

Serving the Charity Sector

10 reasons for charities to use Free Software

1. Save administration costs

Fines, audits, leases, license certificates and complicated restrictions will be things of the past

2. Discover the meaning of security

GNU/Linux is used by the the largest national security organisations and the majority of the world's servers for good reason: it's unbeatable security

3. Stop worrying about liability exposure

Your right to use Free Software however you wish is legally protected, permanent and inalienable

4. Slash your hardware costs

When efficient software makes your PCs live longer, you pay less for hardware and the environment wins

5. Use a familiar and intuitive interface

Tens of millions of teachers, administrators, students and professionals use GNU/Linux every day, contributing to a desktop that makes sense, and is easy to use

6. Expand infrastructure with zero licensing costs

No matter how much your organisation expands, licencing costs will never restrict your growth

7. In house training is easier than ever

Millions of reusable learning resources pervade the Internet. Unparalleled access to relevant information keeps training costs low

8. Experience true interoperability

Cross platform applications read and write your documents, spreadsheets, databases and key files on all major platforms thanks to open formats

9. Upgrade when *you* choose

Nobody can tell you when to update or change your software. Upgrade when it makes sense for your organisation

10. Total control over your computing

Every bit of Free Software can be modified, distributed and redeployed by you or any organisation you choose. Wave vendor lock-in goodbye



Further Information

About Free Software

Free Software protects your rights to use the most powerful communication and productivity tools at humanity's disposal. It guarantees critical freedoms by protecting your ability to use, study, redistribute, and make alterations to software. These ideas have been legally formalised by permissive copyleft licenses since 1989. Free Software is the embodiment of multi-national collaboration and innovation. The core technology of the Internet, as well as the majority of it's servers are today examples of Free Software in wide use.

About GNU/Linux

GNU/Linux is a complete Free Software operating system alternative to Microsoft Windows and Apple Macintosh. It's hundreds of different versions run on practically every hardware platform, including Nokia mobile phones, IBM industrial micro-computers, TiVo TV recorders, the New York Stock Exchange and NASA space shuttles. No one company is solely responsible for it's development. Hundreds of thousands of developers work with hundreds of millions of users to provide the functionality, adaptability and security that have made it the main alternative to proprietary competitors.

About the Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE)

The FSFE is a non-profit organisation that exists to keep the legal, political and social base of Free Software strong, secure and non-partisan. We believe that access to computer technology determines who may participate in our increasingly digital society. The freedoms that we defend introduce equal participation in the information age for individuals and businesses.

More Information

Free Software news and information: www.fsfe.org

GNU/Linux in Government: www.linux.org/info/linux_govt.html

General GNU/Linux information: www.linux.com

FSFE mailing lists: mailman.fsfeurope.org

