

## DIYpl3

### 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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