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Subject: Re: License breakdown

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scythe was mostly correct.

- I'm allowed to modify it?

Yes.

- I'm allowed to distribute it WITH modifications applied?

Yes.

- I'm allowed to distribute it with modifications applied, and NOT supply the original source? (still keeping that 'OpenVZ' label on it, though)

Yes. By "original source" you don't have to supply OpenVZ's original source, but you must supply the source you used to build those binaries. If you don't distribute binaries, you don't have to distribute the source.

- I'm allowed to distribute it with modifications applied, not supply the original source AND charge for it?

Yes, as long as you provide the source along with the binary.

See the "Sveasoft" case. What they're doing is taking GPL code, modifying it, and distributing both binary and source only to people that have paid for it. The main controversy around them is that they're banning people who in turn redistribute their source (which is explicitly permitted by the GPL).

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