

Do It Yourself patch level 3

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 I went to buy some software, and they said six hundred bucks
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 For some bloated cruft from Microsoft, now that price really sucks
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 So I looked out on the network, and, my friends, I'm here to say
^F ^C ^{G7} ^C
 That people write great software and then give the code away.

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 Oh, Oracle, Sun and Microsoft, Novell and SAP
^F ^C ^{G7}
 Write bloated buggy programs that they license for a fee
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 They make big bucks from software so they don't want me to say
^F ^C ^{G7} ^C
 That open source is better 'cause you give the code away.

First I had to have a kernel just to make my software run
 This Finnish guy named Linus wrote a great one just for fun,
 Multi-user, multitasking, virtual memory as well,
 And best of all it's free because it's under GPL.

Next, compilers and utilities were what I had to get –
 The Free Software Foundation has the best ones on the Net.
 They say that GNU's Not Unix, and I know this must be true
 'Cause the tech support is faster and the software's better too.

Then I had to have an interface with windows, fonts and mice
 And high-speed graphics over local networks would be nice.
 The old X Window System got its start at MIT;
 If it's good enough for Unix then it's good enough for me.

Now I had to use the World Wide Web, well that's always been cheap;
 On the server side, apache didn't cost me any sleep.
 Mozilla's code was open-sourced in April '98
 Now Firefox is here and it was truly worth the wait.

Now I have my system running, not a byte was off the shelf;
 It rarely breaks and when it does I fix the code myself.
 It's stable, clean and elegant, and lightning fast as well,
 And it didn't cost a nickel, so Bill Gates can go to hell.

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