

# The GNU Operating System

- About the GNU Operating System
- A historical overview of GNU
- A more detailed history of GNU
- The initial announcement of the project
- The Structure and Administration of the GNU Project
- The GNU Manifesto
- BYTE interview with Richard Stallman (1986)
- My Lisp Experiences and the Development of GNU Emacs (by Richard Stallman)
- One Man's Fight for Free Software, an article about Richard Stallman and the early GNU development, published at *The New York Times* on January 11, 1989. One problem with the article is that it uses the propaganda term “intellectual property” as if that referred to something coherent. The term is such a confusion that talking about it makes no sense. The article is also somewhat confused in regard to Symbolics. What Stallman did, while still working at MIT, was to write, independently, replacement improvements comparable to the improvements that Symbolics made in its version of the MIT Lisp Machine System.
- 15 Years of Free Software (1999)

Here are two postings that Stallman wrote for a bulletin board at Stanford while he was visiting there in May, 1983. They show some of his thinking on the way towards launching the development of the GNU system. They don't use the term “free software”; apparently he had not yet started to put those two words together.

- Why Programs Should be Shared (1983)
- Yes, Give It Away (1983)

## GNU and Linux

- The relationship between GNU and Linux
- Why the ‘Linux system’ should be called GNU/Linux
- GNU Users Who Have Never Heard of GNU
- A GNU/Linux FAQ

## Other GNU-related resources

- GNU/Linux, GNU/Hurd, and free software user groups

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