

the **Free Software** *Bastard* Guide



HOW TO

be an asshole



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Chapter #1
[Mailing lists]



Don't use lists

- Send mail directly to project leaders
- X: 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)
- X: Use non official patch
- :X: Use weird operating systems
- :X. 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

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Chapter #3 [Documentation]



Acronyms

- RTFM (Read The Fucking Manual)
- WITFM (Where Is The Fucking Manual)
- X: TODO (Too Old DOcument)
- :X: RTS (Read The Source)

Documentation everywhere

Create files in project (README, INSTALL) but never update them

:X: 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

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DOUBTING



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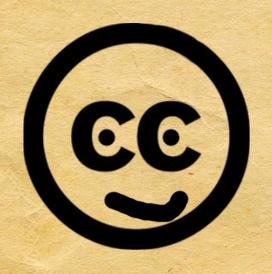
Using Free Software

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

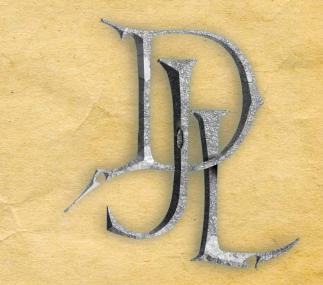
Making Free Software

- 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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