

Free Software

Richard Matthew Stallman, father of GNU :



What is the Free Software ?

A short definition for clarification...

sources : [GNU.org](https://www.gnu.org)



“Free software” means software that respects users' freedom and community. Roughly, it means that **the users have the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software**. Thus, “free software” is a matter of liberty, not price. To understand the concept, you should think of “free” as in “free speech”, not as in “free beer”.

We campaign for these freedoms because everyone deserves them. With these freedoms, the users (both individually and collectively) control the program and what it does for them. When users don't control the program, we call it a “nonfree” or “proprietary” program. The nonfree program controls the users, and the developer controls the program; this makes the program an instrument of unjust power.

A program is free software if the program's users have the four essential freedoms:

- the freedom to run the program, for any purpose (freedom 0).
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish (freedom 1). Access to the source code is a precondition for this.
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor (freedom 2).
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others (freedom 3). By doing this you can give the whole community a chance to benefit from your changes. Access to the source code is a precondition for this.

A program is free software if it gives users adequately all of these freedoms. Otherwise, it is nonfree. While we can distinguish various nonfree distribution schemes in terms of how far they fall short of being free, we consider them all equally unethical.

Where does free software come from ?

⇒ from everywhere !! :D

Why prefer free software ?

⇒ To be unchained...

Why HandyLinux is not 100% free ?

⇒ We totally understand that Windows users are accustomed to habits that are sometimes difficult to ensure without proprietary software features, and we are not here to judge anybody... but we try to get rid of these non-free software and unchain your machine...

How to unchain HandyLinux ?

⇒ **vrms** : Virtual Richard Matthew Stallman on your computer. vrms is a command-mine tool to list every non-free packages installed on your computer. Simply remove it to unchain your computer ;)

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