPL

# Basic Terms Of The GNU GPL

You can use, study, share and improve this code as long as others now and in the future also have these freedoms

(the legal text is longer)

# Challenges

Increasingly international market

New technologies

New laws

Software patents

Licence proliferation

# GPLv3 (2007)

Internationalisation

Tivoisation

European Copyright Directive

Patents

Licence compatibility

# Internationalisation

Replace the word "distribute"

Use terms like "propagate" and "convey"

International language - no USA focus

Legally solid language from experience

# Tivoisation

Need to remove spyware

Non-programmable computers means less  
programmers

Controversial new type of requirement

A compromise for "user devices"

# European Copyright Directive

Illegal to use non-authorized software to access copyrighted material

What if someone only "authorized" their version of some free software?

# Patents

Explicit patent grant

Engaging with developments like the  
Microsoft/Novell deal

# Licence Compatibility

Tried to be as compatible as possible

Compatible with Apache

Achieving compatibility is difficult

# What GPLv3 Means

Increased future-proofing

Increased internationalisation

Increased security for the Four Freedoms

# What GPLv3 Does Not Mean

Old licences are not important

Free Software has changed

Free Software legal stuff is too complex

# Summery For The Real World

People can choose to use  
(or not to use) GPLv3 code

Wide-spread GPLv3 adoption  
gives lasting freedom to everyone

# The Conclusion

Free Software offers a lot of benefits

To get the benefits, embrace the paradigm



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