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Problems being derivative

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Posted: Sun Jun 03, 2007 5:04 am Post subject: Problems being derivative

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All,

i-Doser is derived from Sbagen. This is easily proven and has been proven by running 'strings' against i-Doser.

As a result, i-Doser is violating the GPL license which Sbagen was released under. Please follow the community software process, and contact the author of Sbagen.

If not, you can easily find yourself in legal trouble, as the Free Software Foundation and its lawyers can and probably would take this up if asked. But I don't think anyone wants that.

Do the right thing.

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Would you please provide more information? Such as:

What were the strings you ran, and what did they prove?

This was taken from SBaGen's "COPYING.txt" file, in which includes their GNU General Public License:

"Our General Public Licenses are designed to make sure that you have the freedom to distribute copies of free software (and charge for this service if you wish), that you receive source code or can get it if you want it, that you can change the software or use pieces of it in new free programs; and that you know you can do these things.

To protect your rights, we need to make restrictions that forbid anyone to deny you these rights or to ask you to surrender the rights.

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For example, if you distribute copies of such a program, whether gratis or for a fee, you must give the recipients all the rights that you have. You must make sure that they, too, receive or can get the source code. And you must show them these terms so they know their rights."

I-Doser may have been "derived" from SBaGen, but what about other programs? And what about programs that SBaGen is derived from?

And if it was based of SBaGen, it basically says that credit must be given.

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I'm not here to speak on Jim's behalf. I don't know Jim personally, but he is aware of I-Doser.

I can speak on the issue of open source, and what that means in a legal sense. The GPL license is more than an attribution clause. It is enforced under copyright law, and is compliant with it, which is the point of this thread. You can go to wikipedia or any number of sources which explain this in detail.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_General_Public_License

Now...

Sbagen is not derived from anything to my knowledge. As far as I understand, this is the story of the application: Jim wrote all of it from line 1, because there was no other code.

Now years later, that is part of I-Doser as a derivative work, but that is not acknowledged either in attribution or license. Therefore it is a problem.

What ultimately happens is up to Jim, if I-Doser chooses not to comply with the terms of the license. He definitely has legal options, he is the copyright holder and the author.

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