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101 a computer network, with no transfer of a copy, is not conveying.

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109 the interface presents a list of user commands or options, such as a
110 menu, a prominent item in the list meets this criterion.

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114 The "source code" for a work means the preferred form of the work
115 for making modifications to it. "Object code" means any non-source
116 form of a work.

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119 standard defined by a recognized standards body, or, in the case of
120 interfaces specified for a particular programming language, one that
121 is widely used among developers working in that language.

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130 (kernel, window system, and so on) of the specific operating system
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132 produce the work, or an object code interpreter used to run it.

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136 work) run the object code and to modify the work, including scripts to
137 control those activities. However, it does not include the work's
138 System Libraries, or general-purpose tools or generally available free
139 programs which are used unmodified in performing those activities but
140 which are not part of the work. For example, Corresponding Source

141 includes interface definition files associated with source files for
142 the work, and the source code for shared libraries and dynamically
143 linked subprograms that the work is specifically designed to require,
144 such as by intimate data communication or control flow between those
145 subprograms and other parts of the work.

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148 can regenerate automatically from other parts of the Corresponding
149 Source.

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249 machine-readable Corresponding Source under the terms of this License,
250 in one of these ways:

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252 a) Convey the object code in, or embodied in, a physical product
253 (including a physical distribution medium), accompanied by the
254 Corresponding Source fixed on a durable physical medium
255 customarily used for software interchange.

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257 b) Convey the object code in, or embodied in, a physical product
258 (including a physical distribution medium), accompanied by a
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261 model, to give anyone who possesses the object code either (1) a
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265 more than your reasonable cost of physically performing this
266 conveying of source, or (2) access to copy the
267 Corresponding Source from a network server at no charge.

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269 c) Convey individual copies of the object code with a copy of the
270 written offer to provide the Corresponding Source. This
271 alternative is allowed only occasionally and noncommercially, and
272 only if you received the object code with such an offer, in accord
273 with subsection 6b.

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275 d) Convey the object code by offering access from a designated
276 place (gratis or for a charge), and offer equivalent access to the
277 Corresponding Source in the same way through the same place at no
278 further charge. You need not require recipients to copy the
279 Corresponding Source along with the object code. If the place to
280 copy the object code is a network server, the Corresponding Source
281 may be on a different server (operated by you or a third party)
282 that supports equivalent copying facilities, provided you maintain
283 clear directions next to the object code saying where to find the
284 Corresponding Source. Regardless of what server hosts the
285 Corresponding Source, you remain obligated to ensure that it is
286 available for as long as needed to satisfy these requirements.

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288 e) Convey the object code using peer-to-peer transmission, provided
289 you inform other peers where the object code and Corresponding
290 Source of the work are being offered to the general public at no
291 charge under subsection 6d.

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293 A separable portion of the object code, whose source code is excluded
294 from the Corresponding Source as a System Library, need not be
295 included in conveying the object code work.

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314 code is in no case prevented or interfered with solely because
315 modification has been made.
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318 If you convey an object code work under this section in, or with, or
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320 part of a transaction in which the right of possession and use of the
321 User Product is transferred to the recipient in perpetuity or for a
322 fixed term (regardless of how the transaction is characterized), the
323 Corresponding Source conveyed under this section must be accompanied
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325 if neither you nor any third party retains the ability to install
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623 How to Apply These Terms to Your New Programs

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625 If you develop a new program, and you want it to be of the greatest
626 possible use to the public, the best way to achieve this is to make it
627 free software which everyone can redistribute and change under these terms.

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629 To do so, attach the following notices to the program. It is safest
630 to attach them to the start of each source file to most effectively
631 state the exclusion of warranty; and each file should have at least
632 the "copyright" line and a pointer to where the full notice is found.

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634 <one line to give the program's name and a brief idea of what it does.>
635 Copyright (C) <year> <name of author>

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637 This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify
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639 the Free Software Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or
640 (at your option) any later version.

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642 This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
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645 GNU General Public License for more details.

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648 along with this program. If not, see <<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>>.

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650 Also add information on how to contact you by electronic and paper mail.

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652 If the program does terminal interaction, make it output a short
653 notice like this when it starts in an interactive mode:

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655 <program> Copyright (C) <year> <name of author>
656 This program comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY; for details type `show w'.
657 This is free software, and you are welcome to redistribute it
658 under certain conditions; type `show c' for details.

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660 The hypothetical commands `show w' and `show c' should show the appropriate
661 parts of the General Public License. Of course, your program's commands
662 might be different; for a GUI interface, you would use an "about box".

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664 You should also get your employer (if you work as a programmer) or school,
665 if any, to sign a "copyright disclaimer" for the program, if necessary.
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