

Mozilla Re-Thinking Firefox EULA

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Is there a need for a separate EULA (end user license agreement) in the open source Mozilla browser? To date there has been, but that EULA is going to change very soon.

In a conversation with InternetNews.com, Mitchell Baker, Chairperson of Mozilla, admitted that Mozilla may not need both the EULA and open source license, with the EULA the likely casualty. That said, there is a need for something in between the open source license and the user which is what Baker and Mozilla are actively working on.

The issue of Firefox's EULA has raised concerns in the Linux community lately with questions arising about the need and validity of the EULA.

"Initially when we first shipped Firefox the idea of shipping Firefox under a binary source code license seemed odd so we created a EULA and we're now coming to the conclusion that is not necessary," said Baker. "So the license agreement that we've been working on will now say, 'dear end user you're using FOSS software and here are the open source licenses to look at if you'd like too and enjoy them.'"

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