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What is Software Freedom ?

Software Freedom is about you being able to do anything that you want with your computers, without any restrictions placed on you by a third party. You should always beware of any outside influence on your business, since it could put you out of business.

Software Freedom includes your rights to run, copy, distribute, study and make changes to the software that you use. Access to the source code is essential to your software freedom, regardless of the level of your computer skills.

Software Freedom also protects you from treacherous programming practices that are being employed by some proprietary software to collect information about you. This information can be turned over to marketing companies or law enforcement agencies without your authorization.

1. The freedom to run the program for any purpose. This means that you are free to use it at home or in your business without any restrictions.
2. The freedom to study how the program works and adapt it to your needs. Which requires that every user has access to the source code.
3. The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor. This includes the freedom to charge money for it or give it away.
4. The freedom to improve the program, and release your improvements to the public.

How You Benefit from Software Freedom

When you use a Computer in Business or at Home you can benefit from using free software. The Linux Operating System, Apache Web Server, Open Office Suite and Firefox Web Browser are all examples of free software. Many of these applications are also available free of charge on the Internet.

Many times, software companies will make software appear to be free. However when you read the license you find out that it isn't really free. This is the reason why Free Software is about freedom of choice, not how much it costs.



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Beware of Proprietary Software

Proprietary software licenses place restrictions on your right to software freedom . Which is why you should avoid using any software that is licensed that particular way.

Proprietary Software Licensing will add thousands of dollars, to the cost of your computer hardware. Often these licenses do not allow you to legally transfer them to new equipment.

Given the rapid advances in the field of computer science, these costs can reoccur every three or four years.

The Microsoft® Tax Stamp

Many people agree to pay for a tax stamp that appears on most new computers because Microsoft has spent billions of dollars to make people believe that they don't have any other choice. Working with the major electronics chains, they have also made sure that the Microsoft® Tax Stamp appears on every computer system on their sales floor.

The good news is that you do not have to pay that tax. People have the freedom of choice over the software applications that they use on their computers. This freedom of choice is what Software Freedom and Free Software are all about.

Give Your Business an Edge

Software Freedom is important to you because free software will give your business an edge over your competition. Money that you save on software licenses can be used to offset other business expenses or just increase your bottom line.

We realize that your business may need to use proprietary software to perform some essential tasks and that you need to carefully plan a migration strategy that addresses those requirements.



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The Power of the Penguin

The key to Software Freedom is a little penguin named “tux”, which is the official mascot of the Linux® Operating System. Linux gives you the ability to do just about anything that you can imagine to do on the Internet. Most internet providers and web hosts use Linux and free software applications to run their data centers.

Over the last sixteen years the Linux operating system has developed into a user friendly and robust operating system that is suitable for both desktop and server applications.

Places Where You Can Buy a Linux® System

Finding a new computer systems that are loaded with Linux can be a challenging. You can start with these two places to find your first Linux based computer system. They both sell low cost Linux Based Systems starting around \$250, that are complete with all the essential office productivity applications and have wireless networking options.

ZaReason, Inc. (<http://ZaReason.com>)

Mad Tux Store (<http://Store.MadTux.com>)

Dell also sells Ubuntu based systems starting around \$500, IBM and HP sell Linux based servers and workstations. If you are looking to spend over a thousand dollars for a system, you may want to Google these:

Los Alamos Computers (<http://laclinux.com>)

Sun Microsystems (<http://Sun.com>)

Penguin Computing (<http://PenguinComputing.com>)

Conclusion

Software Freedom is important to you and gives you complete control over your computing assets. A carefully planned migration strategy will help you declare your independence from proprietary software. Software Freedom gives your business an edge over your competition.

