# The Liberating Power

# of the Second Finger

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# Summary

- Definition

- GNU General Public License

- Common doubts

- History

- Good for whom?

- Using the second finger

# Software Freedoms



0: Execute

1: Study and Adapt

2: Copy and Redistribute

3: Improve and Distribute

## Ethical issue!

# GNU GPLv2



- Whoever gets the binaries is entitled to the sources

- Copy**left**: for all, rights **p**reserved

- No licensing fees

- No additional restrictions

## Preserves software's freedom

# GPLv3.fsf.org

- Tivoization and DRM

- Software Patents

- Compatibility, Internationalization

- Restoration after infringement

- Sources and torrents

**Upgrade is recommended**

# GNU/Linux

- Give credit

- Talk about freedom

- Avoid confusion

- Applications for Linux or for GNU libc?
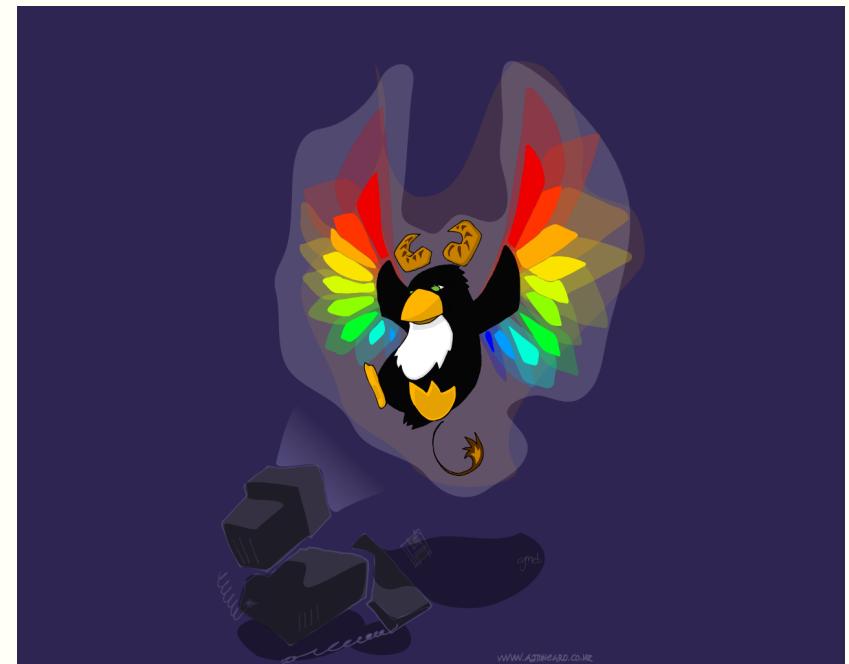
**Linux is a kernel!**

# Open Source?

- Free Software (1983)

- Libre Software

- Open Source (1998)

  – Avoids ambiguity?

  – Software Livre (2005)

- FOSS, FLOSS (2001)

## Free Software!

# Free Software Foundations

- FSF (USA, 1985)

- FSFE (Europe, 2000)

- FSF-I (India, 2001)

- FSFLA (Latin America, 2005)

## Sister organizations

# Why Free Software?

- Ethics

- Freedom

- Good for:
  - the software (2000)
  - the author (2005)
  - the user (2006)
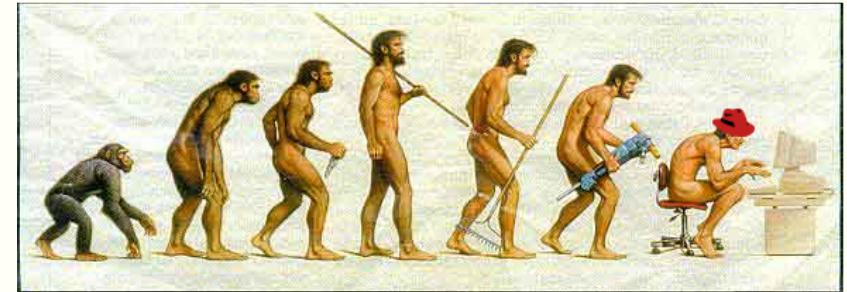
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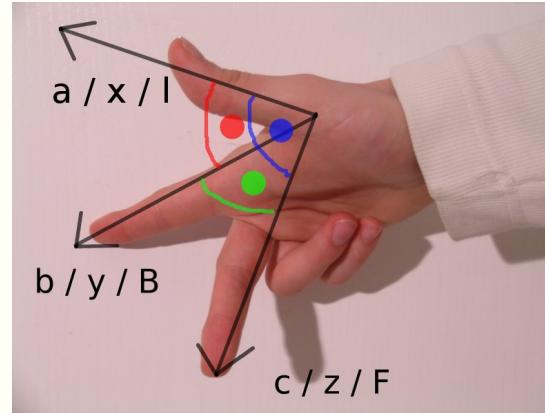


|  | Libre | Non-Free |
|---|---|---|
| Gratis | **L**ibre**O**ffice.org | Google Doc |
| Commercial | **LO** + support | StarOffice |

# **Misunderstanding!**

# Privative traps

- Apparent advantages

- Unavoidable monopolies?

  – Software patents

  – Brazilian IRS

  – "PC para Todos"

- How to fight them?



# How much is freedom worth?

# Corporate user



- Needs support "Point at someone"

- Expects good service for a fair price

- Fears monopolies

# Privative software support

- Multiple monopolies

- High migration costs

- Relaxed vendor

# Free Software support

- Free market

  – Fair price

  – Multiple alternatives

    "Point at someone else"

- Optional migration

- Internal support
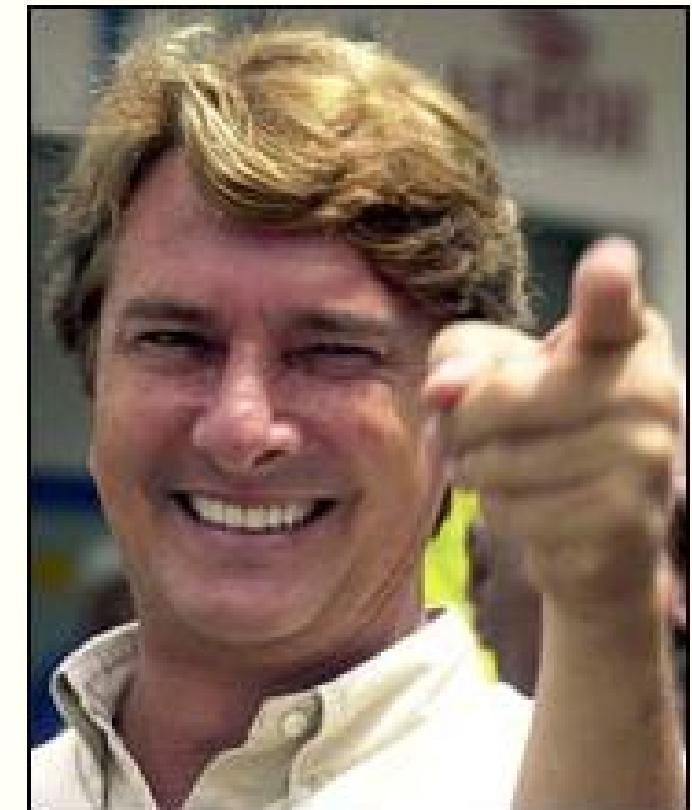
**The second finger brings freedom!**

# Be Free!



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# Thanks!