

Software Licensing: Navigating a Sea of Options

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What is FOSS?

“Free” as in “free speech” - not as in “free beer”

What is FOSS?

Any user has the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study and modify the software.

What is FOSS?

Copyright (and, as the case may be, patent)
licenses, thus no waiver of rights

What is FOSS?

Conditions

What is FOSS?

Copyleft and permissive licenses

FOSS4D

- Affordability
- Adaptability
- Prevents vendor lock-in
- Interoperability
- Natural ally of open government/open data initiatives

FOSS4D

Empowerment & participation in global trends

- Creator v. mere consumer
- Local skill development / local SW businesses
- SW development worldwide relies on FOSS
 - Not using FOSS would constitute dramatic competitive disadvantage
 - Possibility to participate in global communities

Thank you!

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