

# Software Freedom Podcast

How to do a podcast with Free Software?

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# Software Freedom Podcast



- Focus: Free Software, EU & Policy
- Interview-style
- **Host(s): Bonnie Mehring  
& Matthias Kirschner**
- Published on: [fsfe.org/podcast](https://fsfe.org/podcast)

# Software Freedom Podcast: Hardware



- Microphones
  - Dynamic vs. condenser mic
  - Strict pickup vs. very sensitive

# Software Freedom Podcast: Hardware



- Recording device
  - Sound card
  - Mobile devices
  - Headset / headphones



# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



- Tips & Tricks:
  - 5 seconds of silence
  - Do not drink coffee or tea
  - Think about what you want to say
  - Outline & storytelling
  - Go with the flow  
vs. direct the conversation
  - -12 to -6 dB

# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



- Topic of the Podcast
  - It should be interesting for you....  
...something you like and have a passion for

# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



- Type of the podcast:
  - Interview
  - Conversation
  - Monologue / one person show
  - Storytelling / investigative Podcasts
  - Art (Theater, sound experiments)
  - ....

# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



- Categories of the podcast:
  - Comedy
  - Lifestyle
  - Technology
  - Educational
  - ....

# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



Brainstorm on topics

# Software Freedom Podcast: Recording



Intro:

Welcome back to ...

...our discussion about digital  
sovereignty through Free Software.

# Software Freedom Podcast: Editing



1. Normalize
2. Noise reduction
3. Non destructive editing
  - Preview cut
  - Listen to the cut without looking at the screen
4. How to improve audio?

Bad audio will never be good, but it can be okay.
5. Compression
  - Rock'n'roll mixing trick

# Software Freedom Podcast: Editing



## 6. Export

- Opus (48 kHz and 32 kbps)
- Mp3 (~48 kHz)



# Software Freedom Podcast: Editing



Done

....now off to find FOSS distribution to a  
podcast player near your listener

# Software Freedom Podcast: Editing



Audacity Demo

# Software Freedom Podcast: Resources

<https://forum.audacityteam.org/>

<https://freesound.org/>

<https://transom.org/topics/tools/>

<https://discourse.ardour.org/>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/npr-training/2025/05/31/g-s1-67902/the-producers-handbook-to-mixing-audio-stories>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/npr-training/g-s1-63507/audio>

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/about/make-radio>



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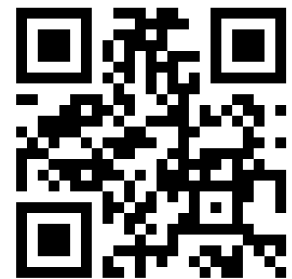


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# fsfe initiatives

Die FSFE arbeitet jeden Tag daran, Freie Software in Europa voranzubringen. Wir schützen und stärken die Rechte von Nutzenden. Unsere Mission: Menschen im selbstbestimmten Umgang mit Technik unterstützen.



## REUSE

REUSE provide recommendations to make licensing Free Software projects easy, comprehensive, unambiguous, and machine-readable.

Adopting REUSE software is as easy as one-two-three!



## PMPC

Why is software created using taxpayers' money? If it is public money, it should be public code as well.

Code paid by the people should be available to the people!



## YH4F

Young people, from all over Europe, compete to win cash prizes by creating programs of their choice licensed as Free Software. .

If you like programming and tinkering, this challenge is for you!



## Router Freedom

Some European ISPs are dictating which device their customers have to use or discriminating against owners of alternative devices.

Your Router, your rules!



## iloveFS

The "I Love Free Software Day" on 14 February is the perfect opportunity to express your special gratitude to Free Software contributors.

Reach out and say "Thank you!"! ♥



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