

Re: services for unix redistribution licence question

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Wingeezer wrote:

Apologies if this is not the right place to ask, I couldn't see a specific area for either 'services for unix' or 'licensing'.

Suppose I am porting to windows an application that currently uses Posix threads (pthread library). I notice that Microsoft Services for Unix 3.5 provides pthread support inside psxdll.dll, but this is not part of the normal windows SDK.

So if I make my product dependent on this DLL, does that mean my customers have to purchase MSFU themselves, or am I allowed to redistribute the DLL as a runtime component?

First of all, Interix applications need more than PSXDLL.DLL to run, practically they need SFU to be properly installed. AFAIK you are not allowed to redistribute SFU but it is free to download it from Microsoft so your users can just download and install SFU before they install your program.

SFU 3.5 is available for download here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=896C9688-601B-44F1-81A4-02878FF11778>

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