



Software as a Service: Implications of Web Apps for Software Freedom

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Free

- Use
- Study
- Modify
- Redistribute

Open

- Access to source a precondition

Ergo

- DRM: incompatible
- File formats, communication protocols, etc.: open
- **User control of software and data**

When you assume...

- Software and data on the user's machine

New under the sun

- Text terminals
- Thin clients

The flip side

- Web apps are cross-platform

Free software & Web applications

- GPL reciprocity only applies at distribution

User control & Web applications

- Formats & protocols not public

Even if...

- Would you like profile information with that?
Sorry, you can't has

Dolphin-free tuna

- Free license
- Offer software to networked users (or use AGPL)
- Data portability

Questions?

Thank you!

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