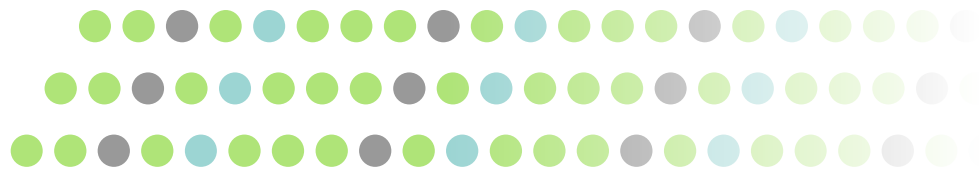


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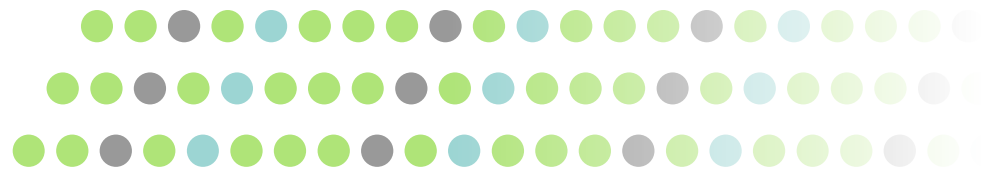
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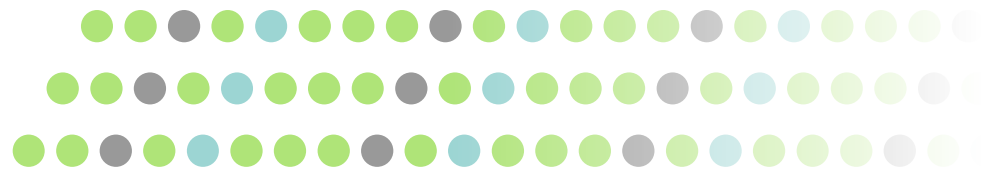
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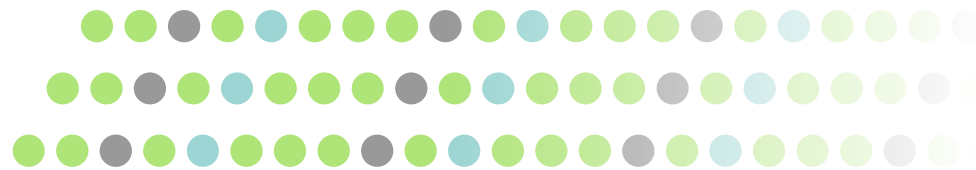
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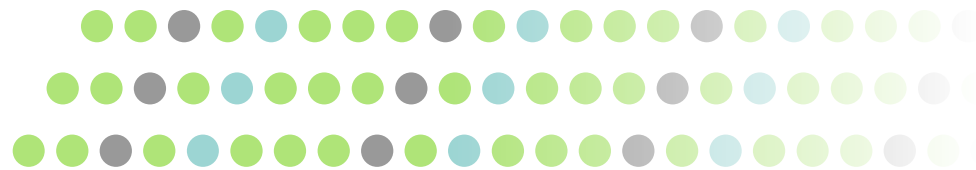
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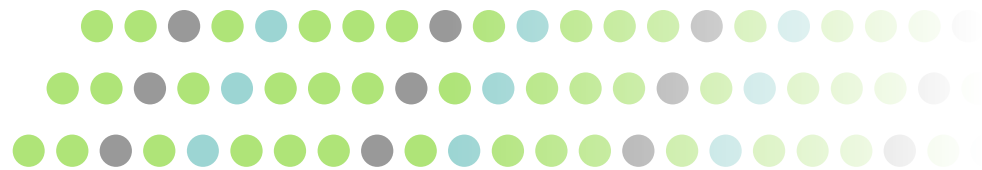


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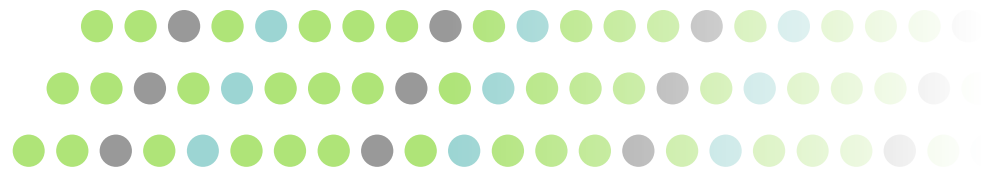


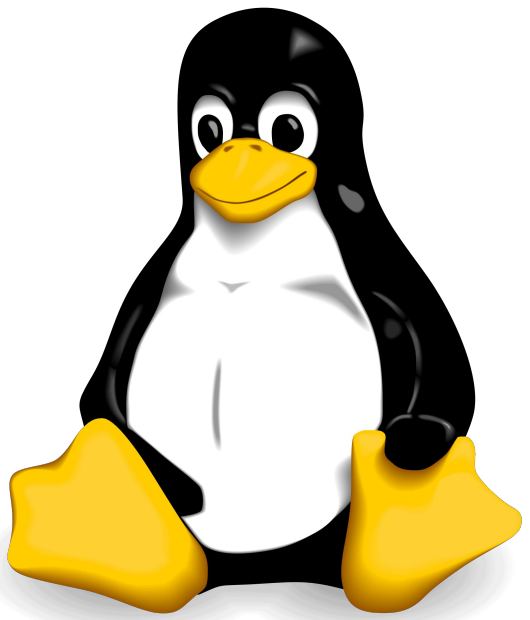


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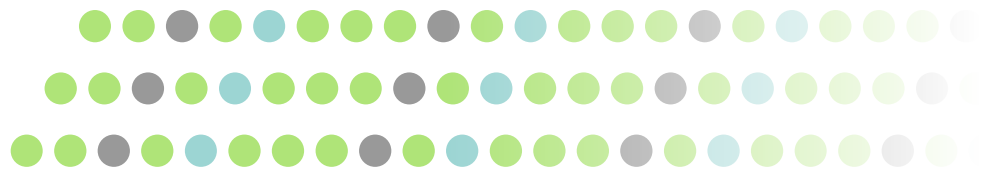


We get passionate requests for enforcement.





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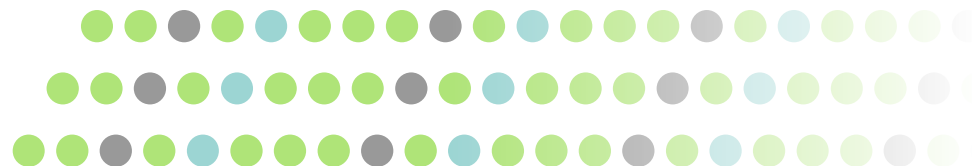
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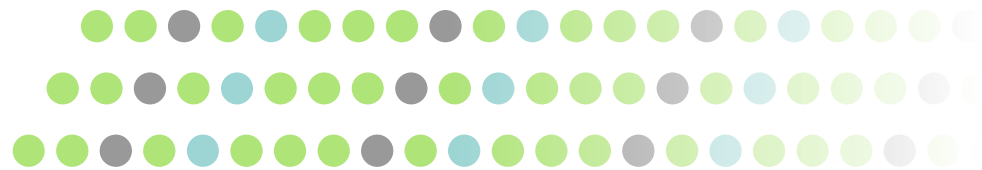
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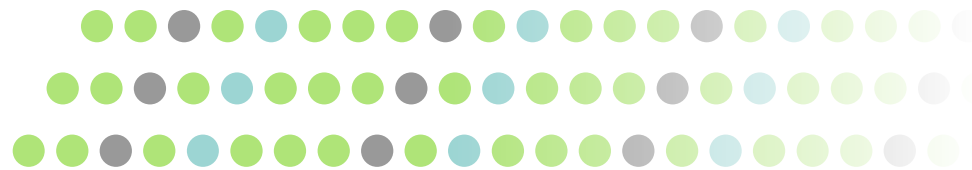
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Copyleft is good for everyone in the long run.



How much is saved on software
and how many months are
products faster to market?



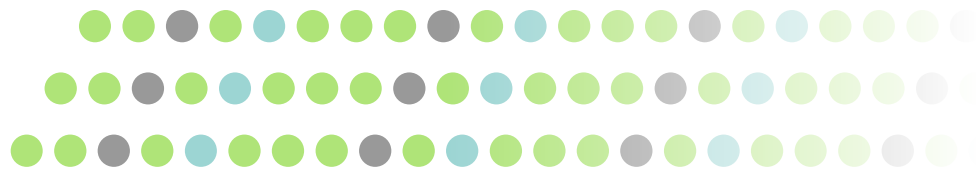
Free software is everywhere and yet our freedoms are being constantly eroded.

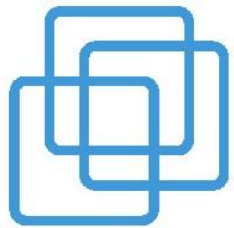


A rectangular name tag with a red top and bottom border and a white center. The text "HELLO my name is" is printed in white on the red top border. The tag is attached to a grey, textured surface.

HELLO
my name is

Once upon a time...
(aka October 2011)



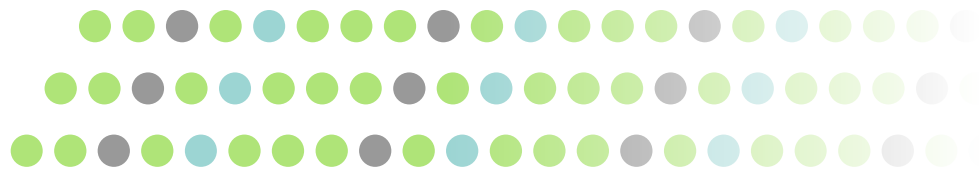


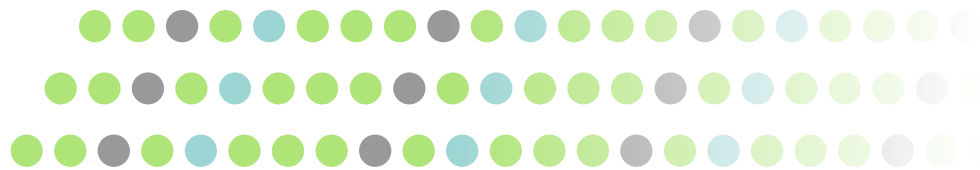
vmware[™]

- \$36 billion market cap
- net revenue of over \$1 billion
- Over 14,000 employees

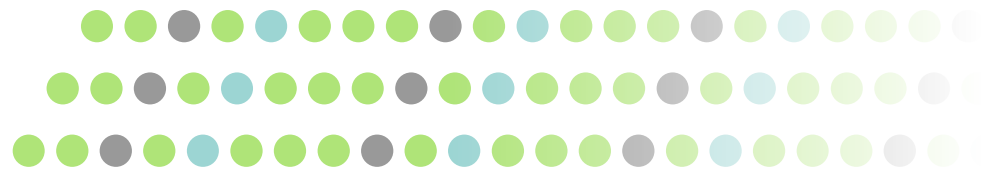


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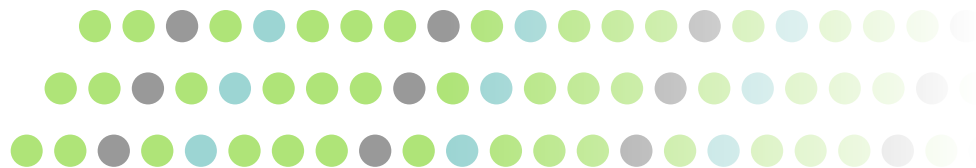
In 2014, VMware finally said they would not comply with the GPL.



This is Christoph Hellwig

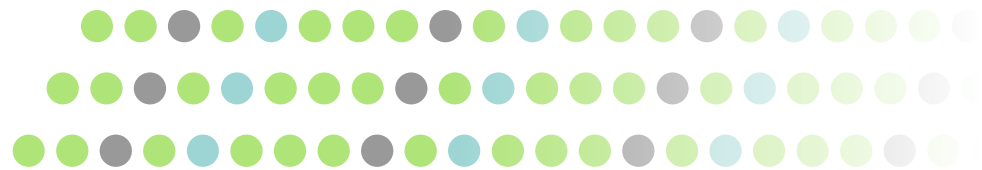


- 279,653 lines of code in the kernel
- 20th of 1,340 in 3.19
- 4th among reviewers of third party code





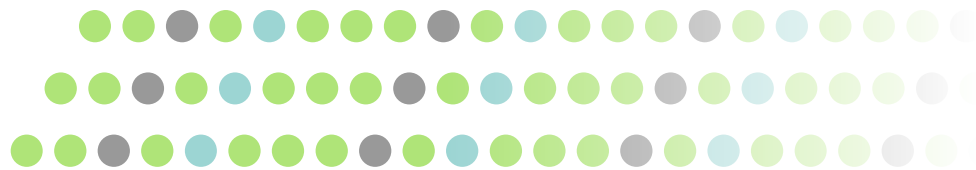
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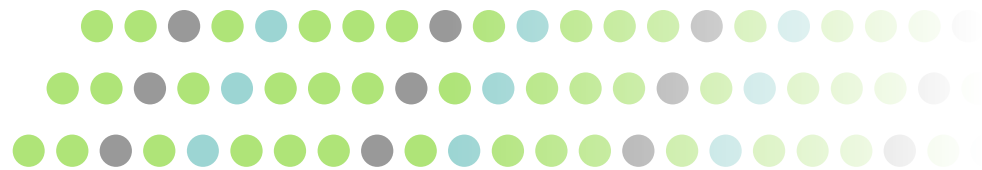
VMware asked for an NDA just to look at the settlement offer!



We were left with no choice
but to sue.



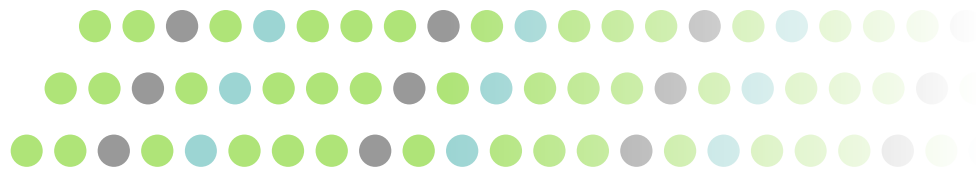
This is the first case on derivative works.



#VMwareDTRT



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Statement in support of Software Freedom Conservancy and Christoph Hellwig, GPL enforcement lawsuit

by [Joshua Gay](#) — Published on Mar 05, 2015 12:48 PM

While the Free Software Foundation is not directly involved in the suit, we support the effort.

On Thursday, March 5, 2015, Christoph Hellwig, with support from the [Software Freedom Conservancy](#), filed [suit in Hamburg, Germany](#) against VMware Global, Inc. Hellwig is a prominent contributor to the kernel Linux, releasing his contributions under the terms of the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2. VMware, like everyone, is free to use, modify, and distribute such software under the GPL, so long as they make available the human-readable source code corresponding to their version of the software when they distribute it.

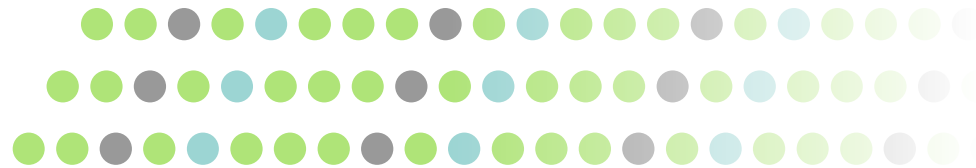
This simple and fair obligation is the cornerstone of the successful cooperation we've seen for decades between organizations both for-profit and non-profit, users, and developers—the same cooperation which has given us the GNU/Linux operating system and inspired a wealth of free software programs for nearly every imaginable use.

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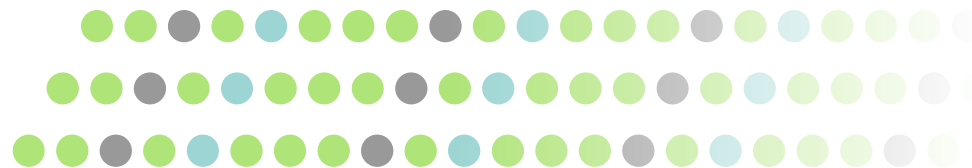
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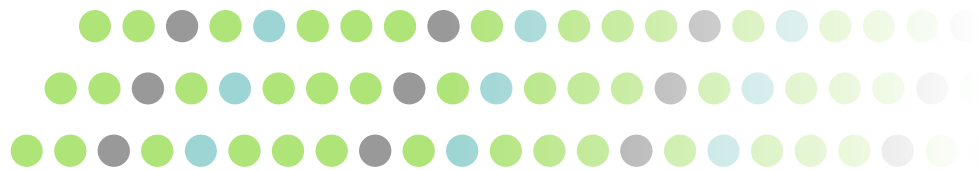
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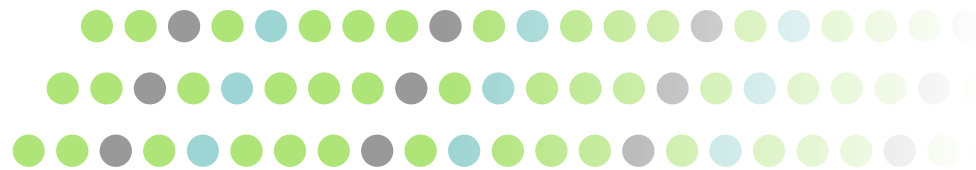
“The point of the GPL is that nobody can claim those rights and then kick away the ladder to prevent others from also receiving them. We hope VMware will step up and do the right thing,”

-- John Sullivan, FSF's executive director.





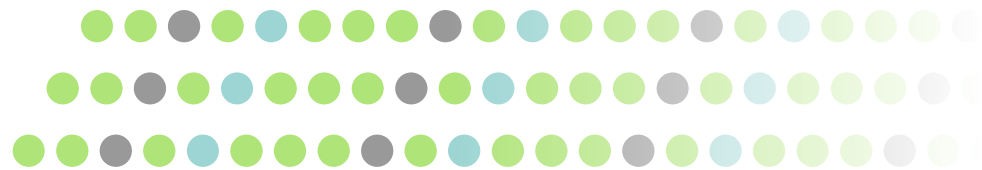
“They should read our open source 101 materials!”



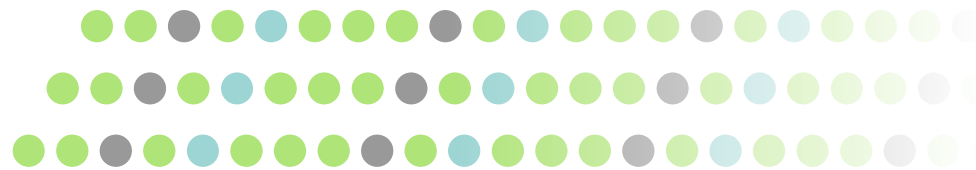
Enforcing the GPL is very political



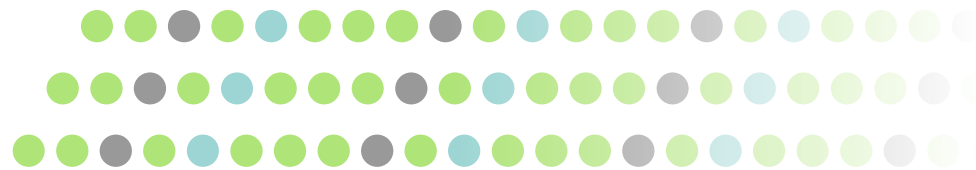
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...with a lot of other important work to do.



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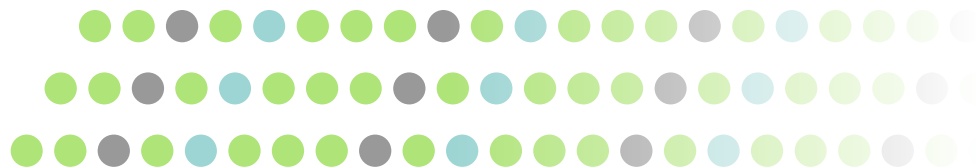



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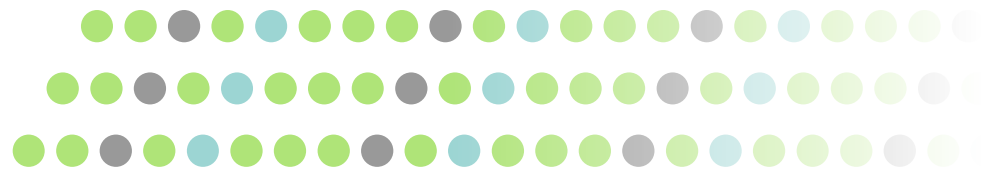
Support our GPL
compliance work now &
donations count double!

Thanks to 1,005
donations,
\$41,774 of \$50,000 match
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83.5%



We don't want to litigate,
we just want compliance.



copyleft.org

copyleft.org is a collaborative project to create and disseminate useful information, tutorial material, and new policy ideas regarding all forms of copyleft licensing. Its primary project is currently a [comprehensive tutorial and guide](#), which describes the policy motivations for copyleft exists, presents a detailed analysis of the text of various copyleft licenses, and gives examples and case studies of copyleft compliance situations.

The Copyleft Guide and Tutorial

The primary project currently on this site is the [tutorial book entitled *Copyleft and the GNU General Public License: A Comprehensive Guide and Tutorial*](#).

Getting Involved

There are various ways to get involved with this project. The primary copyleft.org website is a wiki, and we welcome additional information. Please edit this wiki with more information about copyleft.

However, the primary project available on this site is the aforementioned guide and tutorial about GPL and other copyleft concepts. We seek contributors.

Who Contributes to copyleft.org?

This site is a joint project of [Software Freedom Conservancy](#) and [the Free Software Foundation](#). The editor-in-chief of [the guide](#) is [Bradley M. Kuhn](#). The [recent changes page](#) shows who has contributed to the wiki, and you can see the [Git commit log on the tutorial](#) to see who has contributed to it.

Offsite Resources

What Is Copyleft?



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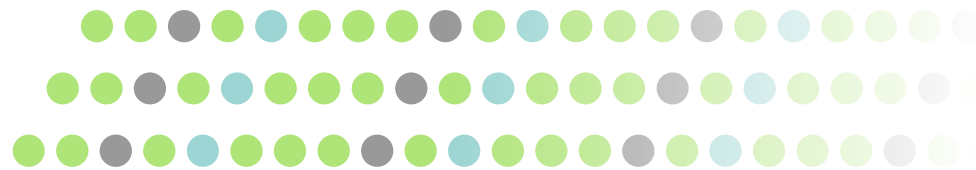
ThinkPenguin Wireless Router: Excellent CCS

Too often, case studies examine failure and mistakes. Indeed, most of the chapters that follow herein will consider the myriad difficulties discovered in community-oriented GPL enforcement for the last two decades. However, to begin, we offer a study in how copyleft compliance done correctly.

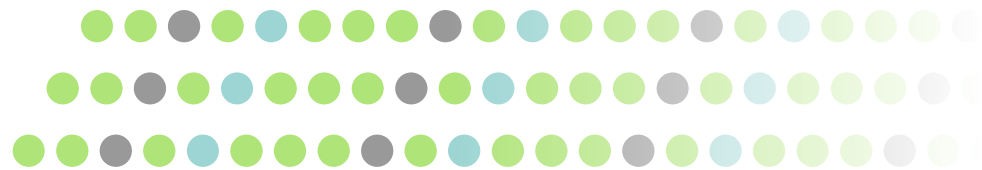
This example is, in fact, more than ten years in the making. Since almost the inception of for-profit corporate adoption of Free Software, companies have requested a clear example of a model citizen to emulate. Sadly, while community-oriented enforcers have vetted uncounted thousands of “Complete Corresponding Source” CCS candidates from hundreds of companies



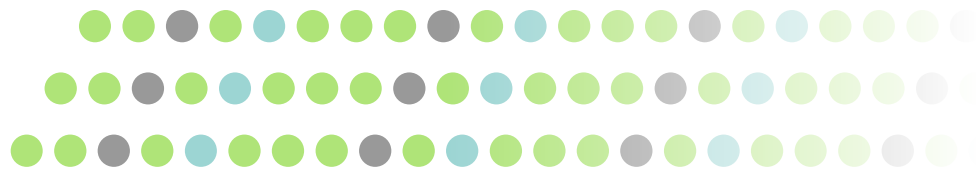
This is a long road.



You have a lot of power in this fight.



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