

## Re: Commercialisation

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In article <400da12f\$0\$1115\$6c56d894@feed0.news.be.easynet.net>, Luc Cottyn <[luc@cottyn.net](mailto:luc@cottyn.net)> wrote:

> *We're going to sell our product, based on slackware linux.*

> *It runs several daemons, also OPENSSH.*

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> *We would like to know, if it is possible to change the OPENSSH version*

> *in the source to 'ourproduct ssh daemon 1.0' for example, and sell it.*

> *We can name it as ourproduct-sshd-1.0 for example. Is that allowed?*

Short answer: probably yes, read the LICENSE file and ask your lawyer.

What you're describing is pretty much what Sun did when they forked OpenSSH into SunSSH, see:

<http://sunsolve.sun.com/pub-cgi/retrieve.pl?doc=finfodoc%2F50465>

> *What should we do more? I would like to have some answers on this. I'm*

> *not good in English, i hope the anyone can help us.*

It would probably be a good idea to acknowledge that it's based on OpenSSH.

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