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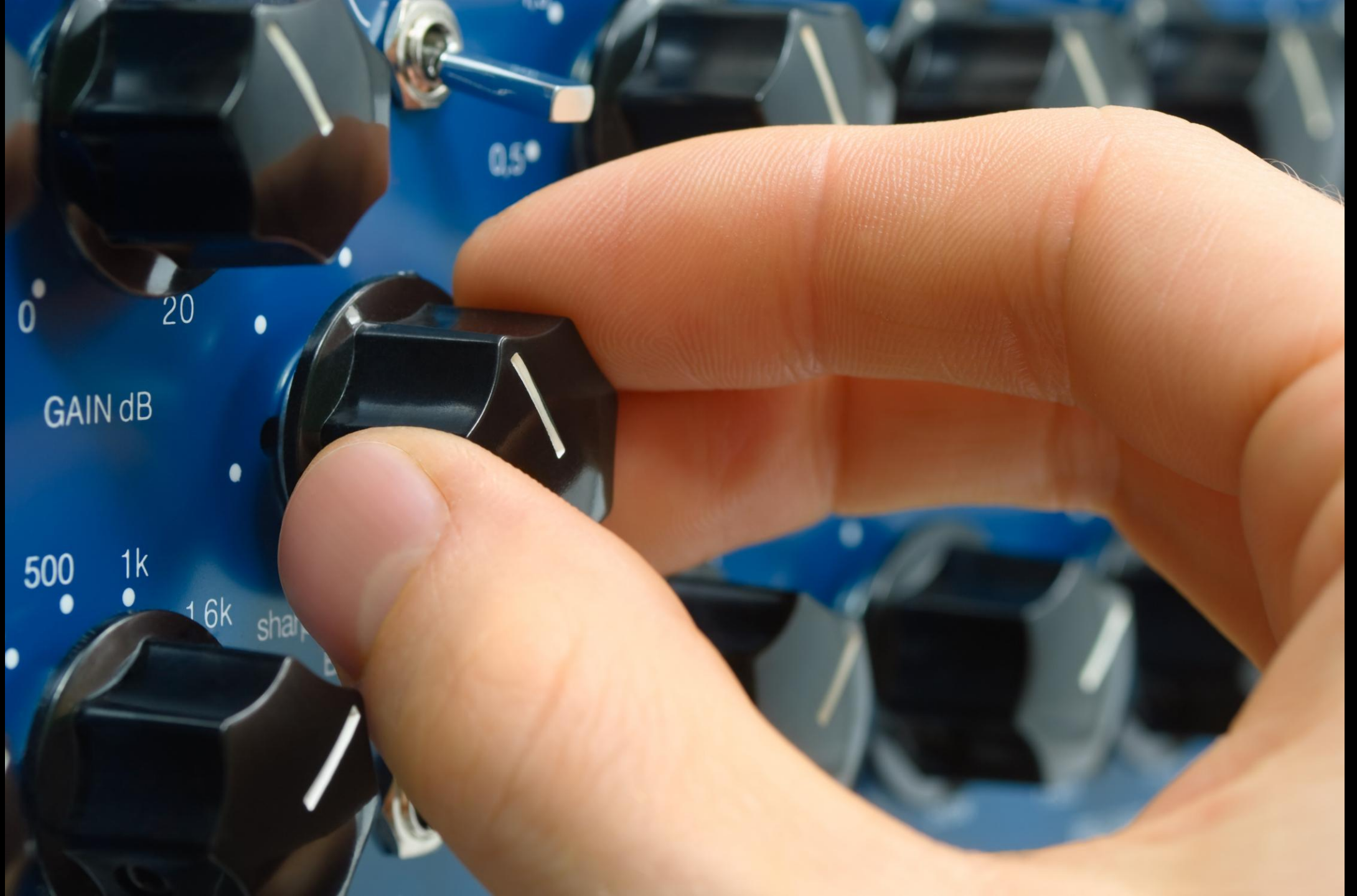


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```
1  // summer lasts forever
2  async function synthWave() {
3      if (
4          new Date().getFullYear() === 1984 &&
5          currentLocation === 'rooftop' &&
6          weatherConditions === TORRENTIAL_RAIN
7      ) {
8          await theNight();
9          const SaxSolo = new Saxophone();
10         SaxSolo.play();
11     }
12 }
```

## Compiling Nodes

```

name: "sqlmail";
author: "Jeffrey Cobb";
version: "0.0.1";
description: "August 8th, 2007";
platform: "System.getProperty('user.dir')";
target: "System.getProperty('user.dir')";
url: "http://www.sqlmail.org";

```

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```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    // Your main application logic here

    boolean isConnected = false;
    int result = 0;
    JFrame frmMainForm = new FrmMain();
    System.out.println("\n\n" + AppName + "\n\nVersion" + AppVersion + "\n\nAuthor: " + AppAuthor + "\n\n" + AppDate + "\n\n");

    Toolkit tk = Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit();
    Dimension screen = tk.getScreenSize();
    System.out.println(screen.getWidth() + " --- " + screen.getHeight());

    JFrame frmSql = new FrmSql();
    JFrame frmNet = new FrmNet();
}
```







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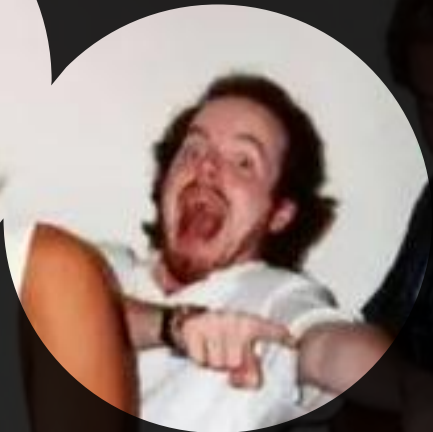
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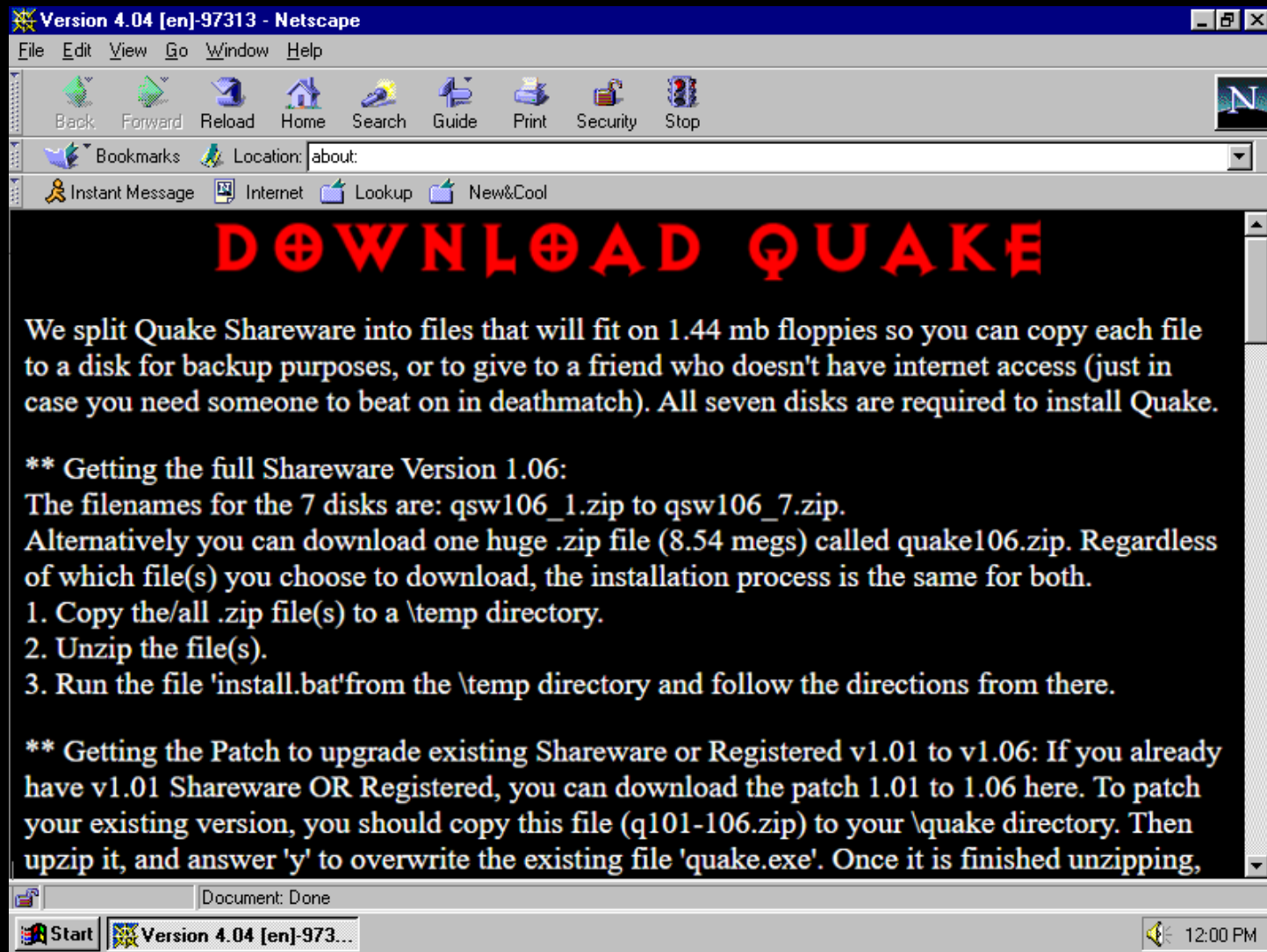


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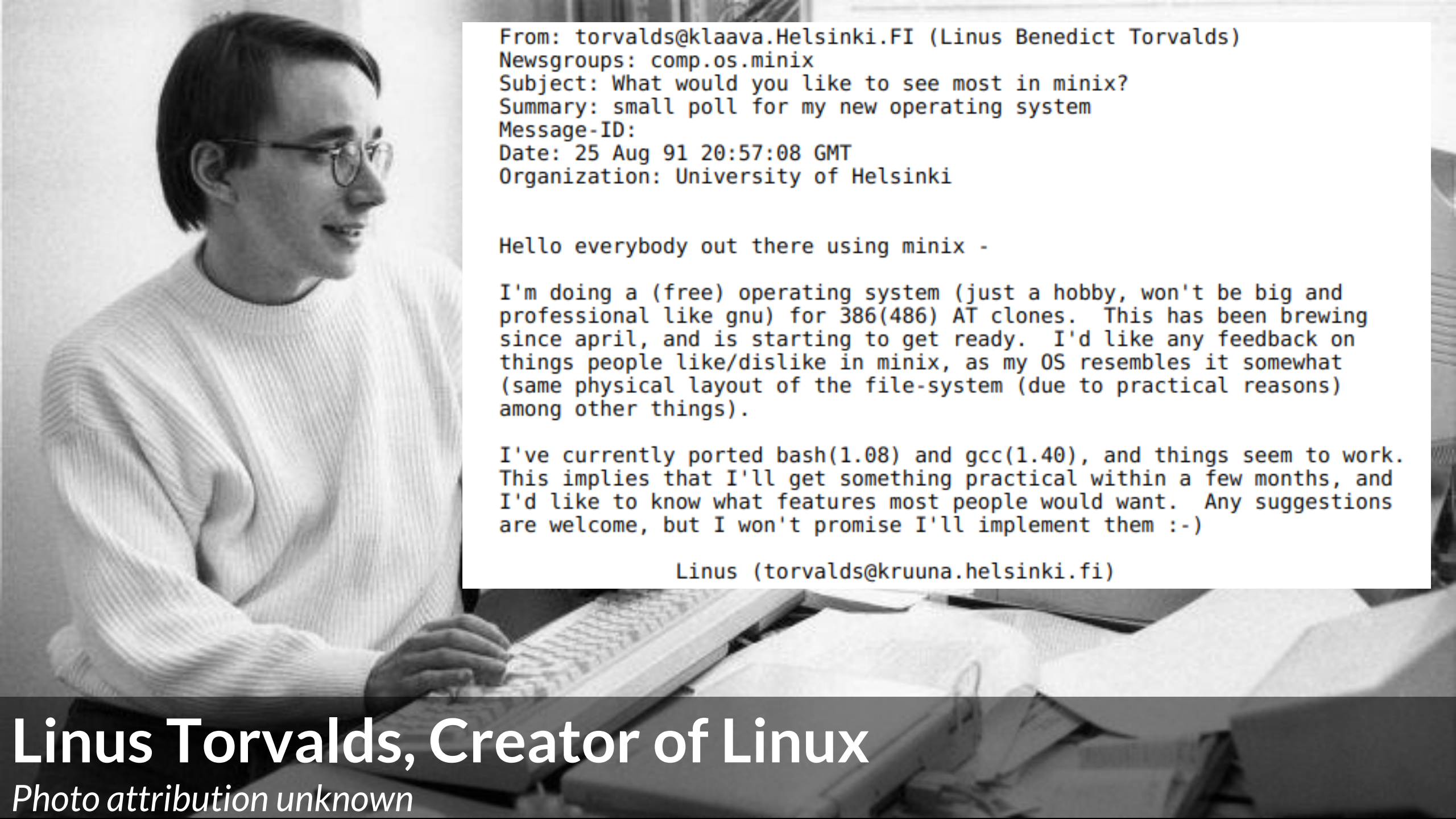
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Hello everybody out there using minix -

I'm doing a (free) operating system (just a hobby, won't be big and professional like gnu) for 386(486) AT clones. This has been brewing since april, and is starting to get ready. I'd like any feedback on things people like/dislike in minix, as my OS resembles it somewhat (same physical layout of the file-system (due to practical reasons) among other things).

I've currently ported bash(1.08) and gcc(1.40), and things seem to work. This implies that I'll get something practical within a few months, and I'd like to know what features most people would want. Any suggestions are welcome, but I won't promise I'll implement them :-)

Linus (torvalds@kruuna.helsinki.fi)

# Linus Torvalds, Creator of Linux

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*(and where's "open source"?)*



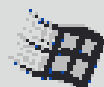
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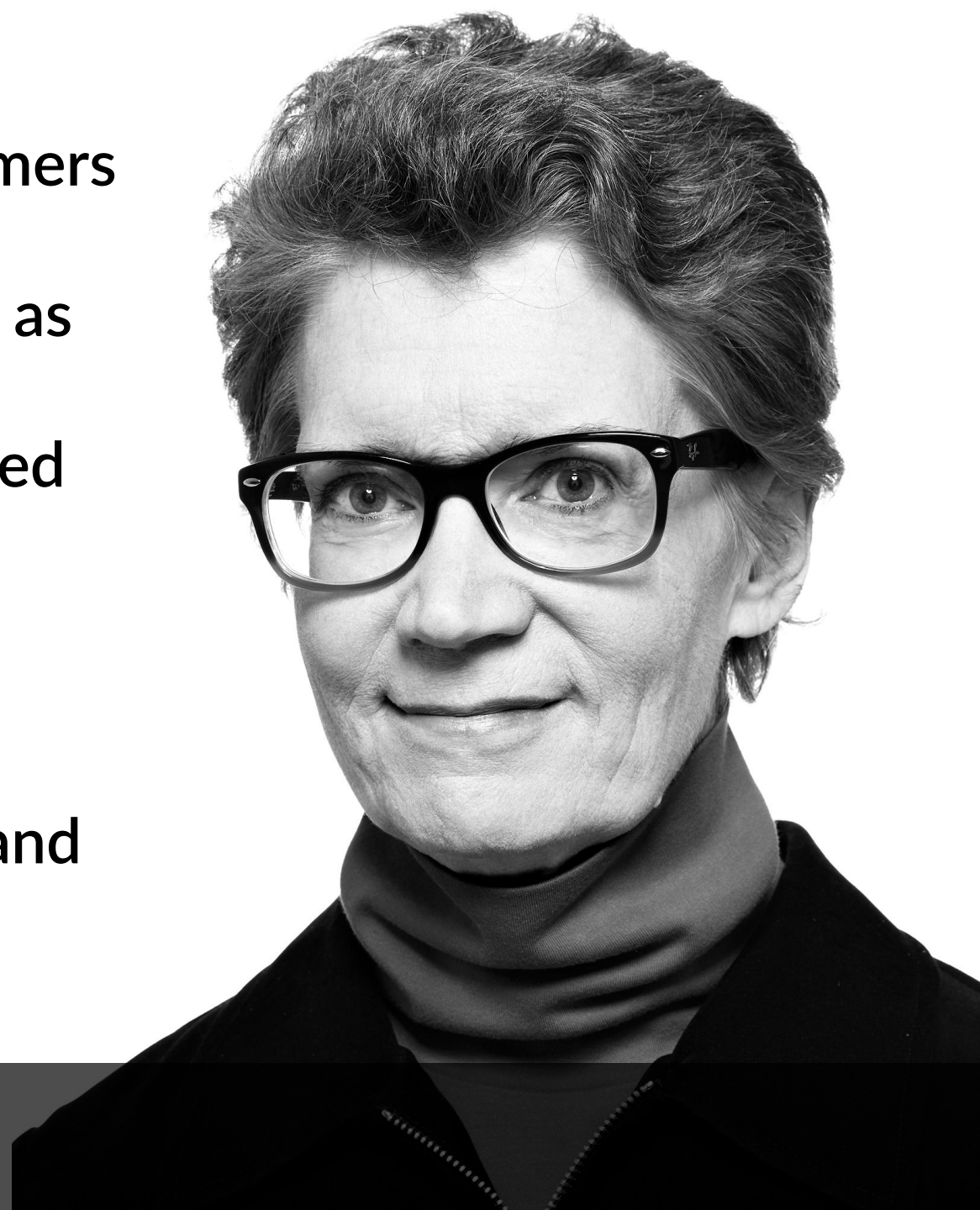


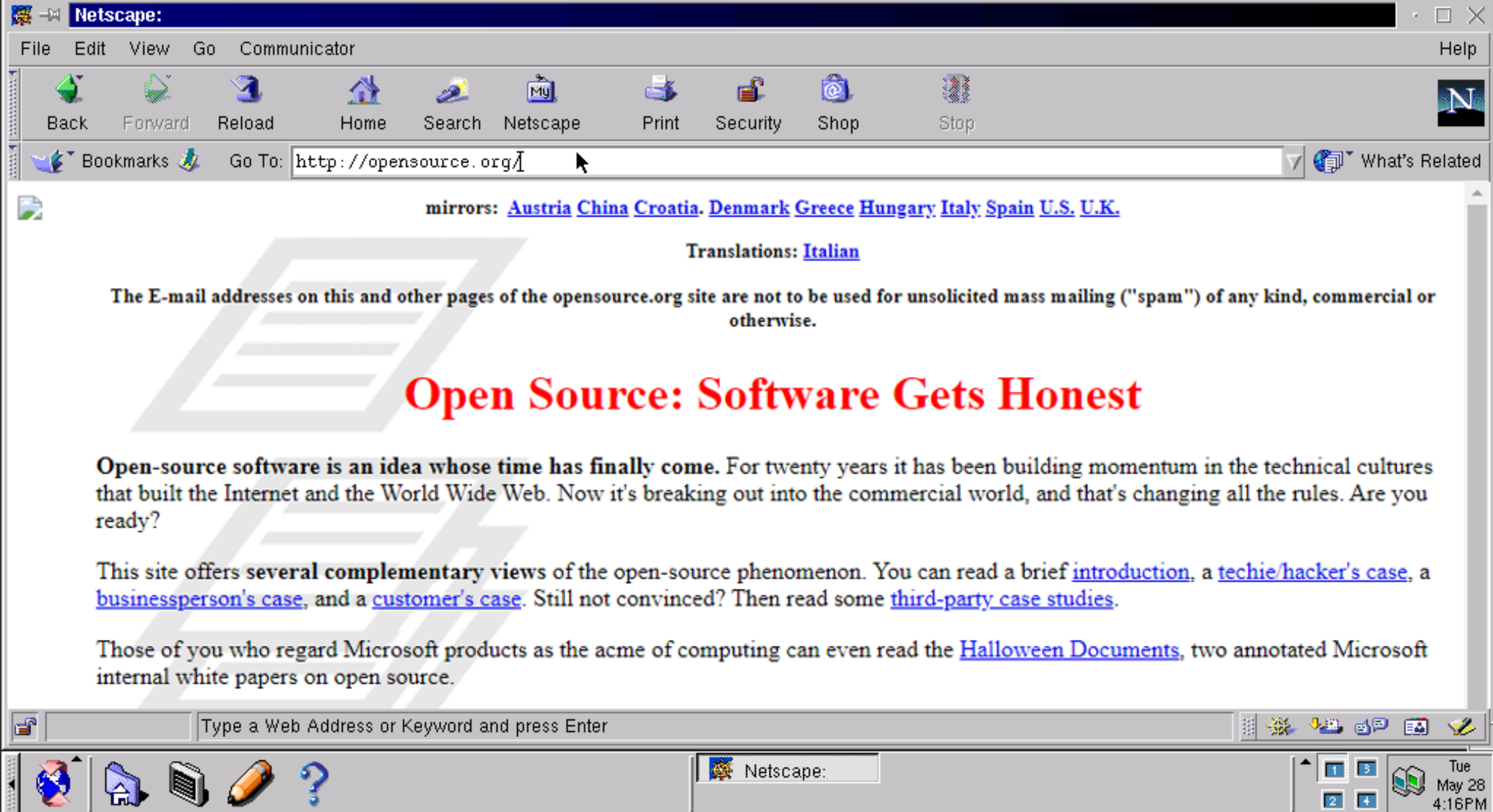
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...those new to the term "free software" assume it is referring to the price. Oldtimers must then launch into an explanation, usually given as follows: "We mean free as in freedom, not free as in beer." At this point, a discussion on software has turned into one about the price of an alcoholic beverage...

Between meetings that week, I was still focused on the need for a better name and came up with the term "open source software."

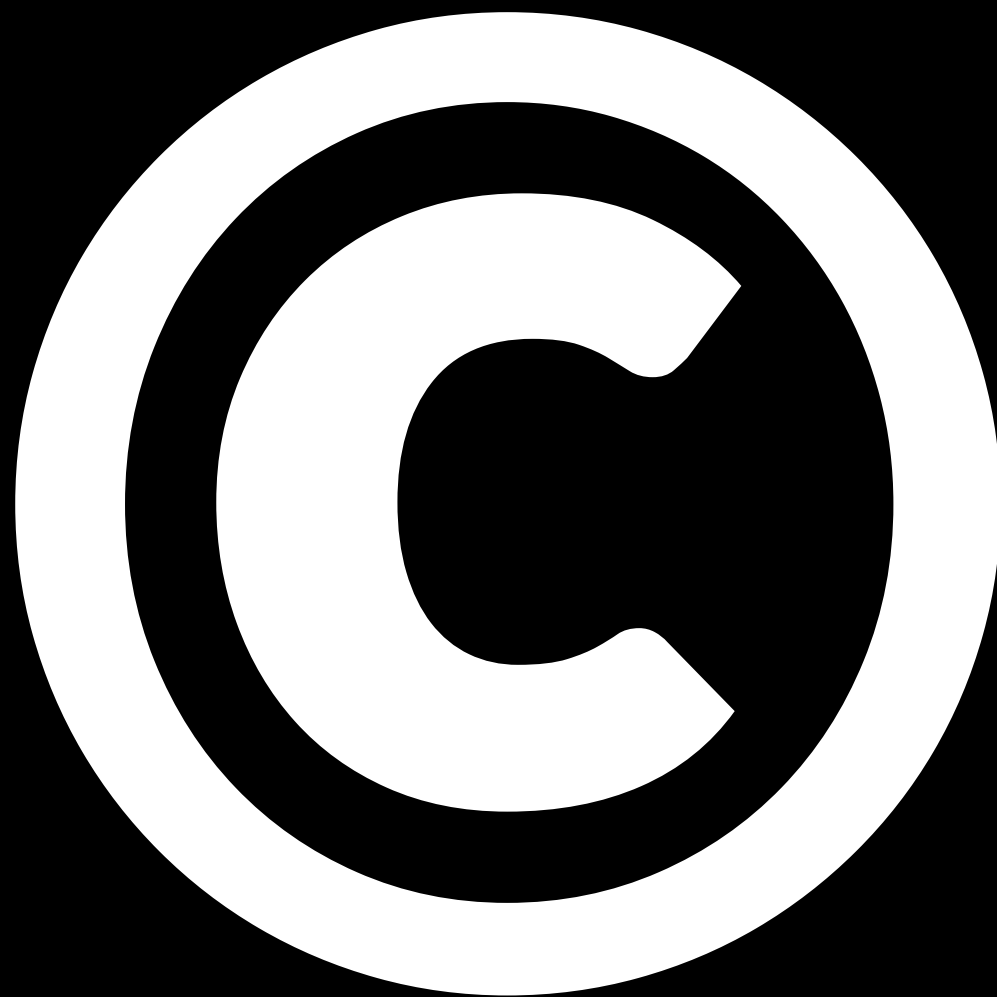
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[petree](#) writes

"I stumbled across this on the [Linksys](#) website. Linksys has apparently caved to [community pressure](#) and released the [GPLed source](#) for linux running on their [WRT54G](#). Cool Beans!"



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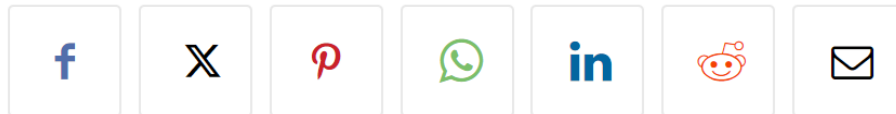
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# GPL passes acid test in German court

By - September 24, 2006

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**Author:** [Mayank Sharma](#)

In a landmark victory for the GPL license, a civil court in Germany has ruled against D-Link Germany GmbH for violating the terms of the most popular free software license. The lawsuit was filed by Harald Welte, a respected Linux hacker who tracks and eliminates illegal use of software protected by the GPL through his [gpl-violations.org](#) project. In a brief email exchange, Welte explains the nature of the violation and how he went about collecting evidence.

“Linux is a cancer that  
attaches itself in an  
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to everything it touches.  
That's the way that the  
license works.”



**Steve Ballmer**  
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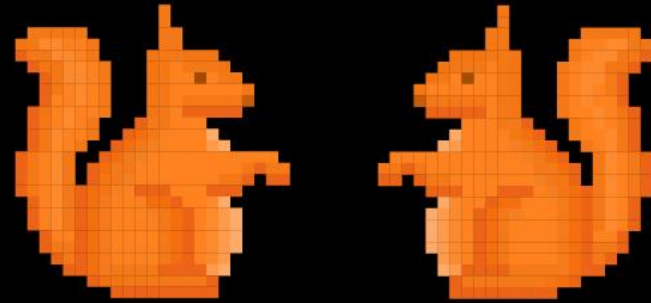








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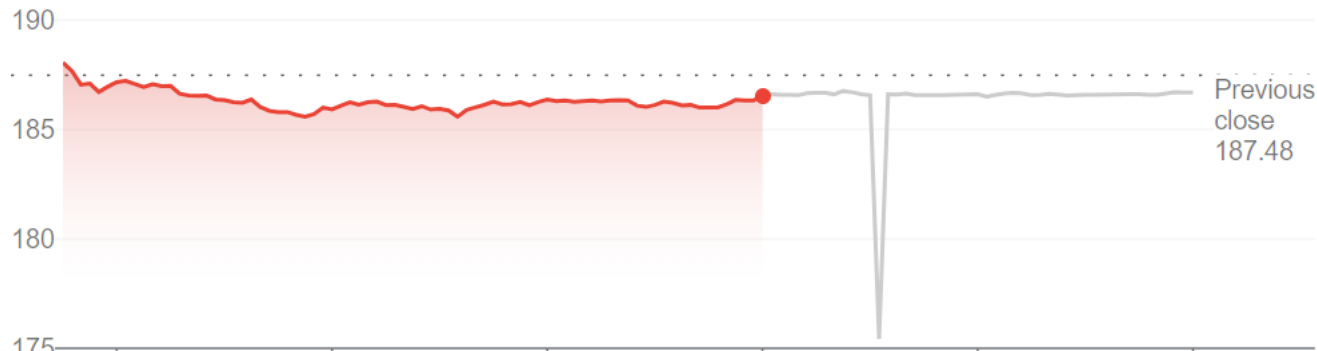
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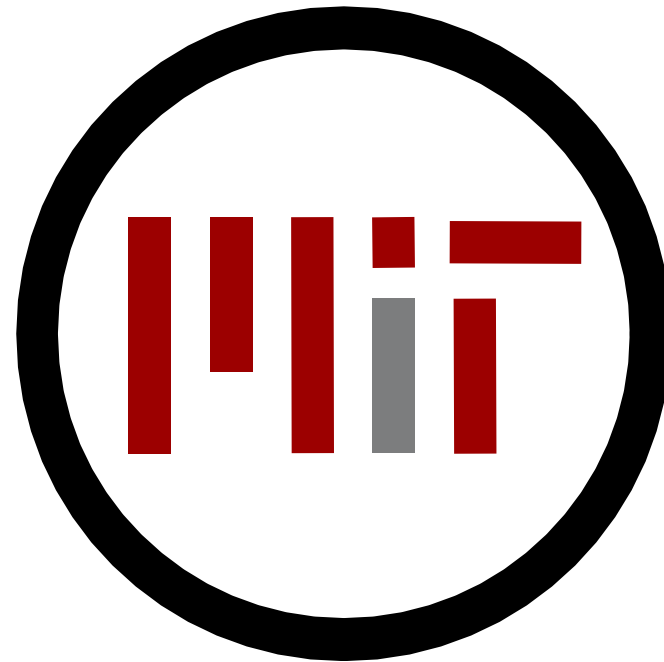


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By [Matt Mullenweg](#) in [Community](#), [WordCamp](#)

# WP Engine is not WordPress

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**What WP Engine gives you is not WordPress**, it's something that they've chopped up, hacked, butchered to look like WordPress, but actually they're giving you a cheap knock-off and charging you more for it.

This is one of the many reasons they are a cancer to WordPress, and it's important to remember that unchecked, cancer will spread. WP

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# I stayed.

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My insight into corporate legal disputes is as meaningful as my opinion on Quantum Mechanics. What I do know is that, when given the chance this week to [leave my job with half a year's salary paid in advance](#), I chose to stay at [Automattic](#).

Listen, I'm struggling with medical debts and financial obligations incurred by the closing of my conference and [publishing](#) businesses. Six months' salary in advance would have wiped the slate clean. From a fiduciary point of view, if nothing else, I had to at least consider [my CEO's offer](#) to walk out the door with a big bag of dollars.

But even as I made myself think about what six months' salary in a lump sum could do to help my family and calm my creditors, I knew in my soul there was no way I'd leave this company. Not by my own choice, anyway.

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# WordPress parent company must stop blocking WP Engine, judge rules



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/ Automattic and its CEO Matt Mullenweg also have to quit interfering with WP Engine's ACF plugin.

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WP Engine just won a preliminary injunction against WordPress.com parent company Automattic. On Tuesday, a California District Court judge ordered Automattic to stop blocking WP Engine's access to WordPress.org resources and interfering with its plugins.







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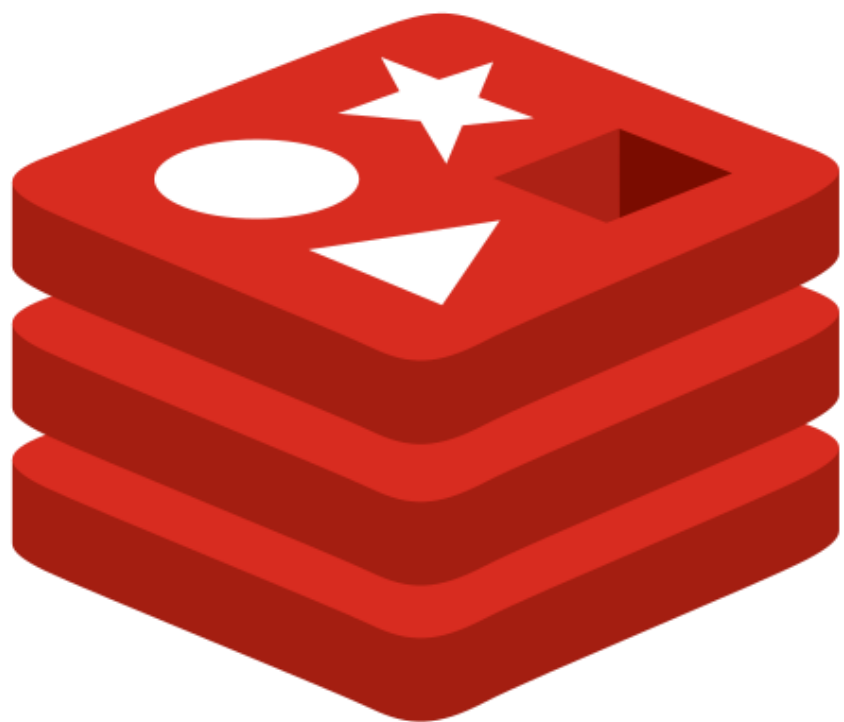
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Cloud firms want a version of Redis that's still open to managed service resale.

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# Redis 'returns' to open source with AGPL license

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New plan may remain too restrictive for some developers

 [Lindsay Clark](#)

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Redis, the company behind the popular value-key database of the same name, has returned its main system to an open source license, although the move failed to satisfy some critics.



[Majority of Redis users considering alternatives after less permissive licensing move](#)

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Adding the GNU Affero General Public License (AGPL) as an additional licensing option for Redis, starting with Redis 8, the business said it is moving to a licensing model approved as open source by the Open Source Initiative (OSI) – as the Server Side Public License (SSPLv1) it switched to in March [last year](#) has remained outside the accepted definition of open source software.

**“What we had hoped would happen is that people would see SSPL as a good license ... It seems to us that they weren't going to do that**

Speaking to *The Register* last month, Rowan Trollope, CEO of Redis, said: "There hasn't been any movement towards really accepting SSPL as a valid open source license. What we had hoped would happen is that people would see SSPL as a good license, that it ticked all the boxes, and that even perhaps OSI would reconsider their designation. It seems to us that they weren't going to do that."

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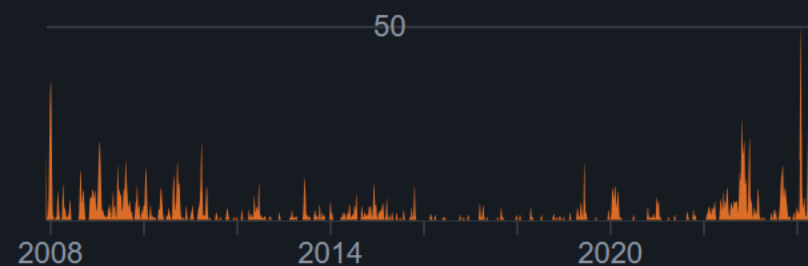
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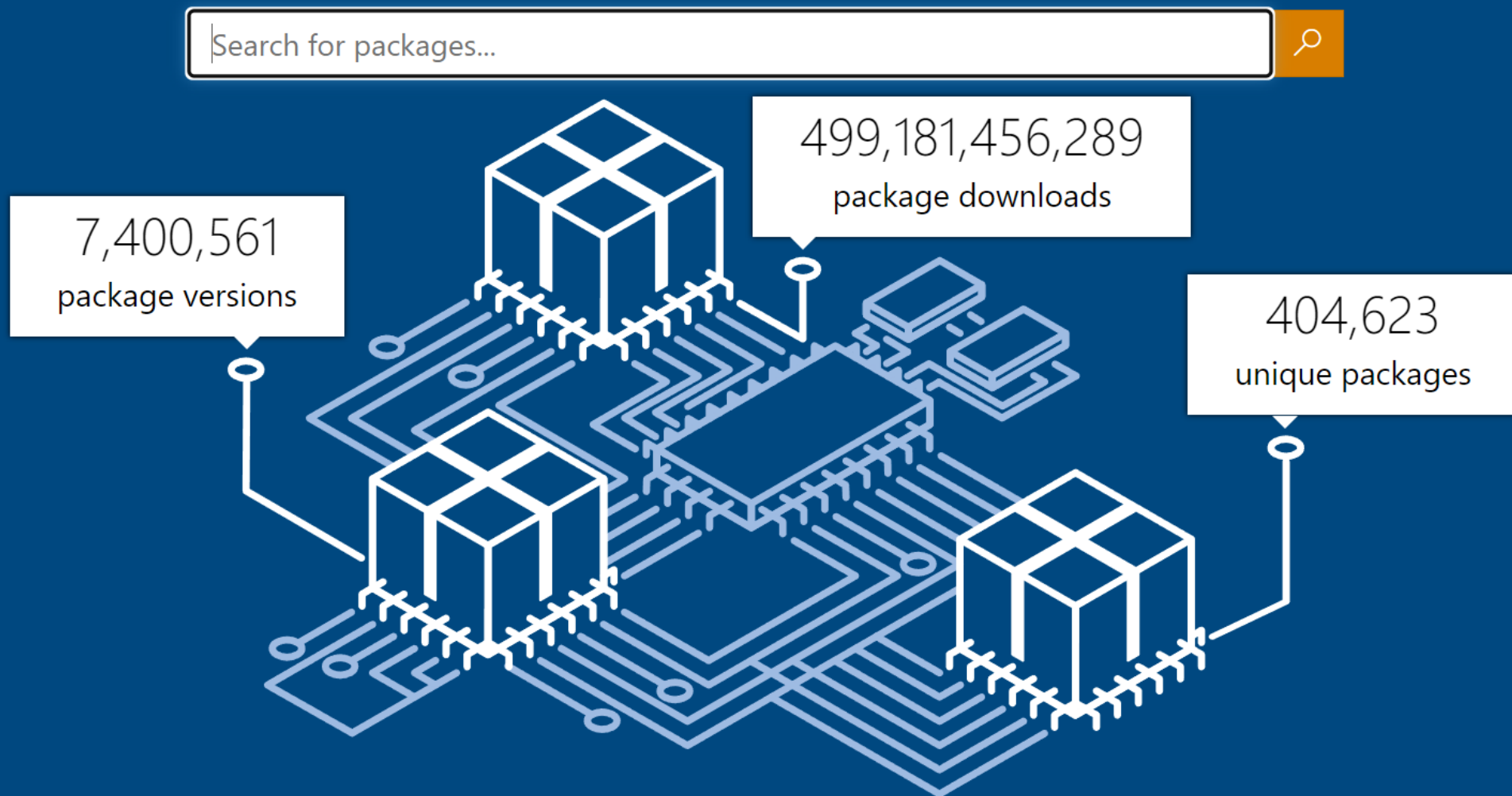
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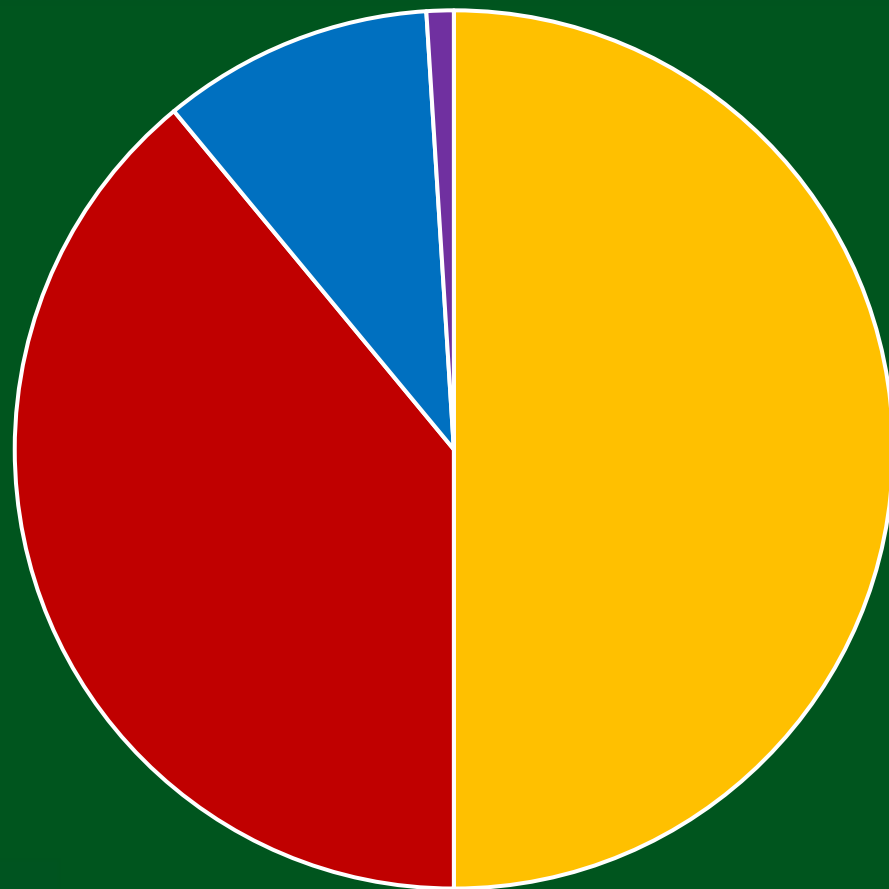
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