

Packages - Bug #837

[netbeans] depends on two proprietary things

2015-10-20 10:51 AM - koz

Status:	fixed	% Done:	100%
Priority:	freedom issue		
Assignee:			
Category:			
Description <p>Netbeans is in our community repository. However, upon examination of the latest Netbeans' LICENSE.txt (which I have attached), I have found that it contains this bit of troubling text:</p> <p>LICENSES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS</p> <p>LICENSE #1: GPLv2 with Classpath Exception.</p> <p>LICENSE #2: CDDL.</p> <p>OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED IN THIS AGREEMENT:</p> <p>The use of Oracle JDBC drivers is subject to the terms and conditions set forth at http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/licenses/distribution-license-152002.html</p> <p>The use of Java Card Development Kit 3.0.2 is subject to the terms and conditions set forth at http://download.oracle.com/otn-pub/java/licenses/OTN_Java_Card_Classic_Connected_SDK_4April2012.pdf</p> <p>I know for a fact that the JDBC drivers are embedded into Netbeans to allow their use from it, and I'm pretty confident that it's a static dependency (i.e. Netbeans won't build without them). I say this as someone who has worked with this exact thing in fairly-recent memory.</p> <p>Given that these two bits of code are licensed under very nonfree licenses, we should either deblob Netbeans or remove it from our core repos in my opinion.</p>			

History

- #1 - 2015-10-20 10:58 AM - Anonymous

 - Status changed from open to in progress
 - Subject changed from Netbeans depends on two proprietary things to [netbeans] depends on two proprietary things
- #2 - 2015-10-20 11:45 AM - Anonymous

 - % Done changed from 0 to 100
 - Status changed from in progress to fixed

blacklisted!
- #3 - 2020-03-09 05:41 PM - lolo

It seems that somewhere between the blacklisting, Netbeans' handoff to the Apache Software Foundation, and today, this language in the license file has disappeared. That being the case I would like to request that netbeans be unblacklisted.
- #4 - 2020-04-05 09:23 PM - bill-auger

lolo -

do you actually want to use this program ?
- #5 - 2020-04-08 11:59 AM - lolo

Apologies for the delayed response, but yes, I would like to.

#6 - 2020-04-08 06:18 PM - bill-auger

ok there is one other major concern though - that is: many java programs are not built entirely from source; but include pre-compiled blobs, often downloaded from the internet at compile-time - that is the problem i saw when evaluating jetbrains for parabola - if this program does that, i would suggest keeping it on the blacklist, and considering if it is worth the (typcically massive) effort to get it to build from source

#7 - 2021-08-27 12:39 PM - avalos

Any update on this? I'd like to use NetBeans as well, I need it for school.

#8 - 2022-01-09 05:34 AM - Anonymous

avalos -

Only the Trisquel project has NetBeans in its repositories.

#9 - 2022-01-09 04:55 PM - nona

avalos wrote:

Any update on this? I'd like to use NetBeans as well, I need it for school.

Without assuming anything on your background, and without knowing anything about NetBeans, I would try to find a free(dom) alternative and ask your instructor if you can use that. If some people are allowed special permissions based on religion, may be your convictions are also relevant :) .

Files

LICENSE.txt	39.5 KB	2015-10-20	koz
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