

# Hidden projects

*Celebrating 'I Love Free Software Day'*

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# About 2024...



**I ❤️ Free Software**

Thanks to everyone who makes software freedom a critical movement!

- Karen Sandler  
Software Freedom Conservancy



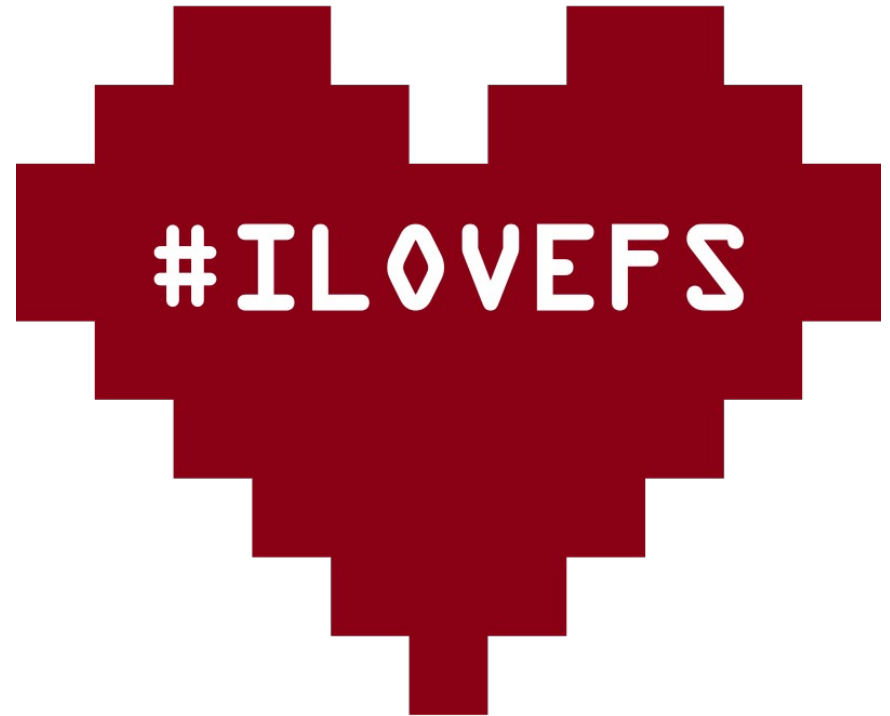
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**What** is?

**Why** do we need It

**How** do we celebrate it

For **whom** is it ?



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We encourage everyone to show their appreciation of the people who contribute to Free Software.

It's about showing you care about the people who show you care. As our President, Arsten Gerloff, FSFE's President, said: "Free Software is about people's needs. It's people who are at the centre of it all, not computers."



# What is happening on “I Love Free Software Day”

## Social networks

Highlight your favourite Free Software projects & their contributors

## „Offline“ actions

- Send postcards
- Organize / Attend Events and Meet-ups
- Donate money / time

# I ♥ Free Software Day & SUSE OSCC network

on: 2024-06-10

We got an email, a few weeks ago, that caught our attention. It came with a donation explaining that it was made in the name of an employee network at SUSE. We decided to investigate, asked the people responsible, and today we want to share this awesome story with you. (Note - this is also a great idea for an initiative to ask your company about).



Several weeks ago, we received a really nice message:

*I'm part of a special interest group / employee network at SUSE called the SUSE Open Source Community Citizens (OSCC). In the spirit of the "I Love Free Software Day", we asked our SUSE colleagues to share why they got into and love Free Software. Every story told was being rewarded with 50 EUR that is going to be donated to the Free Software*



tunda  
@tunda@layer8.space

Aber auf mich hört ja immer keiner.

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#iloveFS



DAVx<sup>5</sup>  
@davx5app@fosstodon.org

Look what we got from @fsfe ! Thank you very much for this oldschool mail, that is so kind!! 🥰 You're awesome! #ilovefs



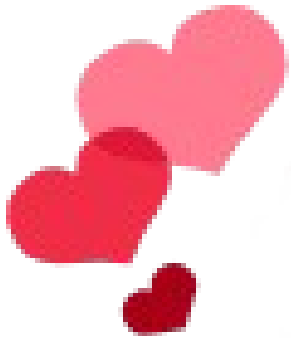


# Why do we need the “I Love Free Software Day”

Everybody appreciates a **“Thank you”**

A thank you is

- Motivating
- Acknowledges the work done for projects
- Should be more than just words



# Why do we need the “I Love Free Software Day”

Raise awareness and visibility for different Free Software communities

also **outside the realm of Free Software enthusiasts**

Create a **positive** and **welcoming** community





# Celebrating the “I Love Free Software Day”

# I Free Software



# I ❤️ Free Software

because it gives everybody freedoms to use, study, share and improve it; promotes healthy competition and serves public good.

*-Polina Malaja*





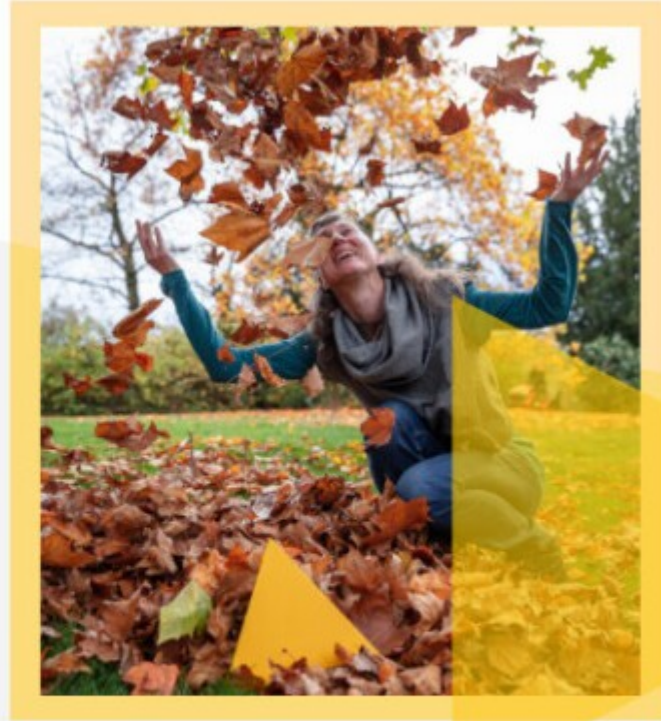
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**“I Love Free Software Day 2025”**

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and let us know!!!**

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# Thank you! Questions?

