Open Source Licenses - The Latest Issues

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Review of Differences between Significant Current Licenses

- GPL
- BSD
- Mozilla

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Significant New Licenses or License Terms

- GNU GPL 3.0 Update
  - Potential Terms of GNU GPL 3.0
    - Consequences for current users of GNU GPL software, especially in the web services area
- Apache 2.0
  - Update of license to version 2.0
- CDDL
- Expansion of licenses beyond software
  - Creative Commons
  - Protocol and standards licenses

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Changes at OSI

- Concern over proliferation of license
- Significance of OSI's list of license
  - Tie in to IBM patent grant
  - Tie in to push for open standards, etc.

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"Progress" on Indemnification

- Review of significance
  - Copyright/trade secret
  - Patent
- Microsoft's indemnification of all users
- Red Hat's and other vendors approach

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Licenses and Patents Generally

- CDDL/Sun
  - Tying patent grant to license itself
- IBM
  - Tying patent grant to type of license
- Patentability of software in Europe
  - Influence on open source software

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Dual-License Schemes

- **Is it consistent with the spirit of the open source movement?**
- **Example: MySQL and "commercial license"**
- **Example: "Non-commmercial use open source"**

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Public Repositories for Open Source

- Contrast to individual authors releasing materials under option source license
- Examples:
  - Sourceforge
  - Government Open Source Collaborative

    Usage by governmental agencies
    - Is their concern open source or open standards?
    - Do they care what license is used?

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