

Cisco Lawsuit: A Test for the GPL?

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Cisco and FSF lawsuit over GPL The lawsuit between the Free Software Foundation (FSF) and Cisco may be critical in shaping the future of the open source ecosystem, according to legal experts closely watching the saga's next stages.

The FSF filed its legal complaint against Cisco last month, alleging that the networking giant violated the terms of the GPL, or General Public License (define).

Experts say the lawsuit -- about which both parties have been tight-lipped -- is about more than just about protecting the code-availability tenets of the free software license. Instead, they're weighing the wider impact that a court decision could have on setting legal precedent for GPL compliance and infringement.

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