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Join us to defend the right to read on October 12, the International Day Against DRM!

Free software developers guarantee everyone equal rights to their programs; any user can study the source code, modify it, and share the program. By contrast, most software carries fine print that denies users these basic rights, leaving them susceptible to the whims of its owners and vulnerable to surveillance.

- The FSF provides critical infrastructure and funding for the GNU Project, the foundation of the popular GNU/Linux family of free operating systems and the keystone of the Internet.
- Our Campaigns Team creates educational materials about free software, convenes the yearly LibrePlanet conference and goes toe to toe against powerful interests that threaten computer user rights.
- Our Licensing & Compliance Lab defends freely licensed software from proprietary hoarding, advises on licensing issues, and certifies devices that Respect Your Freedom.

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NEWS

- Richard M. Stallman resigns
 - International Day Against DRM (IDAD): Defending the right to read on Oct. 12
 - Early registration open for FSF's licensing seminar on Oct 16 in Raleigh, NC
 - Alexandre Oliva joins Free Software Foundation board of directors
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BLOG POSTS

- Early registration for Raleigh Licensing Seminar extended until September 25th
 - Introducing Craig Topham, FSF copyright and licensing associate
 - Help defend the right to read: stand up against DRM on October 12th
 - GNU Spotlight with Mike Gerwitz: 15 new GNU releases in August!
- » More blog posts

TAKE ACTION

- Strengthen free software by telling Congress to reject the STRONGER Patents Act
- Learn about Intel Management Engine and share with your friends
- Defend the right to read on October 12, International Day Against DRM (IDAD)
- Protect your freedom and privacy; join us in creating an Internet that's safer from surveillance
- Make the switch to free software

EVENTS

- International Day Against DRM (IDAD) 2019
 - Continuing Legal Education Seminar on GPL Enforcement and Legal Ethics
 - Event - EmacsConf
 - Upcoming events by Richard Stallman (RMS)
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