



“Stop talking
patentabrakadabra doubletalk
and instead use terms
that a programmer can
understand and that do not
have hidden legal
meanings.”

Richard Stallman

„A hack on the copyright system, it (i.e. the GPL) turns the concept of copyright upside down, creates a whole community cooperating around the world and enables the development of software by the people, of the people and for the people.“

Li-Cheng (Andy) Tai



Free software is necessary for sustainable development. If everyone in your country uses a program that's secret and controlled by a single company, that's not development, that's electronic colonization.

Richard Stallman

Quelle: <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/wsis-2003.html>

The contribution that society needs is not these proprietary programs that everyone has such an incentive to make, the contribution we really want is free software, so our society is going haywire because it gives people an incentive to do what is not very useful, and no incentive to do what is useful.

Richard Stallman

Quelle: <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/stallman-kth.html>



the **saint**
OF FREE SOFTWARE

The Free Software Song

To the melody of [Sadi Moma](#)

Join us now and share the software;
You'll be free, hackers, you'll be free. x2

Hoarders may get piles of money,
That is true, hackers, that is true.
But they cannot help their neighbors;
That's not good, hackers, that's not good.

When we have enough free software
At our call, hackers, at our call,
We'll throw out those dirty licenses
Ever more, hackers, ever more.

Join us now and share the software;
You'll be free, hackers, you'll be free. x2

Richard Stallman



"I could have made money this way (by programming proprietary software), and perhaps amused myself writing code. But I knew that at the end of my career, I would look back on years of building walls to divide people, and feel I had spent my life making the world a worse place."

Richard Stallman

"I was built at a laboratory in Manhattan around 1953, and moved to the MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab in 1971. My hobbies include affection, international folk dance, flying, cooking, physics, recorder, puns, science fiction fandom, and programming; I magically get paid for doing the last one. About a year ago i split up with the PDP-10 computer to which i was married for ten years. We still love each other, but the world is taking us in different directions. For the moment I still live in Cambridge, Massachusetts, among our old memories. "Richard Stallman" is just my mundane name; you can call me "rms".

Richard Stallman

Quelle: <http://www.stallman.org/#curiosities>



„Microsoft says that the GPL is against "intellectual property rights." I have no opinion on "intellectual property rights," because the term is too broad to have a sensible opinion about.

Richard Stallman

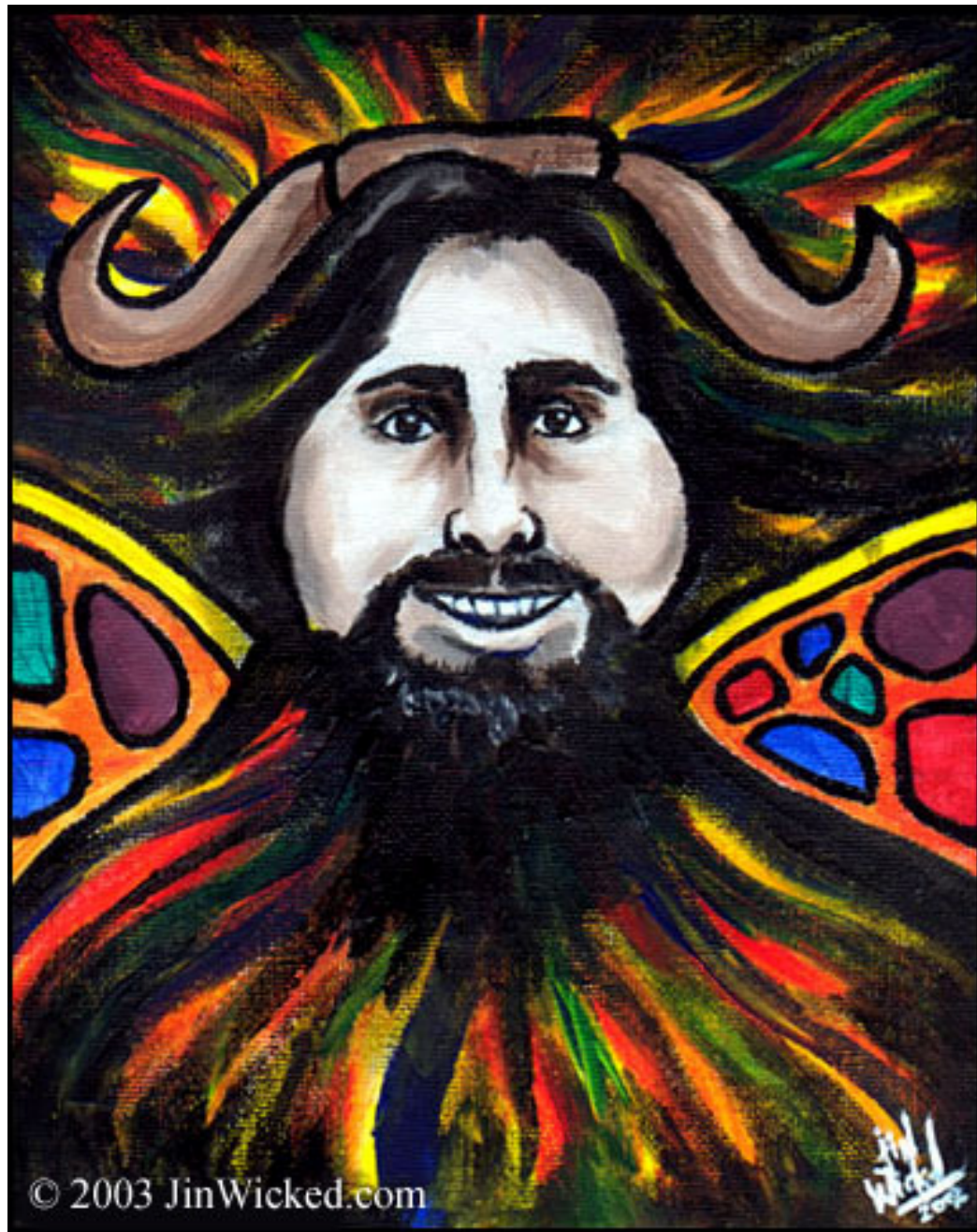
Don't fly Air France if you can help it. This is not a boycott, just a suggestion. Air France is unbelievable.

Richard Stallman



„I designed the GNU GPL to uphold and defend the freedoms that define free software -- to use the words of 1776, it establishes them as inalienable rights for programs released under the GPL. It ensures that you have the freedom to study, change, and redistribute the program, by saying that nobody is authorized to take these freedoms away from you by redistributing the program.“

Richard Stallman



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"Jede Politik oder jedes Rechtssystem, das diese Art der Kooperation [Open Source] verurteilt oder verbietet, verseucht die wichtigste Ressource der Gesellschaft. Es ist keine materielle Ressource, aber es ist dennoch eine äußerst wichtige Ressource."

Richard Stallman

The US Constitution says that copyright exists "to promote the progress of science". When copyright impedes the progress of science, science must push copyright out of the way.

Richard Stallman

Quelle: <http://www.nature.com/nature/debates/e-access/Articles/stallman.html>



"Durch Softwarepatente wird das Schreiben eines umfangreichen Programms so gefährlich, als würdest du über ein Minenfeld gehen. Hinter jedem Schritt, den du programmierst, könnte ein Patent liegen, das dich in die Luft jagt.,,

Richard Stallman