

# Stallman and Ubuntu: Sticks and Stones and a Blogosphere Brawl

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It was only a few weeks ago that the Linux blogosphere's Punchy Penguin Saloon suffered its latest round of damage thanks to the recent skirmish over the GPL, but now the popular establishment of questionable repute is actually shut down for a week for repairs.

The cause this time?

Yet another blogosphere brawl, needless to say, focusing this time on Ubuntu and its newly installed "surveillance code," as legendary Free Software Foundation founder Richard Stallman called it in a recent blog post.

"If we can only say, 'free software won't spy on you, unless it's Ubuntu,' that's much less powerful than saying, 'free software won't spy on you,'" Stallman explained.

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