

# Introduction to Free/Libre Software



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What is Software?



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What is meant by Free?



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Free **not** as in **free lunch**(not cost)



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Free as in **free speech** (Freedom)



## Impact of Technology

- **Paper**
- **Printing Press**
- **Steam Engine**
- **Computers**
- **Internet**



## **Freedom 0** (Use)

**The freedom to run the  
program, for any purpose.**



## **Freedom 1** (Study)

**The freedom to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs.  
(Access to the source code)**





## **Freedom 2** **(Copy and Share)**

**The freedom to redistribute copies  
so you can help your neighbor**



## **Freedom 3** **(Modify and Distribute)**

**The freedom to improve the program,  
and release your improvements (and  
modified versions in general) to the  
public, so that the whole community  
benefits**



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The **Free Software Foundation** was started by **Richard Stallman** in 1985.



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