

Broadly Defined Freedom and Radical Nondiscrimination in Libre Software



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Debian Project

Ubuntu Project

Canonical Limited

Reductionists say...



Libre software is *inherently* anti-capitalist!

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Libre software is *inherently* capitalist!

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Libre software is *inherently* a system about placing limits capitalism!

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- **The freedom to run the program, for any purpose**
- **The freedom to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs**
- **The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor**
- **The freedom to improve the program, and release your improvements to the public, so that the whole community benefits**



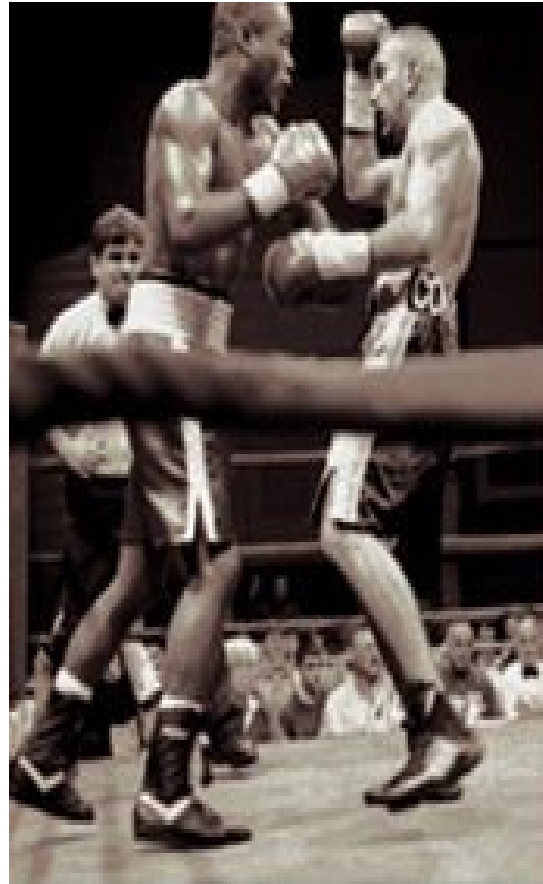
Broadly Defined Freedom

Anti-Discrimination

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Translateability

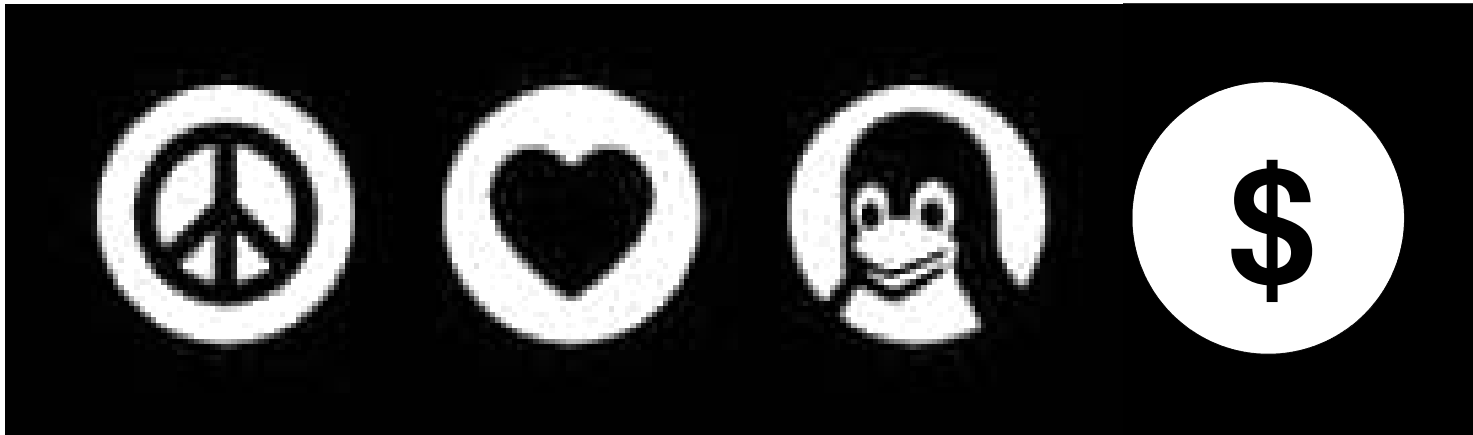
Political Divisions in Development Communities



Political Divisions in User Communities







Commons Movement



Problems

- Strange Bedfellows
- Cooptation
- Effectiveness vs. Clarity



Lessons Learned

- Avoid Reductive Analysis
- Balance Breadth With Rigid Limits
- Discriminate Against Discrimination
- Consider “Internal” and “External Relationships

