

NICTA NSW Research Laboratory Big Picture Seminar Series



Dr Richard Stallman

Title: Free Software in Ethics and in Practice

Abstract

Richard Stallman will speak about the Free Software Movement, which campaigns for freedom so that computer users can cooperate to control their own computing activities. The Free Software Movement developed the GNU operating system, often erroneously referred to as Linux, specifically to establish these freedoms.



Biography

Richard Stallman launched the development of the GNU operating system (see www.gnu.org) in 1984. GNU is free software: everyone has the freedom to copy it and redistribute it, as well as to make changes either large or small. The GNU/Linux system, basically the GNU operating system with Linux added, is used on tens of millions of computers today. Stallman has received the ACM Grace Hopper Award, a MacArthur Foundation fellowship, the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Pioneer award, and the Takeda Award for Social/Economic Betterment, as well as several honorary doctorates.

Date

Monday, 11 October 2010

Agenda

5.30pm: Registration

6.00 – 8:30pm: Seminar

Venue

Clancy Auditorium

UNSW

SYDNEY 2052

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