Broadly Defined Freedom and Radical Nondiscrimination in Libre Software

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Debian Project
Ubuntu Project
Canonical Limited
Reductionists say...

Libre software is *inherently* anti-capitalist!
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Libre software is inherently capitalist!
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Libre software is \textit{inherently} a system about placing limits capitalism!
Broadly Defined Freedom

- The freedom to run the program, for any purpose
- The freedom to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor
- The freedom to improve the program, and release your improvements to the public, so that the whole community benefits
Broadly Defined Freedom

Anti-Discrimination

= Translateability
Political Divisions in Development Communities
Political Divisions in User Communities
Commons Movement

creative commons

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Problems

- Strange Bedfellows
- Cooptation
- Effectiveness vs. Clarity
Lessons Learned

- Avoid Reductive Analysis
- Balance Breadth With Rigid Limits
- Discriminate Against Discrimination
- Consider “Internal” and “External Relationships