

***How do you really do GPL enforcement?
aka Bringing software right-to-repair to the masses***

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"our source request was not made because we wanted [company] to go to the website of each project it uses and give us the tarball found on that website. If that's all the GPL required, it would be quite a silly make-work license. That's not what the GPL is; it requires..."

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Questions?

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