

## What's free software?

Free software is software that can be freely used, modified, and redistributed. When users have all these freedoms, the result is that the software is under the control of the users and not the other way around.

The complete definition, written in the 80s by FSF, consists of 4 freedoms:

0. To run the software for any purpose
1. To study the software's source code and modify it to do as you wish
2. To redistribute copies
3. To distribute your modified versions

## "Everybody needs a hacker"

Enough free software already exists to replace most, if not all, of the EP's software, and it's an obvious match for the EU's values. We just need to use it in the EP, spread knowledge about it and build awareness. EPFSUG is set up to make this happen!

## How to help

The best way to know about specific needs is to join our mailing list. There you can:

- Help organise events
- Give technical advice and tips
- Write promotional texts and design graphics, websites and flyers

## "Edge the Hedgehog"

Our mascot (and logo) is Edge the Hedgehog. The name comes from an Estonian legend: the hero Kalevide was losing a battle because the planks of wood he was using as weapons kept breaking. A small, smooth-skinned creature saved the day by telling him to **use the edge** of the planks instead of the flat. The hero went on to win the battle and he gave the little creature a rough piece of material torn from his coat to keep warm, which is why hedgehogs have spikes.

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**Free Software User Group**  
inside the **European Parliament.**

**Wanna help?**

Upcoming meetings and events are listed on <http://epfsug.eu>



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