

Building Ethical Software Under Capitalism

Community DevRoom

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FOSDEM



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Software Freedom Conservancy

Non-profits...

BAKE

SALE



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**Making money
while “doing good”**

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**Grants, wealthy people
...and non-wealthy people**



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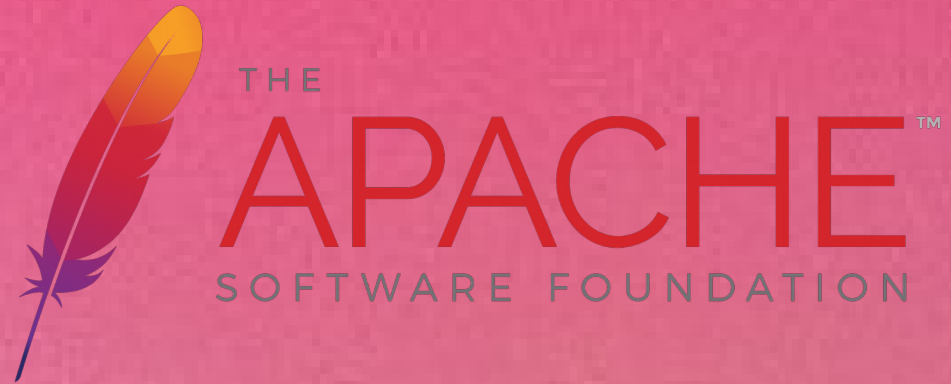
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**Unfortunately “Radical” means
give money and resources
to people who actually need it.**





Money, companies and free software



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What gets funded in FOSS?



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“ROI”

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Helping people?

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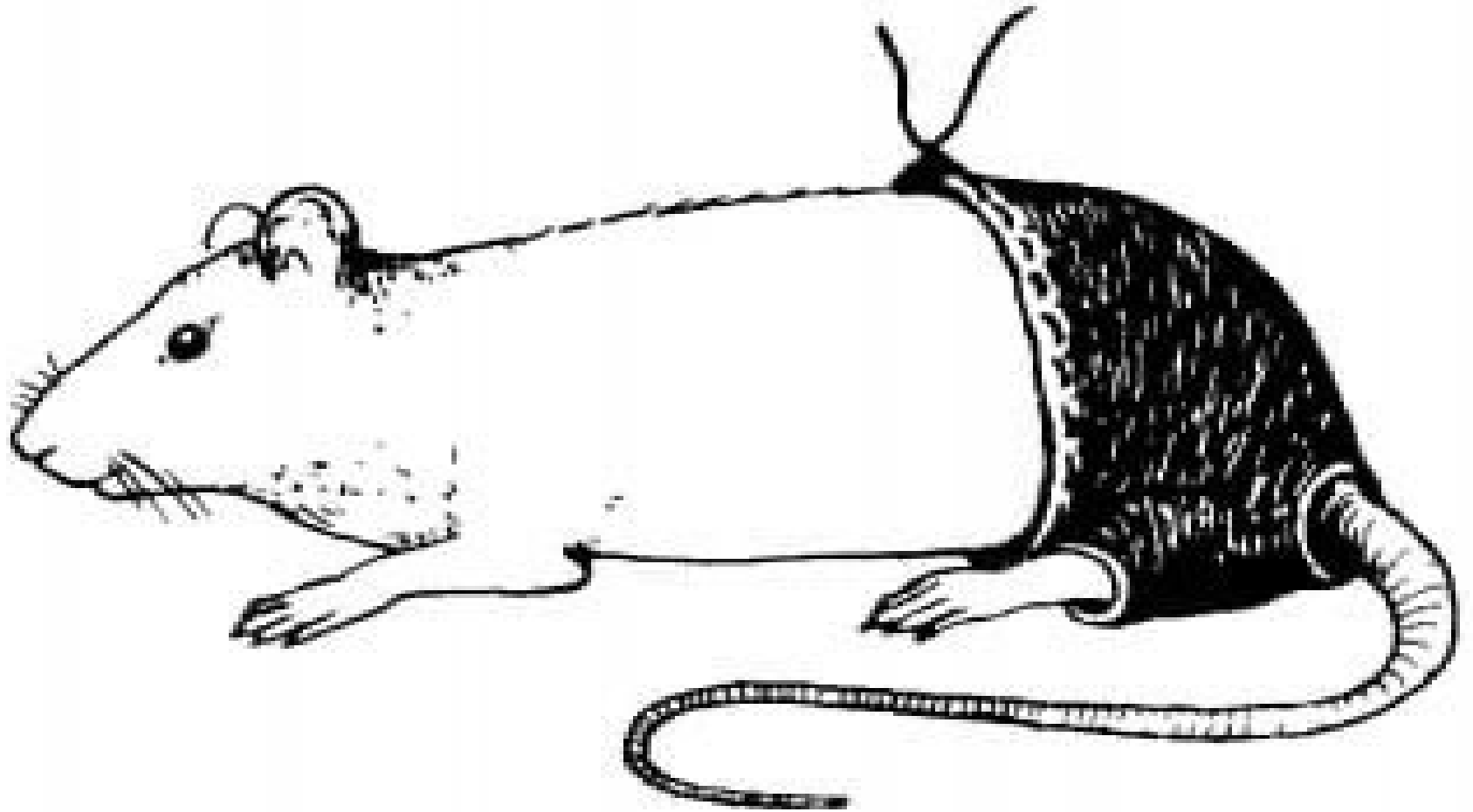


Fig. 1. The underpant worn by the rat.

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Rainbow Capitalism

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...is still Capitalism.

Open Source Exploitation

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...is still Exploitation.



**Can we fix things
from the inside?**

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Encourage self-reporting



**Write letters,
strike, organize walkouts**



Building our own alternatives

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Non-profits!

Worker controlled options



**Current you can bind future you and
your software to ethical choices**



Policy changes?

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Require an ethics audit?



My free-pony
platform is of
course is a jobs
creation program
it will create lots
and lots of jobs
once we switch
over to pony
based economy.

Vermin Supreme

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**Don't choose an off-the-rack,
for-profit structure**

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