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Task 3: Reflections on the movie Revolution OS

1. What was the point made by Bill Gates in his Open Letter to Hobbyists?

Without good software and an owner who understands programming, a hobby computer is wasted.

As the majority of hobbyists must be aware, most of you steal your software.

1. What did Richard Stallman describe as an ethical dilemma?

Stallman puts it, free software is “important for quality of life and the good of society.”

The developers of those systems didn’t share with other people, instead they tried to control the users, dominate the users, restricts them. If you want to use it, you have to sign a promise you won’t share with anybody else. But he does not want it to be like this and not wants to betray the rest of the world. Also, he had already experienced what happened when other people did that to us, when they refused to share with us. It hurts the whole lab. Stallman wants everybody to use this and give opportunity to use computer well.

1. What are the freedoms that enable people to form a community?

The freedoms to make changes if you want to or hire somebody else to make changes for you if you’re using a software for your business, to redistribute copies, to share with other people, and to make improvements and publish them. So that other people can get the benefit of them too.