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The Free Software Directory

Welcome to the **Free Software Directory**, a catalog of free software that anyone can edit.

Free software @ is a matter of liberty, not price. Think of "free" as in "free speech", not as in "free beer". Free software is a matter of the users' freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software.

Contribute

- Have you found a bug or an entry that needs to be updated?
- Would you like to submit a new entry?
- Or are you eager to join a team of other community members to help maintain, grow, and rebuild the Free Software Directory?

If so, visit our [Participate](#) page to find out how you can get started today. Also make sure to join the [directory-discuss](#) mailing list to keep up on discussions or send in any questions you have about the directory.

Join us each Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST for the FSD IRC meetings! For more details, check the [Free Software Directory blog](#).

Get involved!

Logo



URL

https://directory.fsf.org/wiki/Main_Page

Subject

Free computer software – Directories
Open source software – Directories

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Free Software Foundation, Inc.

Brief History

The Free Software Directory (FSD, or simply Directory) is a project of the Free Software Foundation (FSF). The FSF (non-profit organization) was founded by Richard Stallman on 4 October 1985 to support the free software movement, which promotes the universal freedom to study, distribute, create and modify computer software.

Scope and Coverage

It covers information on free GNU/Linux distributions. Links of free software for Windows, free software for iOS, and free software for android on F-Droid are also available. Each software is described with category type and specificity.

Kind of Information

It provides information on a lot of free software responsible for different categories. Those are :

- Free software to use for copying, compressing, education, email, gameplaying etc.
- Free software that interfaces with command-line, console, daemon etc.
- Free software for business accounting, barcoding, calculating, calendar etc.
- Free software that works with archive, audio, database, graphics, html, images, pim etc.
- Free software that works with the format mp3, iso9660, ogg-vorbis, speex, FLAC and so on.

Each of the categories contains a list of software including brief description, URL, download link, version type, required OS etc. An example is given below :

3dFB

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/dz3d/> 

'3dFB' is a 3D file manager and browser. 2D file managers work nicely, but with 3D, you can display much more information. The aim of this project is to make a viable, workable, 3D file manager that is not a hog on resources and can actually be usable.

Download

Download  version 0.6.1 (stable)
released on 29 July 2004

Categories

- Interface:file-manager
- Interface:x-window-system
- Runs-on:GNU/Linux
- Use:interface

Information are also given on featured projects. Those projects are enlisted under three major categories: for desktop users, for developers and for GNU spotlight. Each of the projects are described with featured date, URL, link to download etc. Guidelines are provided on how to submit new entry page, how to join directory discussion list etc.

Special Features

- RSS Feed facility is available.

- 'Search' option has been kept for users.
- Hyperlinks of related websites like semantic media wiki etc. are available.

Arrangement Pattern

Software under each category are arranged alphabetically as can be seen below :



Remarks

This tool is very useful for know about free software and functions of those in different cases. This directory can be considered as a service to the free software community.

Comparable Tools

- Open Source Software Directory – OSSD (<https://opensourcesoftwaredirectory.com/>)
- Free Software Directory Alternatives - AlternativeTo.net (alternativeto.net/software/free-software-directory/)

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