



Free Software, Open
Source and the Evolution
of Communication

Two Parts

Part I: Defining Free Software & Open Source

Free Software =
Open Source

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Free Software

Software that

everyone

has the **freedom** to

run

study

copy

modify &

share.

The Three Big Communication Revolutions

Human Language

Language Transforms Us

The Profound Tool

Programs (aka
Language for
Machines)

Language Transforms Machines

The Jacquard Loom



Punch Cards and Paisley

General Purpose Computers

Machines
Transform Us

Programs Are
Runnable Versions
of Human Skills

The Internet

The Great Obsoleter

The Net Allows Broadcast of Skills

Where are we now?

Thanks!

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