



the **Free Software**  
*Bastard* Guide





# HOW TO be an asshole



~ *User* ~

~ *Developer* ~

~ *Company* ~



~ User ~




Chapter #1  
[ Mailing lists ]





## *Don't use lists*

- ❌ Send mail directly to project leaders
- ❌ Paste stack traces on IRC channels
- ❌ Use Twitter and Facebook to ask question or report problems 
- ❌ Open issues in bug tracker to ask questions



## *Use the lists*

- ✘ Never register! Let administrators take time to moderate your message.  
Be rude if you don't get any answer.
- ✘ Use a Vacation Away message to inform all people that your are not available
- ✘ Do not answer to the list but directly to sender. You want to get help, not to give it.



*Invite the list to all professional networks*





## *Write on lists*

✘ Use your mother thong. Anybody can use a translation tool to read you.

✘ Answer on top, don't include original text, use HTML, include pictures in your signature, TRY TO UPPERCASE ALL WORDS, put !!! and ??? everywhere

✘ **FEED THE TROLL**





# Chapter #2

[ Bugs ]





# *Find bugs*

- ✘ Use prehistoric version (>2 years old)
- ✘ Use non official patch
- ✘ Use weird operating systems
- ✘ Let your children use the software



# *Report bugs*

- ✘ Don't search if the bug was already reported, try to create duplicates
- ✘ Description "Does not work" is often enough
- ✘ Demand a quick solution for free. Use the word "ASAP".  
Never test the patch because it's too hard



*~ Developer ~*



# Chapter #3

[ Documentation ]





# *Acronyms*

✘ RTFM (Read The Fucking Manual)

✘ WITFM (Where Is The Fucking Manual)

✘ TODO (Too Old DOcument)

✘ RTS (Read The Source)



# *Documentation everywhere*

- ❌ Create files in project (README, INSTALL) but never update them
- ❌ Install an open wiki (without authentication)
- ❌ Explain a lot of things on mailing list but never put them in a documentation



# Chapter #4

[ Quality ]





**TESTING**

**IS**

**DOUBTING**





*~ Company ~*



# *Using Free Software*

- ✘ License? Let this to Bob from accounting department
- ✘ OMG they give it for free! Idiots ;)
- ✘ Give something back? We will that next year
- ✘ Community? Are we doing politics here?



# *Making Free Software*

- ❌ Fork instead of contributing (Fork as a Service)
- ❌ Keep interesting features for “enterprise” edition, because only big companies use them
- ❌ Create a new license and pay a team of lawyer for this, because no existing license fits your needs
- ❌ Don't let external people contribute, they will mess up all with their dirty hands



*Links for bastards*



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