



FSF Licensing & Compliance Lab

<https://www.fsf.org/licensing>



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CHARTING THE COURSE

Introducing

- Emcee: Yoni Rabkin (yrk)
- Members of the Compliance Lab Team: introduce yourselves!
- Last but not least, Craig Topham of the FSF: introduce the Lab!

An introduction to the Lab

- Part of the FSF
- An informal activity since 1992
- Formally since 2001
- Run by FSF staff (Craig Topham) with the help of volunteers

Lab Activities

- Answering questions from the public
- Maintaining the GPL FAQ and other licensing resources
- Writing articles on licensing issues
- Assisting the Free Software Directory with project licensing checks

What Can We Do for You?

- Now that you know what we do, what would you like us to do? How can we be of help? How can we improve?
- [*licensing@fsf.org*](mailto:licensing@fsf.org)

Introducing the Lab Members

- Paulius Galubickas (pre-recorded)

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- Craig Topham

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- Ineiev

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- Yuchen Pei

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- Panos Alevropoulos

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- Yoni Rabkin

Lab Member Spotlight

- How did you get your start with free software?
- Why did you decide to become involved with the Lab?
- What field of activity are you passionate about at the lab (RYF, FAQs, guides, questions, the Directory, etc.)?
- What have you learned from volunteering?
- What's your vision for free software?

How to Volunteer

- You too can stare at copyright licenses for hours!
- You don't need to be a legal professional.
- Write in to licensing@fsf.org, introduce yourself.
- <https://www.gnu.org/cgi-bin/license-quiz.cgi>

Examples of Questions

- “Can I stop companies from using my code?”
- “I’ve written a new license, can you review it?”
- “I found a program under LGPLv2+, can I release it under GPLv3?”
- “The GPL grant is ‘world-wide’. What about space?!”
- “Keeping track of copyright is hard, do I have to do it?”

Happy Hacking!

Write to licensing@fsf.org

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