

## About Free Software

Free Software is about freedom. In practice, this provides numerous advantages for individual users, organisations, businesses, and governments.



### Autonomy

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



### Collaboration

Free Software can be shared and used in a non-exclusive way by everyone – serving the public good.



### Share & Copy

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



### Reuse Code

Free Software provides the freedom to reuse the code for other projects.



### No Lock-in

Free Software licences reinforce independence from vendors and provide more choice in service providers.



### Innovation

A Free Software licence encourages innovation for your software.



### Competition

Free Software resists monopolisation and enhances competition.



### Security

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

## About the Free Software Foundation Europe

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, share, and improve 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, encouraging people to use and develop Free Software, and providing resources to enable everyone to further promote Free Software in Europe.

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# Tired of replacing your phone every other year?



## UPCYCLING Android

### Reclaim your phone and extend the life of your device with Free Software

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## About Upcycling Android



Every year, manufacturers produce 1.5 billion smartphones worldwide.



Unfortunately, probably just as many are thrown away after a short lifespan. E-waste increases every year.



The energy required to produce the devices is extremely high, and the manufacturing and supply chain spans the globe several times.

Useful hardware often goes to waste simply because its software support ends. Producing one new device however takes as much energy as using your phone for four years.

With Upcycling Android we help extending the hardware lifespan of phones and Android devices in particular!



Get active! Help the environment, save money, and use Free Software as a tool for self-determination and against waste and obsolescence.

## Keep using your phone with Free Software!

So-called “software obsolescence” occurs when the manufacturer of a device discontinues the support for software that is necessary to run the device properly. Often the actual hardware still works pretty well.



You can replace the operating system of your phone with a Free Software operating system. Choose among several Android-based Free Software operating systems so called “custom ROMs” or even install a complete GNU/Linux environment.

Every time we keep using our current phone instead of buying a new one we help avoid the production of new phones and the increase of e-waste.

## Join the movement

Join the movement and upcycle your phone. Together we can make a difference and help to reduce our natural resource consumption as well as our CO2 footprint.

Sign our Open Letter about “The universal right to install any software on any device” covering four core demands enabling a more sustainable use of electronic products and devices in the European Union.



More information on [www.upcyclingandroid.org](http://www.upcyclingandroid.org)

## How to upcycle Android



### Choose freedom

Select a Free Software operating system. This could be a full GNU/Linux system or an Android-based custom-ROM.



### Take control

Flash your phone and install Free Software. Find help in Repair-Cafés, in Linux User Groups or in our workshops.



### Discover apps

Use the repository from your GNU/Linux system or the F-Droid app store and install Free Software apps only.

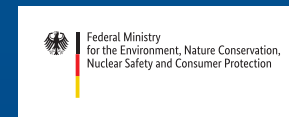


### Avoid tracking

GNU/Linux developments are independent from Google. If you decide for a custom-ROM you can replace your Google libraries with MicroG.

Find help and more information on [www.upcyclingandroid.org](http://www.upcyclingandroid.org)

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