"Software Is For Geeks!"
Who Needs Digital Freedoms Anyway?

Who Put The Rights Out?

Europeans use computers every day. Employers demand it, the state requires it, schools prescribe it. But what rights do we have when using these computers?

Often our actions are recorded and the details sold, our data is copied and inspected, our software dictates costly and inconvenient 'upgrades', and our PCs regularly need complete replacement.

Computers tell users what they may be used for; each function with a price tag attached. Sharing, studying, or improving the applications that you use is illegal by default.

What happened to our rights!

Free Software, Free Society

Software is an intrinsic part of our culture. Mobile phones, music players, netbooks and even pacemakers are controlled by the code inside them.

Equal access to computer technologies is a basic requirement for egalitarian society. When software is expensive, restricted and treacherous, society suffers.

Today tens of millions have chosen to demand more from the technology they use. By choosing to use Free Software they retain their rights, and become part of a global community of innovators.

Free as in freedom

Free Software guarantees our rights to: **use** (for any purpose), **share** (with anyone), **study** (without secrets), and **improve**.

Free Software offers safe, equal, and sustainable computing for the future.

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Defending Digital Rights
The Free Software Foundation Europe And You

A Foundation For Freedom
Since 2001 FSFE has been working to create general understanding and support for software freedom in all areas of society.

We have successfully fought attempts to legislate away citizens rights over the computers that they use in many European countries.

For over a decade FSFE has steered the EU towards publicly owned technology through our campaigns and frequent consultations.

A Fair Fight
Fighting for Free Software is essential if the tools and skills of tomorrow are to be accessible to more than a privileged few.

We believe that fairness is worth fighting for.

Freedom in the UK
The public sector is Britain's biggest buyer of software. Public money spent on software should buy safe, accountable, and cost-efficient solutions. £16bn of UK tax is spent on IT each year, typically on technology which may not be re-used, adapted or improved. FSFE is working with the Coalition government and community organisations to get more rights, more value, and more Freedom from public software purchases.

FSFE has organised round-table meetings to bring together British Free Software groups and organisations, and continues to work at a local and national level to promote Free Software in Britain.

Get Involved!
Contribute your skills to the Free Software movement! Help us with writing, designing, translating, coding, editing and organising:
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