JBoss Licensing Policy

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1. Introduction

This guide focuses on writing, releasing and distributing JBoss Open Source project[s]. Its goal is to make sure that all JBoss projects follow[s] a common set of rules from a licensing standpoint so that:

- We respect other projects' licenses and third party intellectual property rights;

- We make it safe and easy for our users to use our software and understand how Intellectual Property (IP) of the infrastructure they are relying on is structured and licensed.

It is our goal to make sure our codebase is safe and clean, and this can only be achieved by following a strict set of licensing rules that are described in this document.

If you are unsure about how you should apply a given rule or if you think a rule is missing, please contact [Andy Miller (andy.miller@jboss.com)] so that they can update it and make it clearer.

NOTE: This document focuses on GPL and LGPL codebases. Please contact [Richard Fontana (rfontana@redhat.com)] with issues related to other licenses.

2.   Source Code

2.A.   Writing Source Code

2.A.I. Writing new classes/code

The following section applies every time you create a new file that will contain new code that you do not copy from another place.

Whenever writing new code, apply the following elements:

1. The Red Hat/JBoss official license header (for GPL and/or LGPL, as appropriate, both of which are detailed below), and

2. The appropriate copyright statements (detailed below)

For LGPL code, the following header must be applied:

JBoss Official LGPL header

```
/*
 * JBoss, Home of Professional Open Source
 * Copyright XXXX, Red Hat Middleware LLC, and others contributors as indicated
 * by the @authors tag. All rights reserved.
 * See the copyright.txt in the distribution for a
 * full listing of individual contributors.
 * This copyrighted material is made available to anyone wishing to use,
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 * of the GNU Lesser General Public License, v. 2.1.
 * This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful, but WITHOUT A
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 * PARTICULAR PURPOSE.  See the GNU Lesser General Public License for more details.
 * You should have received a copy of the GNU Lesser General Public License,
 * v.2.1 along with this distribution; if not, write to the Free Software
 * Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin Street, Fifth Floor, Boston,
 * MA  02110-1301, USA.
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Also, anytime you make a modification to a file, make sure a JavaDoc **"@author"** tag is present (or copyright statement) for your name/company (whoever owns your copyright) - see copyright rule below.

JBoss Copyright Indication Clause

Always:

- Put copyright statements in one of these two forms:
    - "(C) YYYY, John Bla" where YYYY is the copyright year (or years in case of multiple years, e.g., "2002-2004"), or
    - The JavaDoc "@author" tag
- Put the name of the individual OR the company actually owning the copyright
    - If you are doing this in connection with your work, chances are HIGH that the copyright is owned by your employer. Check this first before committing anything and make sure you are allowed to do so.
    - For JBoss employees, indicate your name and the company name i.e. "JBoss, Inc., Scott Stark" for example.
- Keep existing copyright statements intact

Never

- remove existing copyright statements
- alter existing copyright statements

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For GPL code (see http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-howto.html), the following header must be applied:

JBoss Official GPL header

```
/*
 * JBoss, Home of Professional Open Source
 * Copyright XXXX, Red Hat Middleware LLC, and individual contributors as indicated
 * by the @authors tag.  All rights reserved.
 * See the copyright.txt in the distribution for a full listing
 * of individual contributors.
 * This copyrighted material is made available to anyone wishing to use,
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 * of the GNU General Public License, v. 2.0.
 * This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful, but WITHOUT A
 * WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A
 * PARTICULAR PURPOSE.  See the GNU General Public License for more details.
 * You should have received a copy of the GNU General Public License,
 * v. 2.0 along with this distribution; if not, write to the Free Software
 * Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin Street, Fifth Floor, Boston,
 * MA  02110-1301, USA.
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NOTE: It is very important to make sure **no copyright statement ever** gets removed from source code. You can certainly **add** a new copyright owner to a source file in case new work gets done, but you cannot **remove** existing entries