

Re: Commercial file-server software

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Wow, I go to sleep for a night and I get a bunch of responses. Thanks people. Unfortunately it seems as if my fears are realized that there is no commercial products and that any that used to exist are now defunct.

But in response to other posts, this will be re-distributed out of our company and if used, Samba will be included, incorporated and used. Whether or not it is modified now is irrelevant, the lifespan of this product is intended to be decades. The real fear that the legal department here has (and other out of company entities that I can't name), is that sometime in the life of the product, updates, upgrades or whatever might occur. Basically there is a possibility that something might happen that would require a change in source code, in this case the GPL code.

So either a restriction is placed or we just don't use open-source at all. The decision was made to generally avoid open-source since who knows the implications of a restriction of that sort, a decade from now when the product needs a slight tune-up. Also, a change might need to be made right off the bat, even before distribution. All these "maybe's" don't sit well and the more of those there are, the more likely the client boots us.

The situation is a hard one since what will be done to Samba, or anything of the sort, is unknown at this point. Which is why I was looking for alternatives to avoid this whole fiasco. All the points you guys bring up are true and I realized there are work arounds. All I attempted to do by this thread is possibly find an alternative. Dealing with legal over here is one matter that's hard enough as it is. Convincing the client is impossible. The possibility that any of their information becomes freely distributed is unacceptable. Not even that it is, even just the POSSIBILITY.

Now before you try and tell me to talk to the client about it, don't bother. Just trust me when I say it can't be done.

Anyway you guys did help out by confirming what I already knew: no commercial alternatives to Samba. So it looks like this mini-task will have to be continued in some other form.

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Thanks a lot for all the responses.

Best Regards to All,
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