

EUPL Becomes GPLv3-compatible, GPL Defended by Courts

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The European Commission has updated the European Union Public Licence (EUPL). Version 1.2 has a wider coverage, making it easier to use the licence to publish data, documents, technical specifications and standards, as well as software source code. In addition, the new licence is compatible with a wider range of other free and open source software licences, including the GNU Public Licence v3.

- [100 Million Reasons For Open Source Compliance](#) [4]

CoKinetic Systems Corporation filed suit against Panasonic Avionics Corporation, seeking damages in excess of \$100 million, in part, for violation of the GPL v2 open source license. CoKinetic alleged that Panasonic blocked competitors from having the ability to develop software for Panasonic's In-flight Entertainment (IFE) hardware by refusing to distribute the source code for its open-source Linux based operating system. CoKinetic alleged that this software controls the basic functions of Panasonic IFE hardware systems. According to CoKinetic, this is a willful violation of the GPL License, exposing Panasonic as a willful infringer of the copyrights of thousands of software developers that have contributed to Linux. The suit includes other very interesting legal claims, detailed below.

- [Artifex v. Hancom: Open Source is Now an Enforceable Contract](#) [5]

Today, as much as 50 percent of the code used in all software (including Internet of Things devices) is comprised of open source software. While open source provides a convenient short cut for software developers to be more agile and efficient ? there?s also a hidden risk: The law. While open source components are by definition free and available for anyone to use ? there are limitations and most open source components have licensing obligations that developers must comply with.

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