Packages - Freedom Issue #3471

[netctl] unclear license

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Description

The netctl source code seems to be available here: https://gitlab.archlinux.org/archlinux/netctl and after downloading it, the only hints for a license are:

- that there is a COPYING file
- that for some reasons https://gitlab.archlinux.org/archlinux/netctl has a GNU GPLv3 button that then brings to a page that has this text: "This project is licensed under the GNU General Public License v3.0 only. Learn more". But this is done automatically by gitlab.

So we probably need upstream to clarify the license of that software by sending a patch to do that (for instance by telling that this program and all that is in this git repository is released under the GPLv3 or later in the README as per what's explained both in the GPLv3 text (how to apply [...] and in the documentation that explains how to apply the GPL (https://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-howto.html#why-license-notices).

Once done we can also update the FSD entry about netctl as well: https://directory.fsf.org/wiki/Netctl