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Comment:

I have a problem with the current state of affairs with regard to abandoned works of software.

I have unsuccessfully attempted to locate the present owners of relatively obscure work that I know exists. I know the work exists because I helped create it. The company owning the work at the time of its creation subsequently failed and claimed to have sold the rights. However, I could not obtain a definative disposition of the works in question from any of the parties involved. My intention was to incorporate the work into a personal project not for commercial reuse.

It unfortunate that commericially unsuccessful technological works of very limited shelf are simply lost. I would propose that if these properties can not be utilized in a commericial context within some reasonable period of time, then they simply have no commericial value and should be released to the public domain.