“Run a program as you wish, for any purpose you wish, not limited to any narrowly defined application.”

“Help yourself by improving the program (which requires access to source code).”

“Help your neighbor by sharing a copy of the program with them.”

“Help community by sharing the improved copy at large.”
“Given a large enough beta-tester and co-developer base, almost every problem will be characterized quickly and the fix obvious to someone.”

"Given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow."
Free Software Examples

- **Linux kernel**
  - GPL, 1991, Unix

- **GIMP**
  - GPL, 1996, Photoshop

- **R project**
  - GPL, 1993, S

- **Sage**
  - GPL, 2005, MATLAB/Mathematica

- **Madagascar**
  - GPL, 2006, SEPlib
GPL License

• “Using the GNU GPL will require that all the released improved versions be free software. This means you can avoid the risk of having to compete with a proprietary modified version of your own work.”

http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-faq.html
How to Add Your Own Programs

“Help yourself by improving the program...”

- Create a directory for yourself or your group under $RSFSRC/user. Put your programs there.
- Create SConstruct file in your directory by following examples from other user directories.
- [http://www.ahay.org/wiki/Adding_new_programs_to_Madagascar](http://www.ahay.org/wiki/Adding_new_programs_to_Madagascar)
How to Contribute Your Programs

“Help community by sharing the improved copy…”

- **Register at SourceForge**. Send your SourceForge user name to one of the administrators.
- Upload your files to the repository using `svn add` and `svn commit`.
- Add reproducible examples of using your program under `$RSFSRC/book`.
Communication Tools

- Wiki page http://www.ahay.org/
- Blog http://www.ahay.org/rsflog/
- Subversion repository (79 developers)
  - https://sourceforge.net/p/rsf/code/HEAD/tree/trunk/
- Mailing lists (337 subscribers)
  - https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/rsf-user
  - https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/rsf-devel
- SourceForge trackers
  - https://sourceforge.net/p/rsf/bugs/
  - https://sourceforge.net/p/rsf/feature-requests/
- LinkedIn group (329 members)
  - http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1847746
2014 Madagascar School?

- Poland
- Russia
- Netherlands
- South Korea
- Brazil
2014 Working Workshop?

- Parallel Computing
- Field Data Processing
- Seismic Interpretation
- Documentation
- C++/Java/Python/Fortran
Conclusions

- Recognize Madagascar project as a community effort
- Understand freedoms provided by open source
- Use online communication tools to participate in the development and to connect with other users
- Attend schools and working workshops