Subject: Re: What license Ultimate++ should use? Tell us!!! Posted by gprentice on Fri, 22 Aug 2008 11:11:40 GMT

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Quote:IMO much more important is how BSD is commonly interpreted

ok, well it's universally accepted that "new BSD" license is permissive and "ok" for proprietary software.

Since you will be the owner of any such "new U++" license, can you answer these questions?

If I sell an executable (but no source code) built partly from U++ source, I have to include the "new U++" license somewhere in the documentation. Can I also include an EULA that says whatever I like (e.g. this software can be used on one computer only), and if it can't say anything I like, what restrictions are there on what the EULA can say?

If I develop some source code that is NOT derived from U++ source (but might include U++ headers), can I distribute/sell this source (along with U++ source), but prevent anyone else from selling/distributing my source?

Can you explain what the BSD-related re-licensing issue on this page is (approx the 7th question) and whether it's relevant to U++? https://osi.osuosl.org/wiki/help/license

Can you explain why the OSI link is https and not http?

Graeme

<here's a copy of the faq question from the OSI page>

Q: Can I always "relicense" BSD licensed-software under a new license?

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