Replicant - Issue #1623

Check extensively if f-droid repositories still respects the GNU Free system distribution guidelines

02/04/2016 01:18 PM - Denis 'GNUtoo' Carikli

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Priority:	Immediate		**Due date:**	
Assignee:	Paul Kocialkowski		**% Done:**	0%
Category:	Legal		**Estimated time:**	0.00 hour
Target version:	Any version		**Spent time:**	0.00 hour
Resolution:	invalid		**Grant:**	
Device:	Not device specific		**Type of work:**	

Description

The guidelines are here: https://www.gnu.org/distros/free-system-distribution-guidelines.html

While I didn't find a smoking gun yet, the following page raises some concern:
https://f-droid.org/wiki/page/Antifeatures

To check:

1) What, practically speaking, each anti-feature really is.
For instance the description of the advertizing anti-feature says that no applications is known to have it,
but the list of application with that anti-feature is not empty.
We should check with upstream and fix the descriptions if we can.
2) Look if Replicant is affected
For instance Firefox exist in f-droid but it's not possible to run on Replicant.
Still, Firefox should not be possible to install on Replicant because it can suggest non-free add ons.
3) List and check well known suspicious applications such as firefox.
4) List and check emulators, Parabola has a good reference on it here:
https://wiki.parabola.nu/Emulator_licensing_issues

If no issues are to be found, Documentation should be made more clear.

If issues are to be found, F-droid will have to be fixed upstream, not to show any application with anti-features to Replicant users.
We should also look which implementations would satisfy the guidelines requirements:

> ~~Should the filter be made automatic and not possible to disable.~~
> Can the filter be a setting, and be enabled by default on Replicant.
-> Can upstream simply remove applications with anti-features?
Having F-droid fixed upstream is desirable not to have to maintain a fork.

History

#1 - 02/04/2016 01:21 PM - Denis 'GNUtoo' Carikli

- Resolution set to invalid

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#2 - 02/04/2016 01:23 PM - Denis 'GNUtoo' Carikli

- Status changed from New to Rejected

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