

# Free as in Freedom Not Free as in Free Beer

You don't have to pay for the apps from F-Droid. A lot of applications from Google Play or Apple's App Store are also free of charge. However, Free Software is not about price, but liberty.

When you don't control a program, the program controls you. Whoever controls the software therefore controls you.

For example, nobody is allowed to study how a non-free app works and what it actually does on your phone. Sometimes it just doesn't do exactly what you want, but there are also apps that contain malicious features like leaking your data without your knowledge.

Running exclusively Free Software on your device puts you in full control. Even though you may not have the skills to directly exercise all of your freedom, you benefit from a vibrant community that is enabled by freedom and uses it collaboratively.

Consider showing your appreciation by paying app developers voluntarily. This way you also ensure that you are the customer and not the product.

## What is Free Software?

- 1 Use:** Everybody is allowed to use the software without restrictions as they please.
- 2 Study:** Everybody is allowed to inspect and to adapt the software as needed.
- 3 Share:** Everybody is allowed to help each other by sharing copies of the software.
- 4 Improve:** Everybody is encouraged to publish improved versions of the software, so that we all can benefit.

**Only if we can really make use of all four freedoms, it really is Free Software.**

## About the FSFE

Free Software Foundation Europe is a charity that empowers users to control technology. Software is deeply involved in all aspects of our lives; and it is important that this technology empowers rather than restricts us.

Free Software gives everybody the rights to use, understand, adapt and share software. These rights help support other fundamental freedoms like freedom of speech, press and privacy.



The FSFE helps individuals and organisations to understand how Free Software contributes to freedom, transparency, and self-determination.

It enhances users' rights by abolishing barriers to Free Software adoption, encourage people to use and develop Free Software, and provide resources to enable everyone to further promote Free Software in Europe.

<https://fsfe.org/contribute>

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Donations are critical to our strength and help us to act autonomously. You can support our work by joining the Fellowship and enable us to continue fighting for software freedom wherever necessary:



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# Free Your Android!



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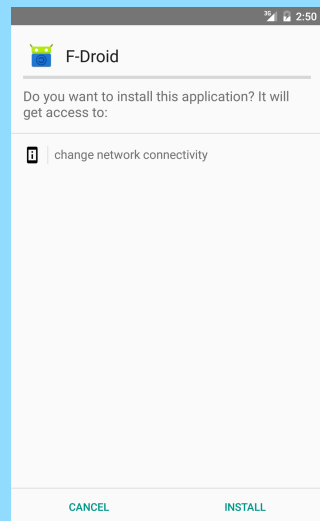
# F-Droid - A Free App Store



The logo of F-Droid

F-Droid is not the typical store where you buy something. Instead, it is a catalogue (or repository) of Free Software apps. You can easily browse, search and in-install apps onto your device. The F-Droid app also keeps track of updates for you.

## Installing F-Droid



Before you install F-Droid, please make sure that you have allowed the installation of non-market apps.

You can allow this in: Settings → Security → Unknown sources

After the F-Droid app was downloaded, the screen on the left appears to show you the permissions F-Droid will require and to ask for your confirmation. The permissions are necessary for F-Droid to work.

In order to install F-Droid use the QR-Code on the left or enter the address below in your browser.



[f-droid.org/FDroid.apk](http://f-droid.org/FDroid.apk)

## Using F-Droid

At the top you can see three tabs: One for available apps, one for installed ones and one for possible up-dates. Below there is an option to filter the displayed apps by category.

When you click on an app, the screen on the right appears showing you a description and several versions. The recommended version has a star behind it. Clicking in the version line will download and in-install the app.

In the top right corner, you can search for apps and find other features such as adding more app repositories or swapping apps with other people.

Pressing the Links button on an app screen gives you additional options such as the possibility to donate. Developers of free apps also like to eat, so please consider donating.

## Some Example Apps



**K-9 Mail** is an email app for Android. It supports multiple accounts, folders and hundreds of other options such as encryption.

**DAVdroid** lets you synchronize your contacts and calendars with any server that supports CalDAV and CardDAV.



**Transportr** is a public transport companion that works in many countries. It finds connections, nearby stations and next departures. It also supports favorites and maps.

**OsmAnd~** is like Google Maps, but with maps from OpenStreetMap and offline capabilities. So you can still have all your maps even when you do not have internet access.



**Conversations** is an easy-to-use chat app. It also works with any XMPP server and has good support for modern encryption.



**FBReader** is an e-book reader. It also allows you to download books from online libraries such as Project Gutenberg.



**Slight Backup** is a versatile backup app. It saves your short messages, call logs, settings, contacts and much more on your SD card.



**Twidere** is the app you want to use if you are into microblogging with services like GNU Social or Twitter.



**AntennaPod** lets you subscribe and listen to audio recordings from the internet, so called podcasts.

## Contribute to F-Droid

The F-Droid initiative is entirely developed and maintained by volunteers. You can also contribute in a variety of ways: report problems, translate the F-Droid app, add new apps to it or help with development.

The community is very friendly, welcoming, and appreciates your contribution. Do not hesitate to get in touch. More information is available at:

[f-droid.org/contribute](http://f-droid.org/contribute)

## Liberate Your Phone

Even though Android is mostly Free Software, your Android device usually comes with proprietary software and services that prevent you from using them in an independent and autonomous way.

Do you want a mobile device that does not spy on you? The FSFE's "Free Your Android" campaign collects information about running an Android operating system as free as possible and tries to coordinate the efforts in this area:

[FreeYourAndroid.org](http://FreeYourAndroid.org)