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License of FastAC code

6 messages

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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 9:36 AM

Dr. Pearlman and Dr. Said,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of my employer, Red Hat. We have come across some code that you are listed as the copyright holders for. Specifically, I am referring to the FastAC code, which can be found at [1]. This useful code has been incorporated into several open source projects, most notably, LASzip [2] and openFAMC [3].

The concern that we have is that your code is not currently available under an open source license, specifically, that there is no permission granted to modify the FastAC code. This is a problem for Red Hat, as we do not distribute code which is not open source.

It appears that in 2015, Sebastiaan Couwenberg reached out to you both in an attempt to relicense this code under the BSD-2-Clause license [4]. [5] It does not appear that this was successful, so I am restarting this endeavor.

Would you both be willing to grant permission for the FastAC code to be used under the terms of the BSD-2-Clause license? This would resolve our concerns. All that you need to do to permit this is to:

1. Reply to this email confirming that you are the copyright holder for the FastAC code, and that you give permission for the FastAC code to be used under this license
2. Give permission for me to share this email thread publicly as documentation of the licensing permission.

Thanks in advance,
Tom Callaway
Red Hat

1. http://www.cipr.rpi.edu/research/SPIHT/EW_Code/FastAC.zip
2. <https://laszip.org/>
3. https://github.com/RufaelDev/openFAMC/blob/master/o3dgc/o3dgc_common_lib/src/o3dgcArithmeticCodec.cpp
4. <http://spdx.org/licenses/BSD-2-Clause>
5. <https://lists.debian.org/debian-wnpp/2015/01/msg00227.html>

Amir Said <asaid@qti.qualcomm.com>
To: Tom Callaway <tcallawa@redhat.com>, "pearlw@rpi.edu" <pearlw@rpi.edu>

Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 9:48 AM

Hi Tom,

Sorry if we didn't follow in 2015. I don't remember what was discussed, but remember I was changing jobs that year. (By the way, said@ieee.org is my "permanent" email address.)

I agree with open source 2 clause BSD license, and I believe we were only asking to keep authors names, etc., and the link saying that the code was also distributed from our book site.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/digital-signal-compression/B236A8D0FEA6F7D2D3C7D99839E46E14>

Best regards,

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Tom Callaway <tcallawa@redhat.com>
To: Amir Said <asaid@qti.qualcomm.com>
Cc: "pearlw@rpi.edu" <pearlw@rpi.edu>

Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 10:55 AM

That seems reasonable. I have attached a text file copy of the revised header after this change, please review and confirm that it meets your requirements.

Thanks,
Tom

2 attachments



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 new-fastac-header.txt
5K

Tom Callaway <tcallawa@redhat.com>
To: Amir Said <asaid@qti.qualcomm.com>
Cc: pearlw@ecse.rpi.edu

Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 9:58 AM

I am resending this with an updated email for Dr. Pearlman.

To summarize our discussion thus far: I am seeking your permission to use the FastAC code under the BSD-2-Clause license. I have attached a text file with a revised header reflecting my proposed license change. If you are okay with this proposal, please reply to this email explicitly giving your permission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks in advance,
Tom Callaway

Red Hat

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Pearlman, William (Bill) <pearlw@ecse.rpi.edu>
To: Tom Callaway <tcallawa@redhat.com>, Amir Said <asaid@qti.qualcomm.com>

Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 11:11 AM

Hi Tom,

Both Amir and I accept your BSD-2 clause license for use of the FastAC code. We are working on replacing the older text with the newer one in the relevant code packages. We shall let you know when that has been accomplished.

Regards,
Bill Pearlman

From: Tom Callaway [tcallawa@redhat.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:58 AM
To: Amir Said
Cc: Pearlman, William (Bill)
Subject: Re: License of FastAC code

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To: "Pearlman, William (Bill)" <pearlw@ecse.rpi.edu>
Cc: Amir Said <asaid@qti.qualcomm.com>

Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 11:18 AM

Thank you so much. We will include this email thread as documentation of the new licensing until that change occurs.

Sincerely,
Tom Callaway
Red Hat
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