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Subject: Thunderbird may not be free in the future  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 20:21:23 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Thunderbird may not be free in the future  
Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 20:34:46 GMT  
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Chris Ludwig

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Subject: Re: Thunderbird may not be free in the future  
Posted by [xpam\\_mark](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 21:43:04 GMT  
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What is thunderbird?

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"Chris Ludwig" <[chrisl@adkproaudio.com](mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com)> wrote in message  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 21:57:30 GMT  
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You've heard of Firefox the web browser, Thunderbird is the companion email client. It's a good one. Check out mozilla .com or mozilla.org.

"W. Mark Wilson" <xpam\_mark@avidrecording> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Thunderbird may not be free in the future  
Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Thu, 20 Sep 2007 00:56:05 GMT

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On 20 Sep 2007 06:21:23 +1000, "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com>  
wrote:

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>be free in the future. It's been spun off for profit.

Well, that would just suck.

I had used Pegasus mail on the Windows side for years and years -  
loved it. When I switched to OSX for my main pc, I switched to Tbird  
and really love it. If they try to make it stupid money, I'm sticking  
with whatever the last free version is.

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Subject: Re: Thunderbird may not be free in the future  
Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 20 Sep 2007 04:58:56 GMT

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From where comes this? Isn't Thunderbird released under the Mozilla license,  
which absent the artwork is a free software license?

TCB

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 20 Sep 2007 14:13:26 GMT  
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No, James, you didn't 'try to get the word out' to people using Thunderbird. You posted completely erroneous, ill-informed information for Thunderbird users that ten minutes on google and a basic understanding of software licenses could have corrected. Unless that's what you mean by 'getting the word out' of course.

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