# Simputer™ General Public License

A Quick Overview



# The Simputer™ Philosophy

The proliferation of Simputers<sup>™</sup> and Simputer<sup>™</sup> derived products with an end to bridging the digital divide



Cost Efficiencies

Proliferation

Profitable Business

Model

**Protection Model** 

Brand Image and Standards

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Control over trademark

Contract

Limited Exclusivity



#### Use of the Specifications

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Freely available to all from the website or other licensees

Can be used without restriction to build non-commercial Simputers<sup>™</sup>.

All modifications of the Specifications must, eventually, be returned to the public domain

Distribution and re-distribution of Specifications must take place under SGPL and contain required declarations



# Use of the Specifications

**SPECIFICATIONS** 



No Restrictions on use

May be retained with developer

If disclosed — must be distributed under SGPL

MODIFIED SPECIFICATIONS

If modified



#### Making a Device

**DEVICE** 

Non-Commercial

No Restrictions

Functional Tests

Meets the CSS

Does not meet the CSS

Apply for license for manufacture of Simputers TM

Apply for license for manufacture of Simputerised Devices



#### License Conditions

Simputer \*\*M

Manufacturing

License

Simputerised Devices
Manufacturing License

Commercial Use — *Developing*Countries

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License Fee — US\$ 25,000

Non-Commercial Use License Fee — US\$ 250,000

No License Fee



#### The Commercial Side...

Simputer<sup>™</sup> Specifications

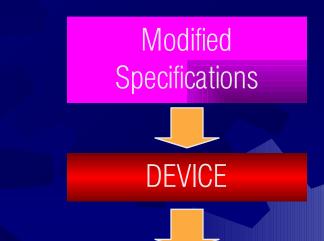


DEVICE

Simputer™
Specifications must be released.



After 12 months



For 12 months from first Sale



Specifications need not be released





#### Prohibitions under the SGPL

**SGPL** 

Contract Law

Distribution otherwise than under the SGPL

Patenting modifications to the Specifications

Unlicensed Commercial application of the Specifications

Trademark Law

Unlicensed Use of the term Simputer<sup>™</sup>

Unlicensed Use of derived terms such as "Simputerised"



## Acknowledgements



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