

Packages - Freedom Issue #375

[virtualbox-libre] contains BIOS which needs a nonfree compiler to build from source

2013-08-02 04:31 AM - mtjm

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Description			
See the src/VBox/Devices/PC/BIOS directory in the source archive. The VBoxBiosAlternative.asm file is generated from C sources compiled using the OpenWatcom compiler which has a nonfree open source license (it is not included in Parabola).			
dosemu is already blacklisted for the same reason.			
Debian moved it to contrib, lembas reported it at https://trisquel.info/en/forum/virtualbox#comment-39916 .			
We should build it using a different compiler or remove the package (both Bochs BIOS and SeaBIOS are built using different, free, compilers).			

History

#2 - 2013-08-14 08:08 AM - Anonymous

virtualbox-libre was removed from the libre repo.