## The free software movement

## From 1985 until today, the movement defends four basic freedoms for users

The free software movement (USA) is a social and political movement with the goal of ensuring software users' four basic freedoms: the freedom to run their software, to study and change their software, and to redistribute copies with or without changes. The free software philosophy at the

core of the movement drew on the essence and incidental elements of what was called hacker culture by many computer users in the 1970s, among other sources. Richard Stallman, the ideologist of the movement, founded the Free Software Foundation in 1985 to support the activities.



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