Logiciel Libre
Cours 0 — Presentation

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Let's look at a sample EULA :
`https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/Useterms/OEM/Windows/`
`10/UseTerms_OEM_Windows_10_English.htm` (July 2015)

Why bother? — as citizens

Lester picked up a screwdriver. "You see this? It's a tool. You can pick it up and you can unscrew stuff or screw stuff in. You can use the handle for a hammer. You can use the blade to open paint cans. You can throw it away, loan it out, or paint it purple and frame it." He thumped the printer. "This [Disney in a Box] thing is a tool, too, but it's not your tool. It belongs to someone else — Disney. It isn't interested in listening to you or obeying you. It doesn't want to give you more control over your life." [. . .]

"If you don't control your life, you're miserable. Think of the people who don't get to run their own lives : prisoners, reform-school kids, mental patients. There's something inherently awful about living like that. Autonomy makes us happy."

— *Cory Doctorow, Makers*
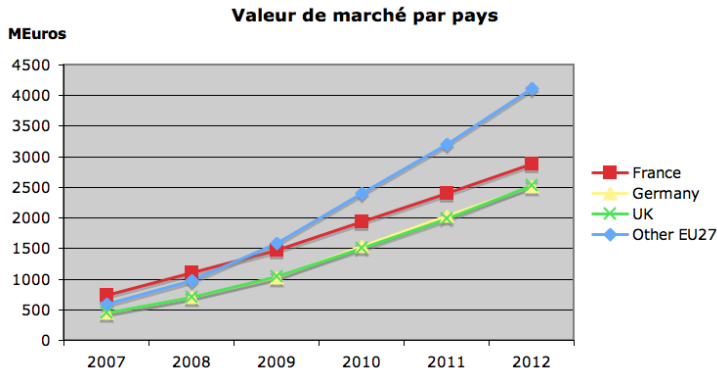`http://craphound.com/makers/`

Why bother? — as computer scientists

Free Software has *radically* changed the way software is :

- developed
- tested
- proven
- conceived
- marketed

- sold
- maintained
- taught
- deployed
- . . .

Why bother? — as future IT workers

- Free Software is everywhere
- participation in Free Software : a big plus on CVs
- in France : ≈10% of IT GDP in 2014 (≈4 BEUR), constantly growing in spite of the crisis

Valeur de marché par pays

MEuros

Legend:
- France
- Germany
- UK
- Other EU27

More info :
http://cnll.fr/news/etude-pac-logiciel-libre-2015-2020/

This course — topics

An introduction to Free Software topics, along the following axes

- history
- philosophy
- legal
- management / organization
- ~~technical~~

Feedback from others, with external speakers

- companies
- professionals
- organizations / non-profits

This course — organization

Teaching (CM) :

- $\frac{2}{3}$ lectures
- $\frac{1}{3}$ external speakers (usual time)

Practice (TD/TP) :

- 11 sessions, alternating TD and TP as needed

This course — evaluation

1. exam
2. TD
   - exercises
   - short essays on selected topics, including external speaker interventions
3. project (mandatory, not CC)
   - relevant *code* contribution to an existing, major Free Software project. Examples and guidance will be provided during TP
   - exclusion criteria :
     > "*pour le cours de Logiciel Libre de M. Zacchiroli je dois contribuer un patch à votre projet, pourriez vous m'aider s'ils vous plaît ?*"
     $\Rightarrow$ do the above, and your project note will be 0

Final note

- 1e session : 50% exam + 50% project
- 2e session : 50% exam + 50% project

This course — teaching material

> `http://upsilon.cc/zack/teaching/1516/loglib/`

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- Máster Universitario en Software Libre, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Madrid, Spain) `http://docencia.etsit.urjc.es/moodle/course/category.php?id=34`
- Cours de Logiciel Libre de Roberto Di Cosmo `http://dicosmo.org/CourseNotes/LogicielLibre/`

Addendum :

- as separate slide decks
- orally → take notes (also during external speaker interventions)

Textbooks

📄 Joshua Gay, Richard M. Stallman
Free Software, Free Society : Selected Essays of Richard M. Stallman
2009
http://www.gnu.org/doc/fsfs-ii-2.pdf

📄 Van Lindberg
Intellectual Property and Open Source : A Practical Guide to Protecting Code
O'Reilly Media, 2008

📄 Eric S. Raymond
The Cathedral and the Bazaar : Musings on Linux and Open Source by an Accidental Revolutionary
O'Reilly Media, 1999
http://catb.org/esr/writings/cathedral-bazaar/

📄 Karl Fogel
Producing Open Source Software : How to Run a Successful Free Software Project
O'Reilly Media, 2005
http://producingoss.com/

Q&A

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