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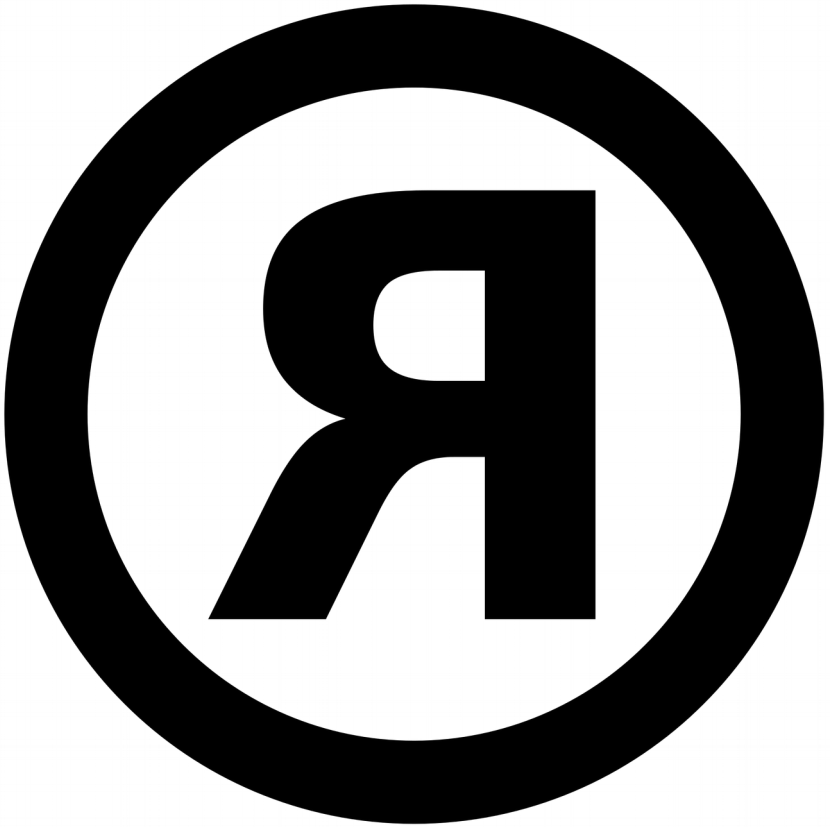

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  - Debian Project Leader
  - Collabora Engineering Manager
  - SPI, ORG, general mangler
  - NOT A LAWYER

Trademarks!

- Consumer protection device
- Can be lost
  - Abandonment
  - Naked licensing
  - Groundless threats law
- Why bother at all?
  - 'Good' people vs 'bad' people

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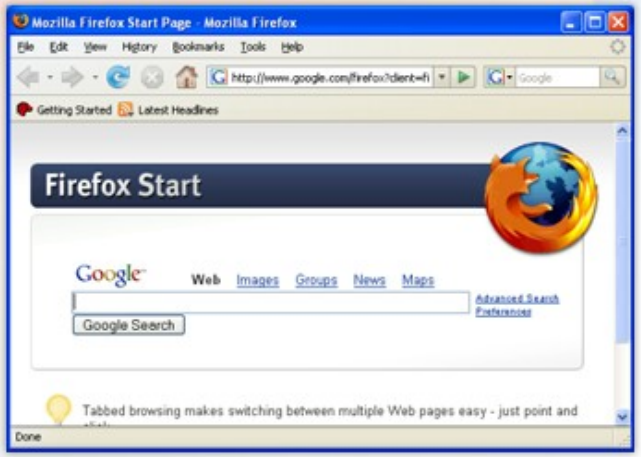

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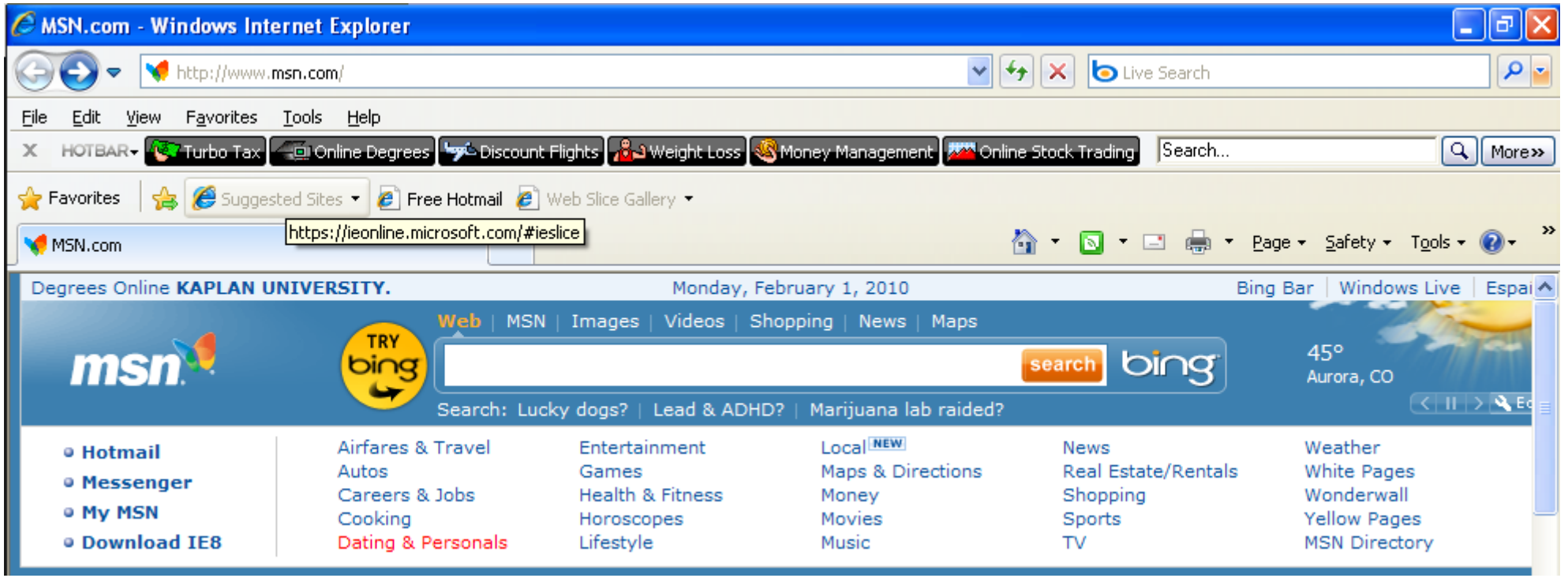
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Restricting use via trademarks

- Hai Canonical!
  - Conflation of copyright and trademarks
  - Claims copyright on binaries
  - But not over-reach!
- Not a new thing
  - Rename requirements for forks
  - Not a bad thing!

Debian – in the cloud

- What is Official Debian?
- Based on Debian?
- Something in between?
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  - Hurd kernel
  - New architecture – software has been rebuilt
  - Non-free firmware to get network card working

Making it easy

- Trademark policy – no one reads them
- Free software projects don't have time
- How to allow use when quality exists