Subject: Re: Openvirtuozzo kernel patch license questions
Posted by Christian Aichinger on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 09:42:10 GMT
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On Wed, Sep 07, 2005 at 11:48:01AM +0400, Dmitry Mishin wrote:
> Hi,
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> GPL doesn't require to post 'free software' statement in each file, but
> require to provide it with each Program copy. So, I think we'll fix this
> issue by means of SWSOFT_COPYING file in our SRPM and tarballs.
> Anyway, we'll fix this issue somehow. Thanks for your point.

Just shipping a COPYING file is not enough. You need a definitive
statement somewhere that the patches (and RPMs, ..) can be used under
the terms of the GPL.

It's probably not strictly necessary to include the GPL header in
every file, but stating "All rights reserved" in every file seems a
bit contradictory to me.

In this case I think the file-specific license (all rights reserved)
overrides the global "use this under the GPL" statement on your
homepage (unless you make it clear there that these file-specific
restrictions don't apply).

Just removing the "All rights reserved" statements from the file
(or replacing them with a "This is part of GPL'ed software") would
be the easiest way IMHO.

Cheers,
Christian Aichinger

PS: Please keep me CC'ed in this thread.