

# Free software and ethical consumption

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In September 1983, the GNU Project was born. GNU was to be a new kind of operating system: the first one with an explicit ethical goal.

Perhaps a little background is needed. GNU stands for ?GNU?s Not Unix.? Unix was an operating system (OS) that was in common use at the time, and the recursive acronym is a bit of programmers? humour. The project emerged from the hacker culture at MIT, which had collapsed at the end of the 1970s when a technology company hired all but a few of the programmers.

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