Software User Rights

Identificiation & Loss Comparison

"Free Software" vs "Open Source Software" vs "Proprietary Software" Movements

Yes = "Yes" 100% of the time not included in the core software "no" in some situations (i.e. 1-100% of the time) "i.e. as opposed to "program services"

n.a. = not applicable "** e.g. Micrososft, Red Hat, IBM

= lost user rights (i.e. to non-free software "open source" or "proprietary")

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	RUN	Is the user able to run the program?				
			Can any kind of person or organization use it?			Yes No
			Can it be run on any kind	of computer system?		Yes No
		User Purpose	Can it be used for any kind of overall job and purpose?			
			Is the user required to communicate about their	re the core software?	No Yes	
			use of the software with the developer or any	re program services	that are free software (FS-PS)*?	No
			other specific entity		that are non-free software (NFS-PS)*?	Yes No
			the user releases the soft	ware, must it be available	Yes No	
	STUDY & ADAPT	Can the user	study how the	core software works?	Yes No	
				program service	that are Free Software work?	Yes
					that are Non-Free Software work?	No Yes
				core software to meet the		No Yes
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			adapt the	program services	needs?that are Non-Free Software to meet their	No Yes
					individual needs?	No Yes
		If the user releases the software, must it be available to be commerically developed?				
			Can the user redistribute copies of the core	without modifications?		Yes No
		Core Software	software	with modifications?	Yes No	
			Can the user charge for o	copies of the core software	that they distribute?	Yes No
				Can FS-PS be included in	nto the core software?	Yes No
					without modifications?	Yes
USER RIGHTS	REDISTRIBUTE	Program Services (i.e. PS's)	Free Software program- services (i.e.FS-PS)	Must the user get permission to redistribute the core software when FS-PS are included		No
					with modifications?	Yes
				Can the user charge for copies that include Free Software program		No Yes
				services?	No	
			Non-Free Software program services (i.e. NFS-PS)	Can NFS-PS be included into the core software?		Yes No
				Must the user get permission to redistribute the core software when NFS-PS are included	without modifications?	Yes
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					with modifications?	No
				Can the user charge for c	Yes	
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		Must the software be available to be commerically destributed?				
	IMPROVE	Software Improvements	Can the user improve or engage someone else to improve the	program services	that are integrated into the core but are Free	Yes No Yes
					Software?	No Yes
					that are integrated into the core but are Non- Free Software?	No
		Software Releases	Must the author release their	core software improvem	ients?	Yes No
				program service improvements	that are Free Software ?	Yes No
					that are Non-Free Software?	Yes No
			If the user releases their software, must the author release both the source & the binary code versions?			Yes No
	SERVICE	Can users charge for human services associated with the software that they deliver to other users without permission from anyone **	re the core software ?			
						No Yes
			re the program services	that are Free Software?		No
				that are Non-Free Softw	Yes	
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		Are these rights irrevocable	for core software?		No	
			for the program	that are Free Software?	Yes No	
			services	that are Non-Free Softw	Yes No	
		Can the terms of those rights be retroactively changed	for core software?			Yes No
			for the program services	that are Free Software?	Yes No	
				that are Non-Free Softw	Yes No	
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Defends	the rights		Defends the rights of		
Users	Developers		Investors		
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