

I'm tired of ?Free Software Fundamentalists?

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You might know I'm an hybrid kind of guy: I run Free Software as much as I can, but if I have to run proprietary software to have something that works, and that pays the bills, I will. Lately, I'm getting more and more irked by the ?Free Software Fundamentalists? that preach that no proprietary software has the right to exist any longer.

Now, as I said I'm running Free Software as much as I can, and whenever I have the chance I contribute to other Free Software projects to improve the situation and make it feasible to have better implementations for the stuff I care about. Unfortunately, a lot of the people who preach don't even try to do that, and only despise any proprietary software, whether it's really worse than the Free alternative or not.

I don't like these kind of people, they are detrimental to Free Software as a whole: to accept that software that is, objectively, mediocre has to be preferred just because it's Free, means condemning users to mediocre software. Developers should keep open-minded, and look at the proprietary alternatives as well; not to be discouraged, but rather to learn and adapt, and improve upon that.

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