

Re: 2.6.16-mm2

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On Maw, 2006-03-28 at 16:42 +0100, Christoph Hellwig wrote:

+make-tty_insert_flip_char-a-non-gpl-export.patch

the argumentation is wrong. the previous code been inline made drivers using it even more of a derived work than a _GPL export.

You shouldn't take it that way. My full message to Andrew for public record was as follows

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Based on Linus original comments about _GPL we should export tty_insert_flip_char as EXPORT_SYMBOL because it used to be EXPORT_SYMBOL equivalent (trivial inline). The other features are new extensions are were not available to drivers before so need not be provided except as _GPL functionality as far as I can see.

None of the above should be taken as permission directly, indirectly or by means such as estoppel of the waving of GPL rights and me giving permission for non-GPL code to use any of my GPL code if it is in any way derivative of my work of course.

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So if its derivative then so be it.

Alan

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