

# OpenBSD: Free As In Air

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"OpenBSD is free as in air," Theo de Raadt stated in a recent thread on the OpenBSD -misc mailing list. The discussion began with a note that the Open Sound System had recently been "open sourced" under the GPLv2 and CDDL leading Theo to comment, "noone cares about being Open and Free anymore. They just care about being called Open and Free, and how convenient -- a bunch of lawyers generated an organization that will label then Open and Free when they are not in fact so."

Later in the discussion it was asked why the OpenBSD used the BSD license rather than simply releasing the code into the Public Domain. Theo explained,

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