



What is GNOME?

GNOME is a free and easy-to-use desktop environment for users, as well as a powerful application development framework for software developers.

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GNOME is...

- **Free** - GNOME is Free Software and part of the GNU project, dedicated to giving users and developers the ultimate level of control over their desktops, their software, and their data.
- **Usable** - GNOME understands that usability is about creating software that is easy for everyone to use, not about piling on features. GNOME's community of professional and volunteer usability experts have created Free Software's first and only Human Interface Guidelines, and all core GNOME software is adopting these principles.
- **Accessible** - Free Software is about enabling software freedom for everyone, including users and developers with disabilities. GNOME's Accessibility framework is the result of several years of effort, and is a core component, not just an afterthought.
- **International** - GNOME is used, developed and documented in dozens of languages, and we strive to ensure that every piece of GNOME software can be translated into all languages.
- **Organized** - GNOME is an organized community, with a foundation of several hundred members, including an elected board, as well as usability, accessibility, and QA teams. GNOME releases are defined by the GNOME Release Team and are scheduled to occur every six months.
- **Supported** - Beyond the worldwide GNOME Community, GNOME is supported by the leading companies in Linux and Unix, including HP, IBM, Mandrake, Novell, Red Hat, and Sun.
- **A Community** - Perhaps more than anything else, GNOME is a worldwide community that is growing every day. For more information, go to www.gnome.org.

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