THE (NOT SO) SIMPLE CASE OF ATTRIBUTION LICENSE OBLIGATIONS

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Simplest Compliance Policy

All the issues are automagically resolved, if you simply...

deliver source code!
Conclusions

- Attribution obligation is considered easily satisfiable
- There are tricky cases
- Caution when trying simplistic approaches

- SPDX is the standard format for communicating this info

- Simple policy to satisfy the obligation: always deliver source
THANK YOU

Questions, comments, ... ?