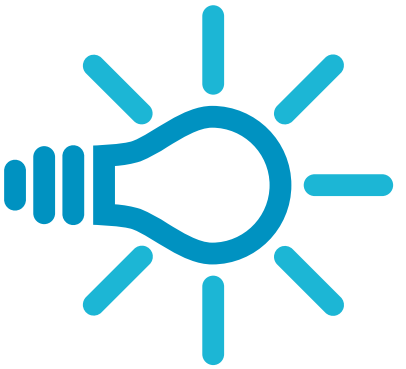# Modernise your IT

To talk about Free Software is to talk about freedom. More precisely, the freedom to use, study, share and improve software. And there are many more reasons to choose Free Software licences.

1 Innovation
A Free Software licence encourages innovation for your software.
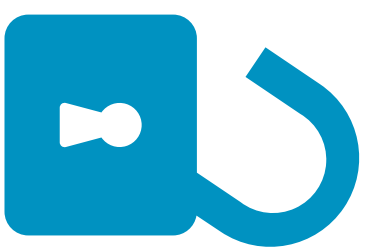
2 Competition
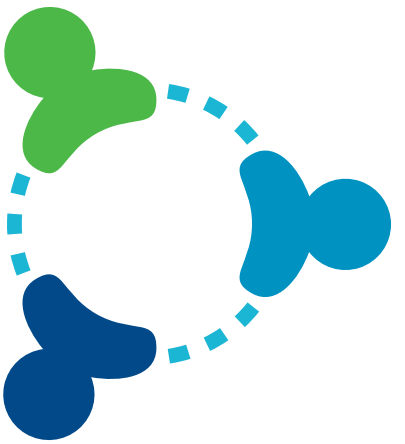Free Software prevents monopolies and enhances competition.

3 Autonomy
Free Software helps to develop and maintain tailored software that suits your needs, not just the vendor's business model.

4 No Lock-in
Free Software licences reinforce independence from vendors and provide more choice in service providers.
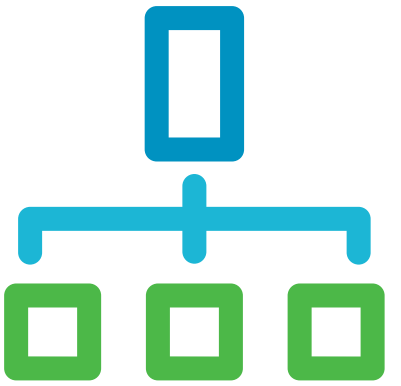
5 Collaboration
Free Software can be shared and used in a non-exclusive way by everyone – serving the public good.

6 Security
Free Software allows for independent security checks that help close security holes faster.

7 Share & Copy
A Free Software licence allows a limitless number of installations to be run, without paying extra.

8 Reuse Code
Free Software provides the freedom to reuse the code for other projects.
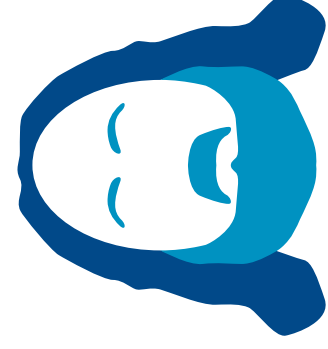
Free Software Facts

1 It's Rocket Science

The space programmes of ESA and NASA rely heavily on Free Software. As part of its Technology Transfer Programme, NASA continuously releases its own code developments.

2 Hidden Champion

The infrastructures of the biggest IT companies are based on Free Software.

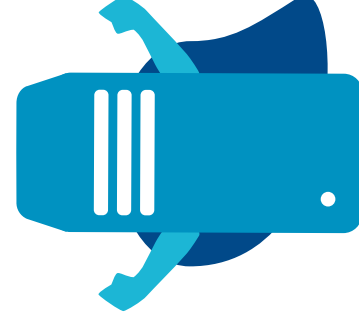**3 First Free Software Licence**

The first Free Software licence was developed in 1985 by Richard Stallman, long before the World Wide Web existed.
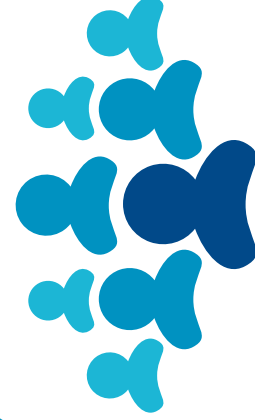
4 Linux

In 1991, Linus Torvalds released his first code lines for an operating system kernel under a Free Software licence – Linux was born.
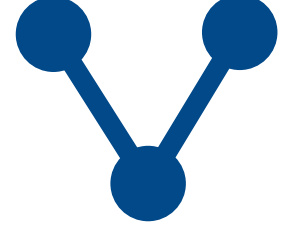
5 Supercomputers

The world's top 500 supercomputers all run Linux.

6 Collaboration

With more than 15,000 developers having contributed code, Linux is the largest collaborative development project in computing history.

7 Sharing is Caring

The most popular Free Software version control system used for collaboration is Git. Its biggest hosting service GitHub has over 28 million public repositories.

8 Public Good

UNESCO acknowledges benefits of Free Software as a practical instrument for development efforts and uses Free Software for various projects.

9 Public Code

GitHub hosts over 700 government organisations with more than 9,000 public repositories. EU member state Estonia has the most per capita and its Free Software is reused globally.