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Sarah Mei

@sarahmei

Richard Stallman is the reason I didn't start contributing to open source (then called "free software") in the 90s.

I'm not the only one.

He and his followers pushed out a whole generation of female developers, just at that critical time when open source adoption was widening.

bletchley punk

@alicegoldfuss

· May 8, 2018

I don't always read mailing lists, but when I do, it's because Richard Stallman is claiming the negative reaction to his abortion joke makes him a victim and scares women away from open source

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Sarah Mei

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Replying to @sarahmei

Now Stallman has the unmitigated gall to suggest that removing his disgusting jokes (& believe me, the jokes weren't the half of it) will KEEP WOMEN OUT.

RMS my dude...if you want more women in open source, the best possible thing you could do is leave & never come back.

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Sarah Mei

@sarahmei

· May 9, 2018

To this day:

- I will not knowingly use any software he wrote.

- I will not contribute to any project he's associated with.

- I will not attend or speak at any conference where he's present.

- I will not promote the aims of any organization he's affiliated with.

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Sarah Mei

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· May 9, 2018

RMS is straight-up toxic to everything he touches. He was in the 90s, and apparently he apparently hasn't learned anything in the intervening two decades.

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Sarah Mei

@sarahmei · May 9, 2018

Maybe this is RMS's last-ditch effort to return to his glory days, when he could put abortion references in the documentation, and talk about virginity in his conference talks, and nobody would push back.

But I have a message for him:



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Sarah Mei

@sarahmei · May 9, 2018

This isn't RMS's world anymore. It's changed. He's not in charge.

And thank fucking god for that. [fin]

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Carol Willing

@WillingCarol · May 9, 2018

Replying to @sarahmei

Ditto.

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Brett Cannon

@brettsky · May 10, 2018

I wonder if glibc will move/fork? This whole event is making me want to audit what software I use to see if it's from GNU and try to find replacements

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Gedalia Pasternak

@gedaliap · May 10, 2018

Replying to @sarahmei

Not to minimize but he turned off men too. He came to speak at Cooper Union in the mid 90s, I walked away from his presentation thinking no wonder biz people didn't take open source seriously, I don't think anyone else was impressed.

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