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Free Software Needs Your Vote! SCALE 13x

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Free Software Foundation

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The Free Software Foundation

The FSF was founded as a nonprofit organization in 1985 to fight for the freedoms of computer users worldwide, and to sponsor the GNU Project, which has a goal of making a fully free operating system.



Our goal

At the FSF and in the GNU Project, we want **all** computer users to be able to do **everything** they need to do on **any** computer, using **only** free software. We have been working toward this goal since it was announced in 1983.



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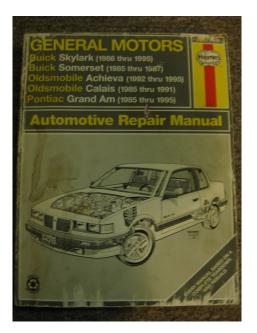
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- Freedom 3: The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others. By doing this you can give the whole community a chance to benefit from your changes.



Free software protects your interests

- The source code is available for anyone to examine
- The source code can be modified by anyone
- the modified version can be redistributed by anyone







A show of hands





The right to vote





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- We need to provide free documentation for people to learn more about the technology they use.



Helping people identify what's free



We have some logos for this. We need more. http://www.gnu.org/graphics/license-logos.html



Effective explanations

Usr Lib video on fsf.org:



Also see RMS's TEDx talk at https://www.fsf.org/about/what-is-free-software.



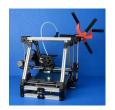
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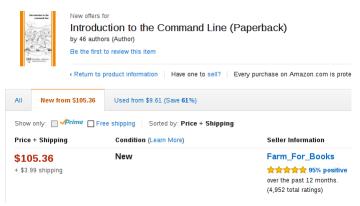


The software we need

We have our High Priority Projects list, currently being reviewed by an expert committee and soliciting feedback from the public. Please send your thoughts to hpp-feedback@gnu.org! https://www.fsf.org/campaigns/priority-projects



Documentation for technical literacy





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