



LIBRE
PLANET
2015

<https://libreplanet.org/2015>

Free Software Needs Your Vote!

SCALE 13x

John Sullivan

Executive Director

johns@fsf.org

@johns on status.fsf.org and microca.st

@johns_FSF on Twitter

Slides available at

<https://libreplanet.org/wiki/User:Johns/Presentations>

Free Software Foundation

February 22, 2015



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.



Freedoms for everyone?

From <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html>:

- **Freedom 0:** The freedom to run the program, for any purpose.



Freedoms for everyone?

From <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html>:

- **Freedom 0:** The freedom to run the program, for any purpose.
- **Freedom 2:** The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor.



Freedoms for programmers only?

From <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html>:

- **Freedom 1:** The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish.



Freedoms for programmers only?

From <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html>:

- **Freedom 1:** The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish.
- **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



GENERAL MOTORS

Buick Skylark (1986 thru 1995)

Buick Somerset (1985 thru 1987)

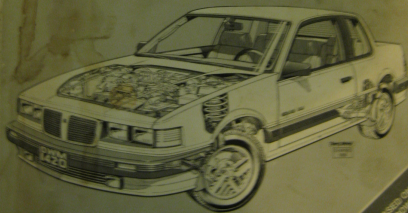
Oldsmobile Achieva (1992 thru 1995)

Oldsmobile Calais (1985 thru 1991)

Pontiac Grand Am (1985 thru 1995)

Haynes

Automotive Repair Manual



EVERY MANUAL BASED ON A
COMPLETE DISASSEMBLY
AND REBUILD

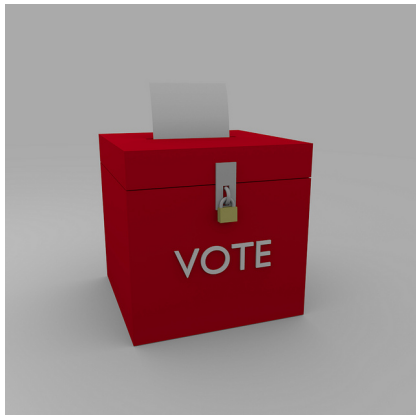




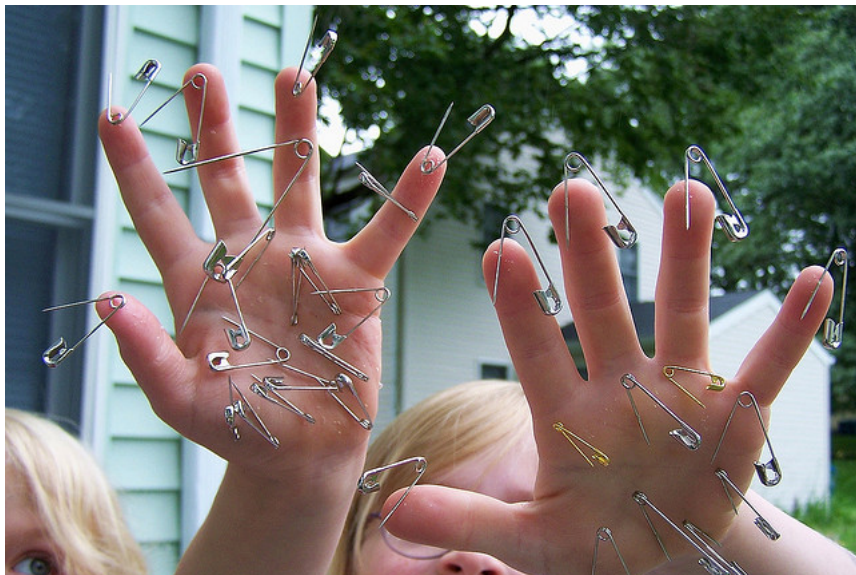
A show of hands



The right to vote



Another show of hands





Get out the vote

- We have to help people identify what things are free.



Get out the vote

- We have to help people identify what things are free.
- We have to have effective explanations of why this is important, that people want to sit and listen to.



Get out the vote

- We have to help people identify what things are free.
- We have to have effective explanations of why this is important, that people want to sit and listen to.
- We need to identify what hardware is free software.



Get out the vote

- We have to help people identify what things are free.
- We have to have effective explanations of why this is important, that people want to sit and listen to.
- We need to identify what hardware is free software.
- We need to provide the software that does what people need.



Get out the vote

- We have to help people identify what things are free.
- We have to have effective explanations of why this is important, that people want to sit and listen to.
- We need to identify what hardware is free software.
- We need to provide the software that does what people need.
- We need to provide free documentation for people to learn more about the technology they use.



Helping people identify what's free



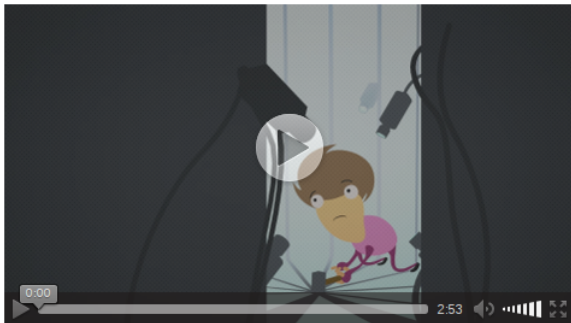
We have some logos for this. We need more.

<http://www.gnu.org/graphics/license-logos.html>



Effective explanations

Usr Lib video on fsf.org:

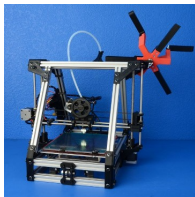


Also see RMS's TEDx talk at
<https://www.fsf.org/about/what-is-free-software>.





The first certified product



More products we've certified



ThinkPenguin Wireless-N Broadband Router





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



New offers for

Introduction to the Command Line (Paperback)

by 46 authors (Author)

[Be the first to review this item](#)

[Return to product information](#)

Have one to [sell](#)?

Every purchase on Amazon.com is prote

All

New from **\$105.36**

Used from **\$9.61** (Save **61%**)

Show only: ☐ Prime ☐ Free shipping | Sorted by: **Price + Shipping**

Price + Shipping

Condition ([Learn More](#))

Seller Information

\$105.36

+ \$3.99 shipping

New

Farm_For_Books

★★★★★ **95% positive**
over the past 12 months.
(4,952 total ratings)



Support the FSF

Our work is funded primarily by grassroots contributions from thousands of individual members.

- Join the FSF at <http://www.fsf.org/join> (use referrer #8096 if you like me). Or donate what you can at <https://donate.fsf.org>.



Support the FSF

Our work is funded primarily by grassroots contributions from thousands of individual members.

- Join the FSF at <http://www.fsf.org/join> (use referrer #8096 if you like me). Or donate what you can at <https://donate.fsf.org>.
- Stay informed by subscribing to our *Free Software Supporter* newsletter at <http://www.fsf.org/fss>. It's also available in Spanish and French.



Support the FSF

Our work is funded primarily by grassroots contributions from thousands of individual members.

- Join the FSF at <http://www.fsf.org/join> (use referrer #8096 if you like me). Or donate what you can at <https://donate.fsf.org>.
- Stay informed by subscribing to our *Free Software Supporter* newsletter at <http://www.fsf.org/fss>. It's also available in Spanish and French.
- Ask your employer to support us.



Support the FSF

Our work is funded primarily by grassroots contributions from thousands of individual members.

- Join the FSF at <http://www.fsf.org/join> (use referrer #8096 if you like me). Or donate what you can at <https://donate.fsf.org>.
- Stay informed by subscribing to our *Free Software Supporter* newsletter at <http://www.fsf.org/fss>. It's also available in Spanish and French.
- Ask your employer to support us.
- Vote for us on Reddit at <https://www.reddit.com/donate?organization=42888848>



Credits

- “Free Children with Safety Pins Stuck In Their Hands” by D Sharon Pruitt, CC BY 2.0,
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/pinksherbet/188842453>
- “Ballot Box” by FutUndBeidl, CC BY 2.0,
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/61423903@N06/8076635893>
- “Money Hand” by Neuble, CC BY 2.0,
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/neubie/2273635564>

