

# OpenBSD: Stealing Versus Sharing Code

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OpenBSD project creator Theo de Raadt detailed his concerns regarding BSD-licensed code and Dual-BSD/GPL-licensed code being re-licensed under only the GPL as previously discussed here, "honestly, I was greatly troubled by the situation, because even people like Alan Cox were giving other Linux developers advice to ... break the law. And furthermore, there are even greater potential risks for how the various communities interact." He went on to add:

"It may seem that the licenses let one `_distribute_` it under either license, but this interpretation of the license is false -- it is still illegal to break up, cut up, or modify someone else's legal document, and, it cannot be replaced by another license because it may not be removed. Hence, a dual licensed file always remains dual licensed, every time it is distributed."

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## Links:

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/115>

[2] [http://kerneltrap.org/OpenBSD/Stealing\\_Versus\\_Sharing\\_Code](http://kerneltrap.org/OpenBSD/Stealing_Versus_Sharing_Code)