

# One more thing with Novell: the EULA

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OK, it's about a Beta/Prerelease. Still, it's open source and governed by GPL or by more permissive licenses. And what is openSUSE 11.0b3 EULA saying? (Was it written by Microsoft, or what?)

"The Grumpy Editor" is quoting the most relevant parts: «It must be said that this distribution got off on rather the wrong foot; it puts up an end-user license agreement which prohibits redistribution for compensation, bundling openSUSE with any other "offering," reverse engineering, transfer of the software, use in a production environment, or publishing benchmark results (but only if you're a software vendor). Users are required to stop using the software upon termination of the license, which happens after 90 days, after the next release, or whenever Novell says so. And, just in case one was considering the crime of using the release for too long: "The Software may contain an automatic disabling mechanism that prevents its use after a certain period of time, so You should back up Your system and take other measures to prevent any loss of files or data."»

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