

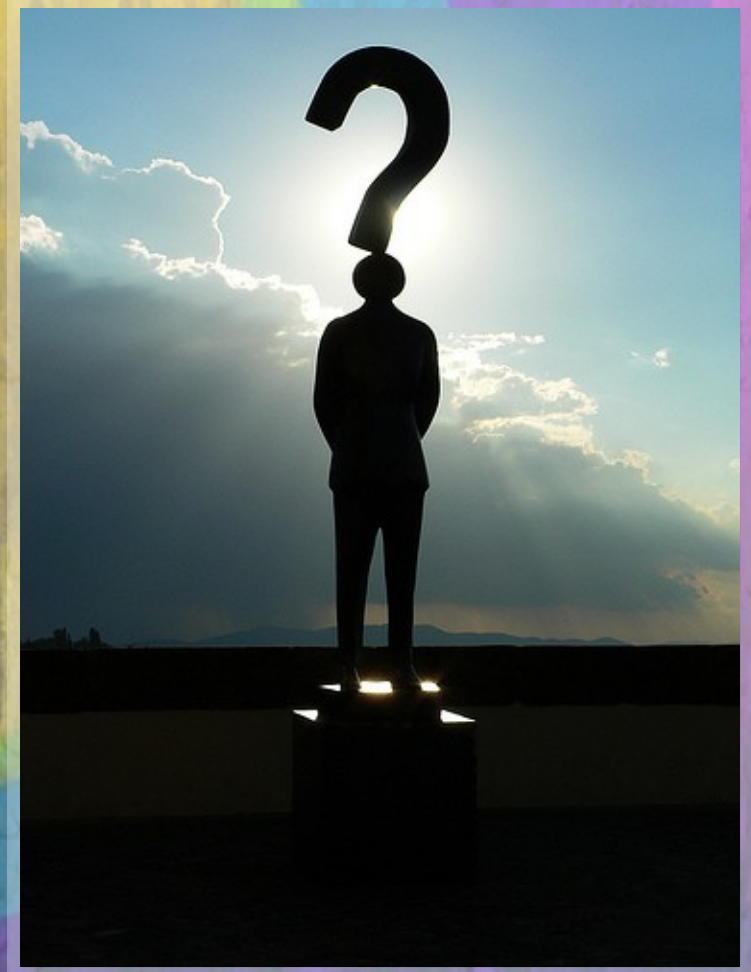


Free Software For Students

Software Freedom Day 2009

Overview

- What is free software?
- Why is it useful?
- Student applications
- What can I do?



Aims

- Encourage you to try free software
- Recognise FOSS you are using
- Find out about some useful types of software
- Know where to come for help

About Me

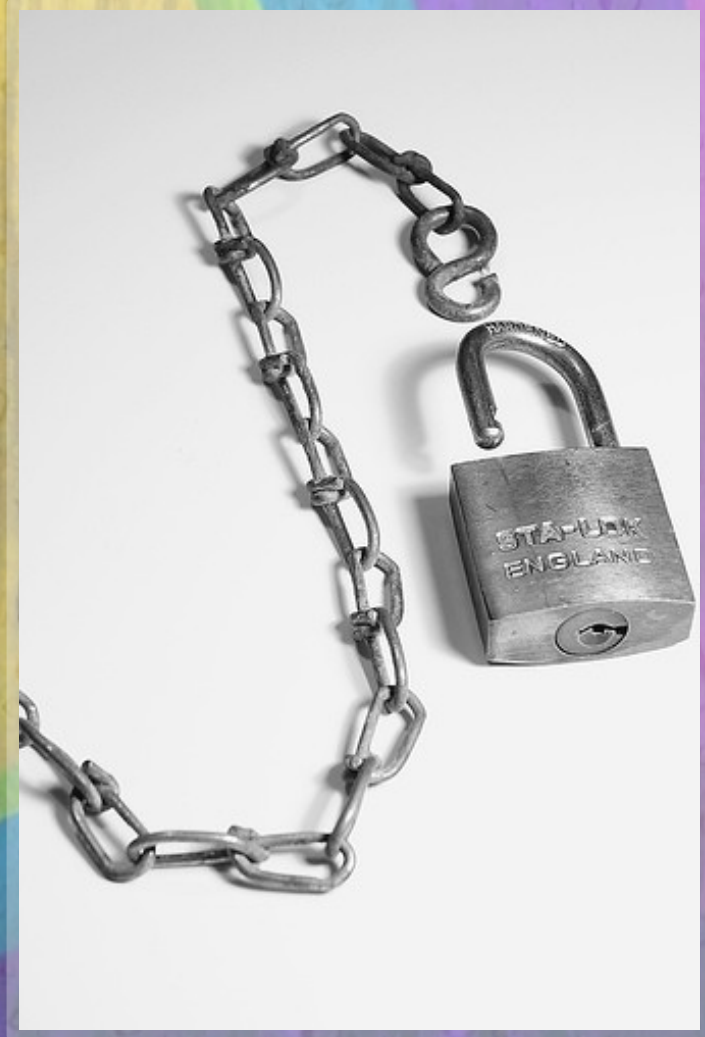
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What Is Free Software?

- Not too technical:
- Free as in speech, not beer
 - Not freeware
 - Often free as in beer too though
- Freedom to use, share, modify and improve software
- Ask us!

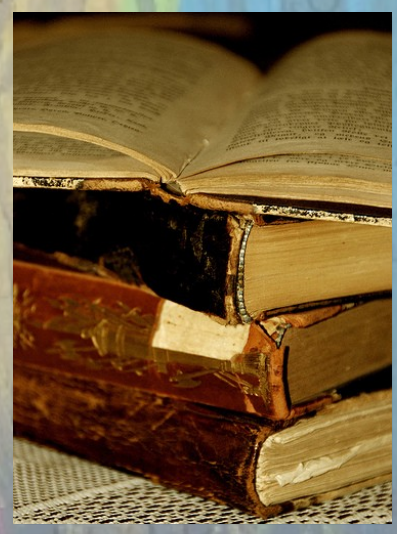
Why Free Software?

- Often available for free
- Choice
- Security and Safety
- Open formats
- Community
- Make a difference



Software For Students

- Reliable
- Easy to use
- Easy to get hold of



... Good for anyone!

Applications



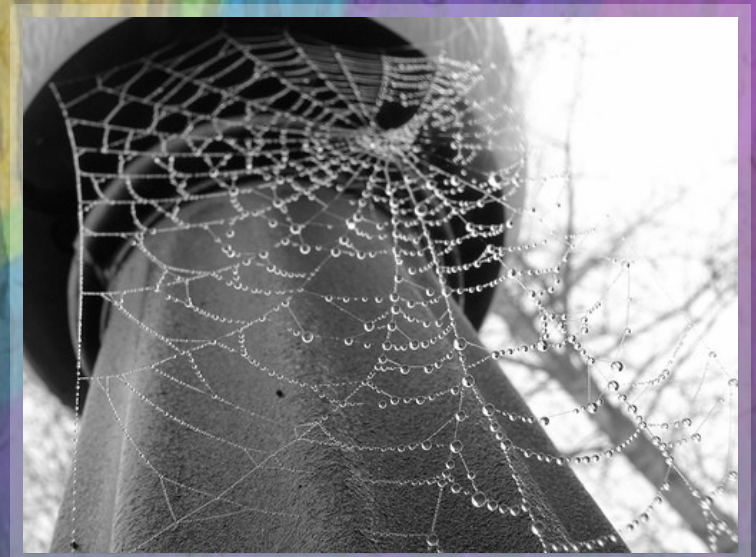
- Mac OSX, Windows and Linux
- New and replacements
- Organisation
- Communication
- Office
- Portable Software

Personal Wiki

- Luminotes

<http://luminotes.com/download>

- Project / revision planning
- Keep track of notes
- Link ideas together



E-mail and News

- Thunderbird
 - <http://www.mozillamessaging.com/>
- Keep track of email in one place
- Subscribe to websites
 - Save time checking news



Time Management

- Sunbird / Lightning
 - <http://www.mozilla.org/projects/calendar/>
- Thunderbird Integration
- Calendar and Google Calendar
- Daily and Weekly Timetable
- To Do List



Office



- Open Office
 - <http://www.openoffice.org/>
- Documents, Spreadsheets, Presentations...
- Similar features to Microsoft Office
- Saves as Microsoft Office and PDF formats

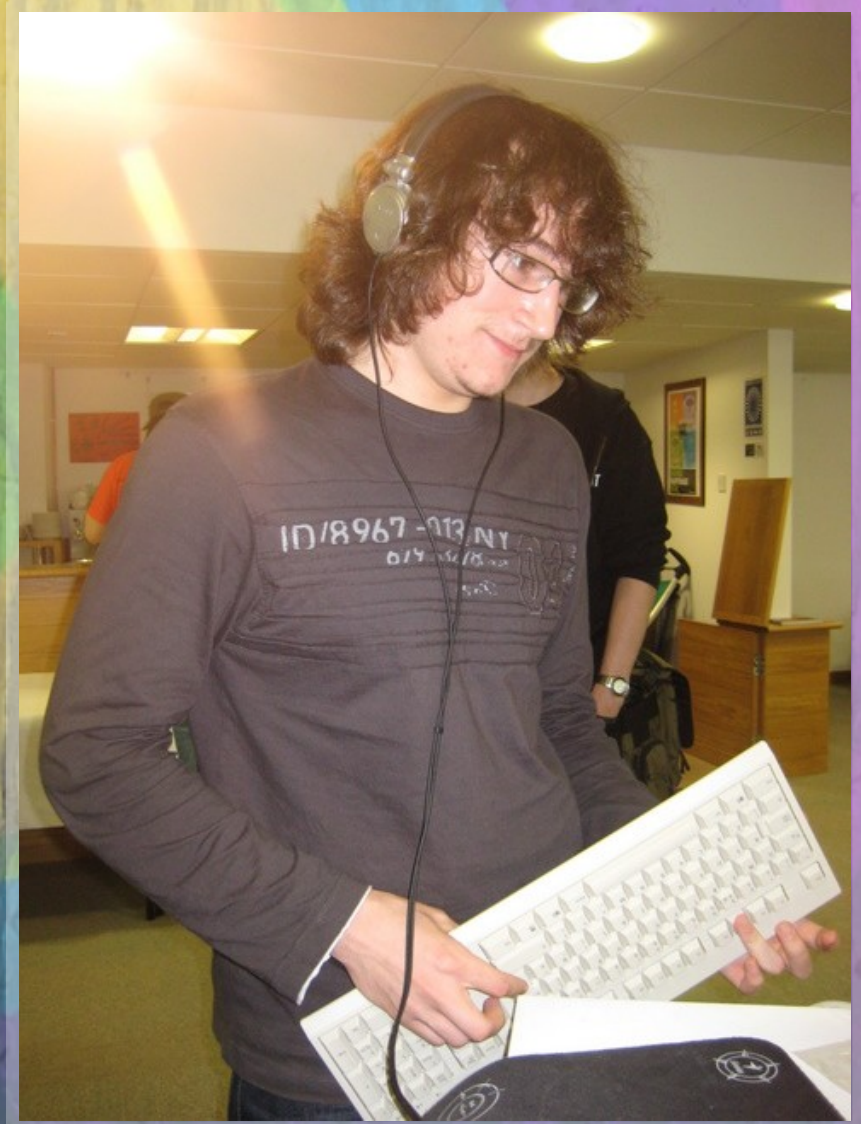
Portable Apps



- <http://portableapps.com/>
- Install to flash pen
- Suite of applications
- Packaging for other apps
- Runs on university computers

What Can I Do?

- Try out free software
- Help your friends
- Get involved
 - Community
 - Linux Society



Thanks For Listening

- Slides available online
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Any questions?

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