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On Monday the 16th of September 2019, Richard M. Stallman, founder and president of the Free Software Foundation (FSF), resigned as president and from its board of directors as <https://twitter.com/fsf/status/1173780935910797312> let us know. As developers of free software, including software released under the aegis of GNU, we regret Richard's rash decision after an escalating five-day witchhunt.

On Tuesday the 27th of September 1983 **Richard Stallman** of <http://stallman.org/> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Stallman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Stallman) had posted his <https://www.gnu.org/gnu/initial-announcement.html>

From: **RMS%MIT-OZ@mit-eddie**  
 Newsgroups: **net.unix-wizards**,net.usoft  
 Subject: **new Unix implementation**  
 Date: Tue, 27-Sep-83 12:35:59 EST  
 Organization: **MIT AI Lab, Cambridge, MA**

#### Free Unix!

Starting this Thanksgiving I am going to write a complete Unix-compatible software system called **GNU (for Gnu's Not Unix)**, and give it away free(1) to everyone who can use it.  
 [...]

#### Why I Must Write GNU

I consider that the **golden rule** requires that if I like a program I must share it with other people who like it. I cannot in good **conscience** sign a nondisclosure agreement or a software license agreement.

So that I **can continue to use computers without violating my principles**, I have decided to put together a sufficient body of free software so that I will be able to get along without any software that is not free.  
 [...]

In the decades ever since more and more alternatives to software prisons were developed all around the planet piling up to examples like the impure <http://debian.org/> GNU/Linux universal operating system or the impure mobile AOSP [android.org](http://android.org) Open Source Project used by billions world-wide.

In 1985 Richard Stallman founded the Free Software Foundation <http://fsf.org/> on top of GNU to lobby for the four essential software freedoms and to support his GNU and other GNU-like projects and up until his saddening forced resignation this week on Monday 16th September 2019 he served as its president, speaker and board member.

How did this come about?

Richard Stallman is a brilliant thinker and senser and has been mistaken as an anti-feminist on many occasions before like when he on Sunday the 21st of February 1993 complained about off-topic posts on a Japanese theater interest as detailed mailing list as detailed in <http://www.art.net/Studios/Hackers/Hopkins/Don/text/rms-vs-doctor.html>

Date: Sun, 21 Feb 93 15:14:50 -0500  
 From: [rms@gnu.ai.mit.edu](mailto:rms@gnu.ai.mit.edu) (Richard Stallman)  
 To: [mcuddy@ctbu.rational.com](mailto:mcuddy@ctbu.rational.com)  
 Cc: [kabuki-west@mica.berkeley.edu](mailto:kabuki-west@mica.berkeley.edu)  
 Subject: **Another mcuddy..**

Could people please not use this list to announce information of no particular interest to the people on the list? Hundreds of thousands of babies are born every day. While the whole phenomenon is menacing, one of them by itself is not newsworthy. Nor is it a difficult achievement—even some fish can do it. (Now, if you were a seahorse, it would be more interesting, since it would be the male that gave birth.)

Following your example, I might send the list an announcement whenever a new GNU program is written. That happens less often than babies are born, it does the world a lot more good, it reflects more conscious creativity and hard work, and some of the readers might actually find the information useful. Even so, I think most of the readers would consider this outside the scope and purpose of the list. Clearly that goes double for babies.

Of course, we have another place for announcements of new GNU programs. If some people like to read birth announcements, **perhaps you should set up a suitable list or newsgroup**. Perhaps rec.births? (While you're at it, start rec.deaths for obituaries—they're usually more interesting to read.)  
 These **birth announcements also spread the myth that having a baby is something to be proud of, which fuels natalist pressure, which leads to pollution, extinction of wildlife, poverty, and ultimately mass starvation.**

Perhaps the people who have decided to have no children should start making proud announcements, so as to set a better example. I could start. I'm sure everyone on this list will be glad to know I don't plan to reproduce myself.

The mediocrity of [https://geekfeminism.wikia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Stallman](https://geekfeminism.wikia.org/wiki/Richard_Stallman) refuses to realize that the pro-choice option to care for adults rather than produce children is originally a long fought-for feminist milestone.

The same holds for Richard Stallman's reactions to driven-by pedophilia issues.

On Monday the 25th of May 2003 Richard Stallman uttered in his <https://stallman.org/archives/2003-may-aug.html>

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<li><a name="25 May 2003 ()">25 May 2003 ()</a>
<p>
The UK
<A HREF="https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2003/jun/06/pressandpublishing.lords">
is planning a censorship law</A> that would prohibit "giving a
(so-called) child anything that relates to sexual activity or contains
a reference to such activity". This clearly includes most novels that
you can buy in an ordinary book store.
<p>As usual, the term "child" is used as a form of deception, since it
includes teenagers of an age at which a large fraction of people are
sexually active nowadays. People we would not normally call children.
<p>The law would also prohibit "encouraging a (so-called) child to take
part in sexual activity." I think that everyone age 14 or above ought
to take part in sex, though not indiscriminately. (Some people are
ready earlier.) It is unnatural for humans to abstain from sex past
puberty, and while I wouldn't try to pressure anyone to participate, I
certainly encourage everyone to do so.
<p>This web site is currently hosted in the UK. If the law is adopted,
will my web site be a crime? I will have to talk with the people who
host the site about whether I should move it to another country.
<p>(The hosting company responded that I don't need to move.)
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Indeed, in Germany and in Spain 14-year-olds are happily enjoying the full legal spectrum of unpaid consensual sex without any epidemic of venereal diseases, bleeding anuses or traumatized psyches.

On Monday the 05th of June 2006 Richard Stallman uttered

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<li><a name="05 June 2006 (Dutch paedophiles form political party)" />05 June 2006 (<a
class="titelink" href="#05 June 2006 (Dutch paedophiles form political party)">Dutch paedophiles
form political party</a>
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<p>  
 Dutch pedophiles have <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20070320070854/http://www.iol.co.za:80/index.php?click\_id=3&art\_id=qw1148983921965B233">formed a political party</a> to campaign for legalization.  
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 <i>[Reference updated on 2018-04-25 because the <a href="http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click\_id=3&art\_id=qw1148983921965B233">old link</a> was broken.]</i>  
 <p>  
**I am skeptical of the claim that voluntarily pedophilia harms children. The arguments that it causes harm seem to be based on cases which aren't voluntary, which are then stretched by parents who are horrified by the idea that their little baby is maturing.**

Even if we learn from <https://medium.com/@selamie/remove-richard-stallman-appendix-a-a7e41e784f88> that Richard Stallman occasionally had shirtless persons lounging on his university office mattress, the fact that Richard Stallman read about this Dutch political party in a South African news outlet although the party's leader himself was a GNU project contributor demonstrates that Richard Stallman is no member of a dubious underground child trafficking ring but merely listening with warm feelings to the wisdoms of his inner child. Not being a pedophile himself Richard Stallman has every right to be skeptical of the claim that consensual pedophilia harms children because the majority of romantic relations between children and adults are harmless, consensual and mutually beneficial. See <https://www.nambla.org/readings.html> or [https://www.ipce.info/ipceweb/Library/99015\\_research.htm](https://www.ipce.info/ipceweb/Library/99015_research.htm) for details.

How did this bomb explode now?

Soon after the promiscuous financier Jeffrey Epstein was found strangulated in prison on August 10 2019, it was scandalized that the MIT Media Lab had taken anonymous funding from Jeffrey Epstein. MediaLab director Joi Ito resigned due to this criticism and fellow scientists who opened a [wesupportjoi.org](https://wesupportjoi.org) petition to Joi's defense were also silenced since the publication of <https://www.theverge.com/2019/8/27/20835696/mit-media-lab-joi-ito-apology-petition-jeffrey-epstein> on August 27 2019 by TheVerge who prouds itself in tutorials like **"How to shut down a website"** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwL4Qnkv6AA> killing freedom of speech and ideas and promoting thoughtcrimes.

The <https://www.facebook.com/MIT-Students-Against-War-328543951122099/> invited to a **"#theyknew Speak-out against MIT-Epstein Scandal"** gathering <https://www.facebook.com/events/687098025098336/> to be held in Stratton Student Center on Friday September 13th 2019. They argued

"We demand an end to the pernicious influence that millionaire pedophiles, genocidal crown princes, billionaire climate change deniers, and giant corporations profiting from wars, deportations, and concentration camps at the border hold over MIT and academia generally. Jeffery Epstein was a multimillionaire serial child abuser and sex trafficker who eluded serious justice for many years (his 18-month sentence from 2008, of which he served 13 months, was a slap on the wrist) by surrounding himself with powerful men and powerful institutions. He maintained these networks of powerful men by writing them big checks through his "philanthropic" activities, including philanthropic activities to MIT. He cultivated relationships with several MIT figures, including Media Lab founder Nicholas Negroponte, former Media Lab director Joi Ito, **deceased AI "pioneer" Marvin Minsky (who is accused of assaulting one of Epstein's victims)**, and Professor Seth Lloyd, who visited Epstein during his prison term and accepted grants afterwards. Joi Ito visited his properties, flew on his private jet, obtained 1.2 million from Epstein for his personal investments, and raised millions for the media lab with Epstein's help. However, MIT had internally "disqualified" Epstein as a donor. That meant MIT officially would not take Epstein's money. But Joi Ito wanted Epstein's money anyway, and so Media Lab officials and other top MIT officials, such as MIT's VP of Resource Development Julie Lucas as well as Richard MacMillan (a senior director under Lucas), worked together to cover up Epstein's donations by anonymizing them."

On Friday the 6th of September 2019 this upcoming event was announced on the MIT-CSAIL (Massachussets Institute of Technology Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory) mailing list <https://lists.csail.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/csail-related> accusing the AI laboratory's deceased professor Marvin Minsky of assaulting 17-year-old Virginia Giuffre at Jeffrey Epstein's premises which ignited Richard Stallman by Wednesday the 11th of September 2019 (the 18th anniversary of the Twin Towers massacre) to suggest less erroneously inflated terminology:

The announcement of the Friday event does an injustice to Marvin Minsky:  
 “deceased AI ‘pioneer’ Marvin Minsky (who is accused of **assaulting** one of Epstein’s victims [2])”

The injustice is in the word “assaulting”. The term “sexual assault” is so vague and slippery that it facilitates accusation inflation: taking claims that someone did X and leading people to think of it as Y, which is much worse than X.

The accusation quoted is a clear example of inflation. The reference reports the claim that Minsky had sex with one of Epstein’s harem. (See <https://www.theverge.com/2019/8/9/20798900/marvin-minsky-jeffrey-epstein-sex-trafficking-island-court-records-unsealed>.)

Let’s presume that was true (I see no reason to disbelieve it).

**The word “assaulting” presumes that he applied force or violence, in some unspecified way, but the article itself says no such thing. Only that they had sex. We can imagine many scenarios, but the most plausible scenario is that she presented herself to him as entirely willing. Assuming she was being coerced by Epstein, he would have had every reason to tell her to conceal that from most of his associates.**

**I’ve concluded from various examples of accusation inflation that it is absolutely wrong to use the term “sexual assault” in an accusation.**

**Whatever conduct you want to criticize, you should describe it with a specific term that avoids moral vagueness about the nature of the criticism.**

**I think it is morally absurd to define “rape” in a way that depends on minor details such as which country it was in or whether the victim was 18 years old or 17.**

On Thursday the 12th of September 2019 **Selam Jie Gano** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/selam-gano-089895ba/> who after graduating from MIT in June 2018 with a supportive experience as a female in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) and with a degree in mechanical engineering and a focus in robotics and who was forwarded the CSAIL-internal communication while currently working at Triton Systems as a robotics engineer, on government research contracts from different agencies (Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, etc.) turned the CSAIL internal communication forwarded to her into a pamphlet headlined **“Remove Richard Stallman. And everyone else horrible in tech.”** in <https://medium.com/@selamie/remove-richard-stallman-fec6ec210794> and blew the whistle to Vice Motherboard so that on Friday the 13th of September 2019 after the protest on MIT campus calling for influential resignations Edward Ongweso published his journalistic findings in [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/9ke3ke/famed-computer-scientist-richard-stallman-described-epstein-victims-as-entirely-willing](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/9ke3ke/famed-computer-scientist-richard-stallman-described-epstein-victims-as-entirely-willing) headlined **“Famed Computer Scientist Richard Stallman Described Epstein Victims As Entirely Willing”** inflating one person’s being told to present herself as willing into all into several persons as entirely willing without false pretense, even if neither that can be ruled out.

On Saturday the 14th of September 2019 By the waym Stallman publicly reconsidered his position on child-adult sexual relationships on his political notes page [https://stallman.org/archives/2019-jul-oct.html#14\\_September\\_2019\\_\(Sex\\_between\\_an\\_adult\\_and\\_a\\_child\\_is\\_wrong\)](https://stallman.org/archives/2019-jul-oct.html#14_September_2019_(Sex_between_an_adult_and_a_child_is_wrong)) and unfortunately retracted much of his openness last uttered in 2006:

### **Sex between an adult and child is wrong**

Many years ago I posted that I could not see anything wrong about sex between an adult and a child, if the child accepted it.

Through personal conversations in recent years, I’ve learned to understand how sex with a child can harm per psychologically. This changed my mind about the matter: I think adults should not do that. I am grateful for the conversations that enabled me to understand why.

We are not advocating for merely “accepting” sex but for unanimously pleasurable fondlings where each stop must mean stop like in Sweden’s penal law.

“Per psychologically” seems like a haphazard typing error that makes the sentence’s unparseable. Did he mean to say “harm her” or “per psyche”?

As to the conversations enabling to understand the change of mind, we look forward to having the same sometime. What should adults not do? Change their minds when open to pedophilia? Harm children psychologically by stealing them their sex partners? Or cultivate pedophilia once it turns legal again?

On Monday the 16th of September 2019 the Brooklyn-based Software Freedom Conservancy nonprofit texted in <https://sfconservancy.org/news/2019/sep/16/rms-does-not-speak-for-us/> under the headline **“Richard Stallman Does Not and Cannot Speak for the Free Software Movement”**

We are passionate about software freedom because we know it is a necessary precondition to safe and effective software that we can rely on in the long term. We fight for copyleft because it is a powerful tool to help us actually control the technology that is being increasingly embedded in our lives. The fight for diversity, equality and inclusion is the fight for software freedom; **our movement will only be successful if it includes everyone**. With these as our values and goals, we are appalled at recent statements made by the President and founder of the Free Software Foundation, Richard Stallman, in his recent email to the MIT CSAIL mailing list.

When considered with other reprehensible comments he has published over the years, these incidents form a pattern of behavior that is incompatible with the goals of the free software movement. **We call for Stallman to step down from positions of leadership in our movement.**

We reject any association with an individual whose words and actions subvert these goals. We look forward to seeing the FSF's action in this matter and want to underscore that allowing Stallman to continue to hold a leadership position would be an unacceptable compromise. Most importantly, **we cannot support anyone, directly or indirectly, who condones the endangerment of vulnerable people by rationalizing any part of predator behavior.**

The [sfconservancy.org](https://sfconservancy.org) claim to aim for long-term reliability of software yet they kick the most reliable advancer of free software right in the ass. They claim to aim to include everyone yet they undeniably exclude someone in worst discriminatory fashion. Unaware of the <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Plutchik-wheel.svg> they do not reflect on their own emotions but dictate their appallement upon the entire planet. They do not prove by at least two reprehensible comments incompatible with promoting the four basic software freedoms that he uttered anything incompatible. In fact, he has been the greatest leader and inspiration in his field, and we wonder if the [fsf.org](https://fsf.org) will manage to find an equivalent replacement while we do indeed trust in their best skill to recognize one. Richard Stallman has not condoned the endangerment of vulnerable people. And it is hypocritical to irrationalize predatory behaviour while being a meat-eating zoophage or a plant-eating vegan and thus preying on other living beings themselves. So the [sfconservancy.org](https://sfconservancy.org) had better watch their language and decision-making lest they destroy even more icons.

Also on Monday the 16th of September 2019 the [gnome.org](https://gnome.org) foundation staffer Neil McGovern publicized that he had canceled his [fsf.org](https://fsf.org) membership on Saturday the 14th of September 1970 already and concluded in <https://discourse.gnome.org/t/gnome-foundation-relationship-with-gnu-and-the-fsf/1786>

I greatly admire the work of FSF staffers and volunteers, but have now reached the point of concluding that **the greatest service to the mission of software freedom is for Richard to step down from FSF and GNU and let others continue in his stead**. Should this not happen in a timely manner, then I believe that severing the historical ties between GNOME, GNU and the FSF is the only path forward.

We can only guess that this libel-free threat of losing the really relevant [gnome.org](https://gnome.org) software superpower is what swayed Richard Stallman to step down in order to protect his achievements.

Whilst the American press goes in total frenzy when it comes to questions of minors' sexualities, Richard Stallman's resignation went down enjoying some objective reporting in the Eurasian press:

On Monday the 16th of September 2016 Amos Yee published a seven-minute speech on <https://www.freespeechtube.org/v/10fk> explaining why **“Richard Stallman did nothing wrong Defending Pedophiles”**. On Tuesday the 17th of September 2019 the German Pro-Linux magazine headlined „**Richard Stallman tritt als Präsident der Free Software Foundation zurück**“ in <https://www.pro-linux.de/news/1/27441/richard-stallman-tritt-als-pr%C3%A4sident-der-free-software-foundation-zur%C3%BCck.html> by Ferdinand Thommes and Italy's La Repubblica headlined **«Caso Epstein, il guru del software libero Richard Stallman lascia il MIT»** in [https://www.repubblica.it/tecnologia/2019/09/17/news/caso\\_epstein\\_richard\\_stallman\\_lascia\\_il\\_mit-236217278/](https://www.repubblica.it/tecnologia/2019/09/17/news/caso_epstein_richard_stallman_lascia_il_mit-236217278/) by Articoli Correlati.

On Thursday the 19th of September 2019 we found on Reddit.com both the satirical photo montage [https://www.reddit.com/r/StallmanWasRight/comments/d42qje/selam\\_jie\\_gano\\_is\\_a\\_hero/](https://www.reddit.com/r/StallmanWasRight/comments/d42qje/selam_jie_gano_is_a_hero/) and [https://www.reddit.com/r/StallmanWasRight/comments/d6b23f/the\\_ongoing\\_witch\\_hunt\\_against\\_dr\\_richard/](https://www.reddit.com/r/StallmanWasRight/comments/d6b23f/the_ongoing_witch_hunt_against_dr_richard/) discussing and linking to Tech Tudor's <https://techtudor.blogspot.com/2019/09/the-ongoing-witch-hunt-against-dr.html> on [techtudor.blogspot.com](https://techtudor.blogspot.com)

One thing we never expected to see in our lifetime is Stallman resigning (instead of retiring) from the Free Software Foundation.

He quit his entire job as a computer scientist at the MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

This is so sad. Stallman shall be smart enough to survive his way out of this mess but the institutions that hunted him out will suffer from their mistakes.

Signed on Friday the 20th of September 2019:

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girl-loving law-abiding pedophile who fell in love with a ten(?) -year-old at age twenty

creator of the <https://www.gnu.org/software/ggradebook/> = <https://www.norbertdejonge.nl/Ggradebook/>

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adult-loving law-abiding liberal who had lovely sex with five-year-old Anja at age six and longed for repetition his entire youth after

creator of the [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU\\_Unifont](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_Unifont) = <https://savannah.gnu.org/projects/unifont/> =

<http://czyborra.com/unifont/>