

The GPL Fights Back

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This talk will question the widely held belief that non-GPL loadable kernel modules do not violate the Linux kernel's GPL license. Legal experts seem to be of the opinion that binary-only modules do not violate the Linux copyright. The precise status of binary-only modules remains unclear. Recent technical developments of the Linux kernel will make these legal arguments moot. Linux kernel developers have developed new techniques that will in the future exclude binary-only modules. This talk will analyze what alternatives are available to companies that would like to add non-GPL functionality to the Linux kernel.

Biography

Joel Isaacson has worked as a independent consultant at the cutting edge of high technology for over 30 years. He concentrates his efforts on consulting and actively developing software. He has been promoting open software solutions for over 15 years. For the last 20 years, he has taught various advanced computer science courses at Bar-Ilan University and has advised tens of students in their advance degree theses. He has a Ph.D. degree in theoretical Physics from the University of Pennsylvania.