DATELINE: BRUSSELS

Copyleft: Sorry, We’re Going To Talk About It Again

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(a brief introduction)
Me and Copyleft

› Mozilla Public License 2.0
› Open Database License 1.0
› Creative Commons 4.0
› GNU GPL 3
› Common Data License Agreement 1.0
Data: Some Numbers
libraries.io

› 35+ package managers
› 2.4 million packages
› (incomplete!)
  dependency graphs
8-12%
open (CC BY-SA 4.0) data:

libraries.io/data
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Theory:
(Or, Copyleft: Still a Good Idea!)
1. freedom
2. quality
3. contributions
so why only 10%?
Anecdotal Evidence:

There’s More Demand For Copyleft Than You Might Think
large companies do not universally hate concept of copyleft
specifically, some like contribution motive for copyleft
but no current license works
developers are also increasingly frustrated
desire for copyleft hasn’t gone away!
licenses advance neither freedom nor utility
feels solvable
feels solvable
(if we try)
Begging: Iterating Towards a Modern Copyleft
two vast changes:
1. broad participation
2. death of distribution
copyleft must adapt
plea: bring back experimentation!
legal nerds can help:
tweaks?

examples: Lesser AGPL, AGPL 3.1
different rules for businesses?

example: licensezero.com
contracts? trusts?

example: digitalpublic.io
kill attribution to focus on corresponding source?

example: (maybe copyleft-next?)
developers can help:
accept new experiments
please
(and thanks!)
Survey:
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