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Wired: How Github is Helping Overworked Chinese Programmers

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Partner Heather Meeker has doubts about an open-source project that two Chinese software developers, Katt Gu and Suji Yan, are developing. Last week they published the “Anti-996 License,” requiring any company that uses the project’s software to comply with local labor laws.

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However, Meeker says that the Anti-996 License, like other activist licenses, may violate the terms set out by the Open Source Initiative. The organization says that licenses “must not restrict anyone from making use of the program in a specific field of endeavor.”

Meeker believes the Anti-996 License will be hard to enforce. “The consequence of violating a license condition is only a loss of rights to use the software,” she said.

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