

So what is Software Freedom all about?

Proprietary software comes with all sorts of restrictions on the user. Common examples you may have encountered include limiting the number of computers on which it can be installed, forbidding business use, or even preventing you from saying negative things about the software!

Free Software was created to protect the four freedoms listed on the front of this flyer. It is grounded in the premise that the user should control the software, and not the other way around. You may feel in command of your computer, but proprietary software often reports back to its maker on your activities and limits what you can do with it. This includes many programs which may be available at no charge, but are not Free Software.

The discs we are handing out today are intended to demonstrate that you can obtain Software Freedom while retaining the ability to do your normal activities. Please share them with your friends and colleagues!

Help, I'm stuck!

You can get help for the more popular applications on TheOpenCD at the following locations.

OpenOffice.org: <<http://support.openoffice.org/>>

The GIMP: <<http://www.gimptalk.com/>>

Firefox/Thunderbird: <<http://www.mozilla.com/support/>>

For other programs on TheOpenCD, you'll find that when you load the disc, clicking on each program displays a link to that individual application's web site. Follow that link, and you should be able to locate help from there.

You can find documentation on using Ubuntu on the Web at <<http://help.ubuntu.com/>>. If you still need help, a good place to try is at the <<http://ubuntuforums.org/>> discussion forums.

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With Free Software, you have the freedom to:

- Use the software in your home, school, or business, for any purpose.
- Copy and share the software with friends and family—as many as you like!
- Improve the software, or have someone do it for you.
- Freely share your enhancements with the world.



What's on the CD...

TheOpenCD is a collection of high-quality Free Software applications for PCs running Windows. There's not enough space to list them all here, but these are some of the standouts:

Productivity

OpenOffice.org is a complete office suite including a word processor and spreadsheet along with presentation, drawing, and database tools.

PDFCreator does exactly what its name says—it creates PDF files. Using it is just as easy as printing a document.

Design

Manipulate your photographs and other images with **The GIMP**, a powerful rival to programs like Photoshop.

Scribus is a highly-capable desktop publishing application. We used it to produce this flyer!

Kids can create their own drawings with **Tux Paint** and even add stamps and sounds to them.

Utilities

7-zip reads and writes ZIP, ARJ, GZIP, and many other compressed archive files.

Internet

Featuring tabbed browsing and many other advanced features, surf the Web like never before with **Firefox**. Manage your e-mail using its companion, **Thunderbird**.

Gaim lets you trade instant messages with your friends on AIM, MSN, Yahoo!, IRC, and most other networks.

Share your files online with BitTorrent using **Azureus**.

Games

Neverball is a 3-D game that will challenge your reflexes. Roll the ball to collect as many coins as possible without falling off the edge!

In the puzzle game **Sokoban**, you have the simple task of pushing objects to the right location. But it may not be so simple...

Multimedia

Based on current astronomical data, **Celestia** takes you across the galaxy in 3-D without leaving your chair.

If you're a pro or just fooling around, record and manipulate audio files with **Audacity**.

How to get started...

Just load the CD into your running Windows PC. If a window does not automatically appear after a few seconds, navigate to your CD drive under "My Computer" and double-click the FIXME icon.

You'll then get a display of available programs to install.



Ubuntu is a complete operating system loaded with Free Software applications. It includes useful programs for everything from office work to surfing the Web to chatting with friends.

How to get started...

The Ubuntu disc included with this flyer should work with most PCs.

Simply place the disc in your CD drive and restart your computer. Most PCs will automatically boot from the CD. If yours does not, you may need to press a special key while booting—you can often find this on the initial startup screen or in the PC's user guide.

Then just wait for the system to start up and you'll be using the Ubuntu desktop!

To install Ubuntu to your PC's hard drive, double-click the "Install" icon on the desktop. You can choose to replace your current operating system or install Ubuntu side-by-side in a dual-boot setup.