

Packages - Bug #1245

Many packages are rebuilt just to have license=() incorrectly changed.

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Description	
<p>Many packages have a blacklist.txt reason like "is GPL/PerlArtistic License and not GPL" which indicates that the Arch PKGBUILD says license=(GPL), but the source is actually licensed like:</p>	
<pre>This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or modify it under the terms of either: - the GNU General Public License as published by the Free Software Foundation; - or the Artistic License.</pre>	
<p>So here's the thing about that: THE PKGBUILD WAS NOT WRONG. We (or Arch) have the choice to distribute it to users under either the GPL or the Artistic License. By saying license=(GPL) in the PKGBUILD, we simply choose to distribute it to users under the GPL, rather than the Artistic License. That's fine.</p>	
<p>Other packages purportedly have the reverse problem, where it says license=(GPL Artistic2.0), but it is only actually licensed under one of them. This is a bug in the Arch package. Report the bug upstream on the Arch bug tracker, rather than listing it in blacklist.txt and rebuilding it.</p>	