

## **Adium and IM Freedom, Inc. Proposal**

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Adium so far has held a somewhat unofficial relationship with IM Freedom, Inc. (IMF) in the past. It handled Adium's Google Summer of Code payments, as well as generally oversees the protection of half of Adium's running code. It only makes sense that we codify our relationship with IMF in a way that's beneficial for both of us.

### **What We're After**

Adium seeks legal responsibility of its code from IMF much in the way that it protects the Pidgin source code. We would like IMF to take over responsibilities for the Adium trademark, logo, and all other legal aspects of Adium's management.

We would like IMF to handle nonprofit donations from our users and hold them in its bank account for our earmarked usage. Any uses of the funds would be entirely administered and the responsibility shouldered by the Adium team member who is conducting the activity. We'll need to work out specifically how funds can be made available from IMF's accounts, but we would like to avoid needing to convene a meeting of the IMF board of directors or to request an IMF-wide vote for the use of funds specifically from the Adium account.

For example, Adium may wish to start an official bounty system. We would organize the bounties and handle any necessary paperwork and organization to distribute the money. Our donations would also go towards our low operating costs (domain names, mostly).

### **What We'll Provide**

The two things which IMF is currently in need of are time and money. We recognize the current cash reserves of IMF are already put together for any administrative needs, so we're willing to donate both our time and our money.

We will place 10% of our donations directly into IMF's funding, with the remaining 90% reserved for Adium use. This includes both current donations and future donations. If a need arises, of course, IMF may use Adium's funds for its purposes upon request.

Adium holds approximately \$3000 in donations, currently held in Evan Schoenberg's bank account. These would be transferred into IMF's account, with \$300 going directly towards IMF and the remaining \$2,700 reserved for Adium use.

Evan Schoenberg is currently a board member of IMF. However, Evan is currently overwhelmingly involved in medical doctor activities. If IMF so desires, Zachary West would assume some of Evan's responsibilities, as another board member or otherwise involved individual.