

Session Number 38



**Software Licensing:
MS EULA, GPL, OSI,
Open Source, and Free Software**

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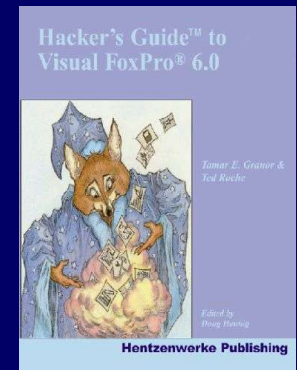
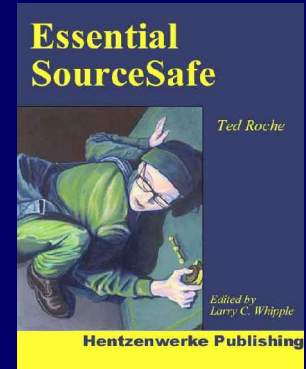
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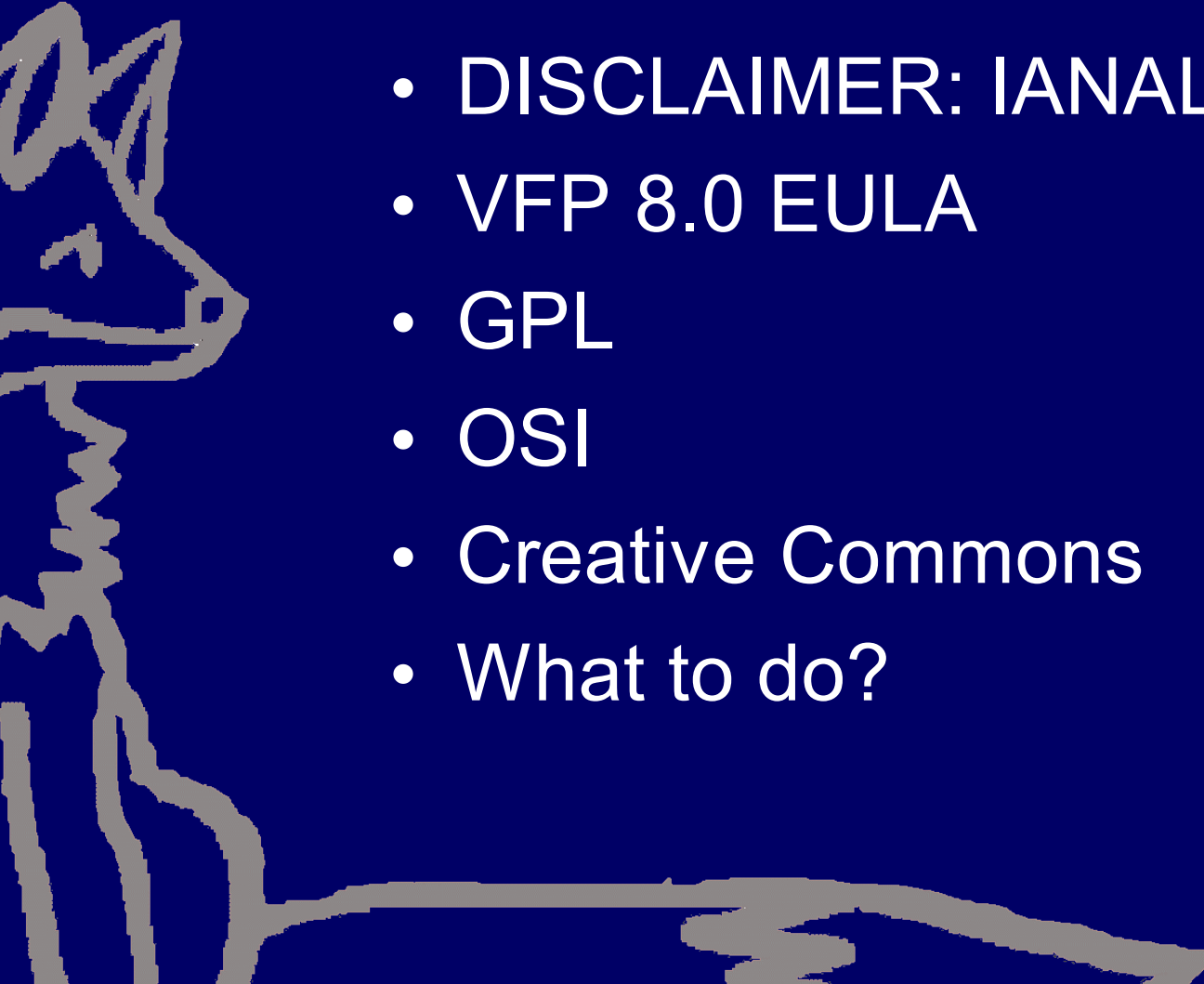
Who Am I?

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- MCSE (NT4) and MCSD (VS6) (wrote 1/2 the VFP Dist. exam)
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Agenda

- DISCLAIMER: IANAL!
- VFP 8.0 EULA
- GPL
- OSI
- Creative Commons
- What to do?



Disclaimer: IANAL

- I Am Not A Lawyer
- You must get legal advice from a lawyer who can practice law in your jurisdiction.
- I am reporting what I have learned.
- My opinions are my own and \$0.00
- Don't sue me!



VFP 8.0 EULA

- What's new? Surprises!
- Benchmarking: in 7, .NET for 8
- 3.1 (ii): “Distributables... in conjunction... Windows platform”
- Section 11.1: Upgrades
- VFP 8 vs. 7 vs. 6 EULA



GPL

- Stallman and the Xerox printer
- Viral? Yes and no
- “Mere aggregation” vs. “Combining two modules?”

<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-faq.html>



OSI and others

- Open Source Initiative, esr, <http://www.opensource.org>
- OSI Certified Open Source Software
- BSD, Mozilla MPL, Perl's Artistic License, many others



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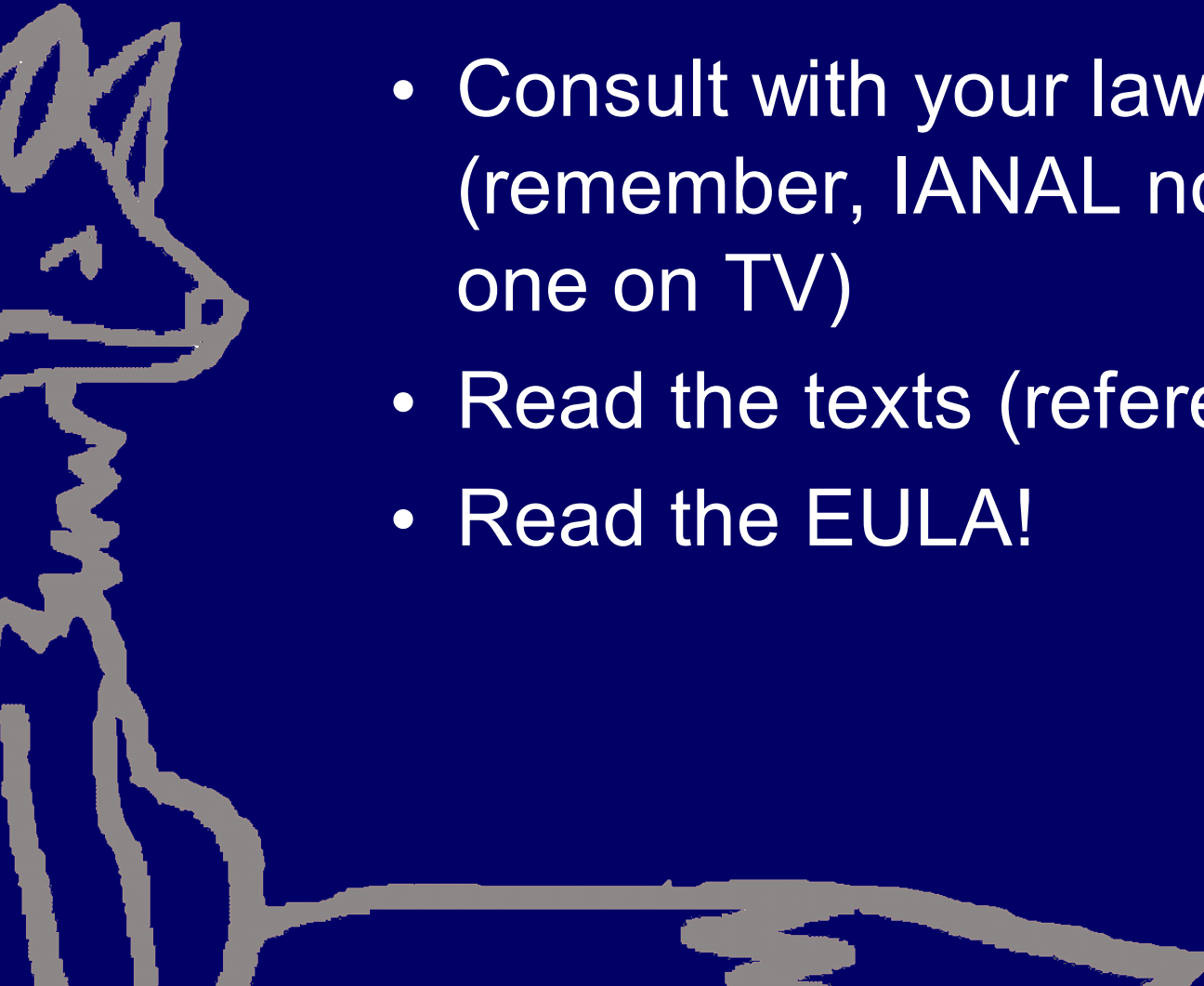
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- Is there a “public domain?”
- What can someone else do with “your” work?



What to do?

- Consult with your lawyer (remember, IANAL nor do I play one on TV)
- Read the texts (references)
- Read the EULA!



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