once upon a time at the mit ai lab...

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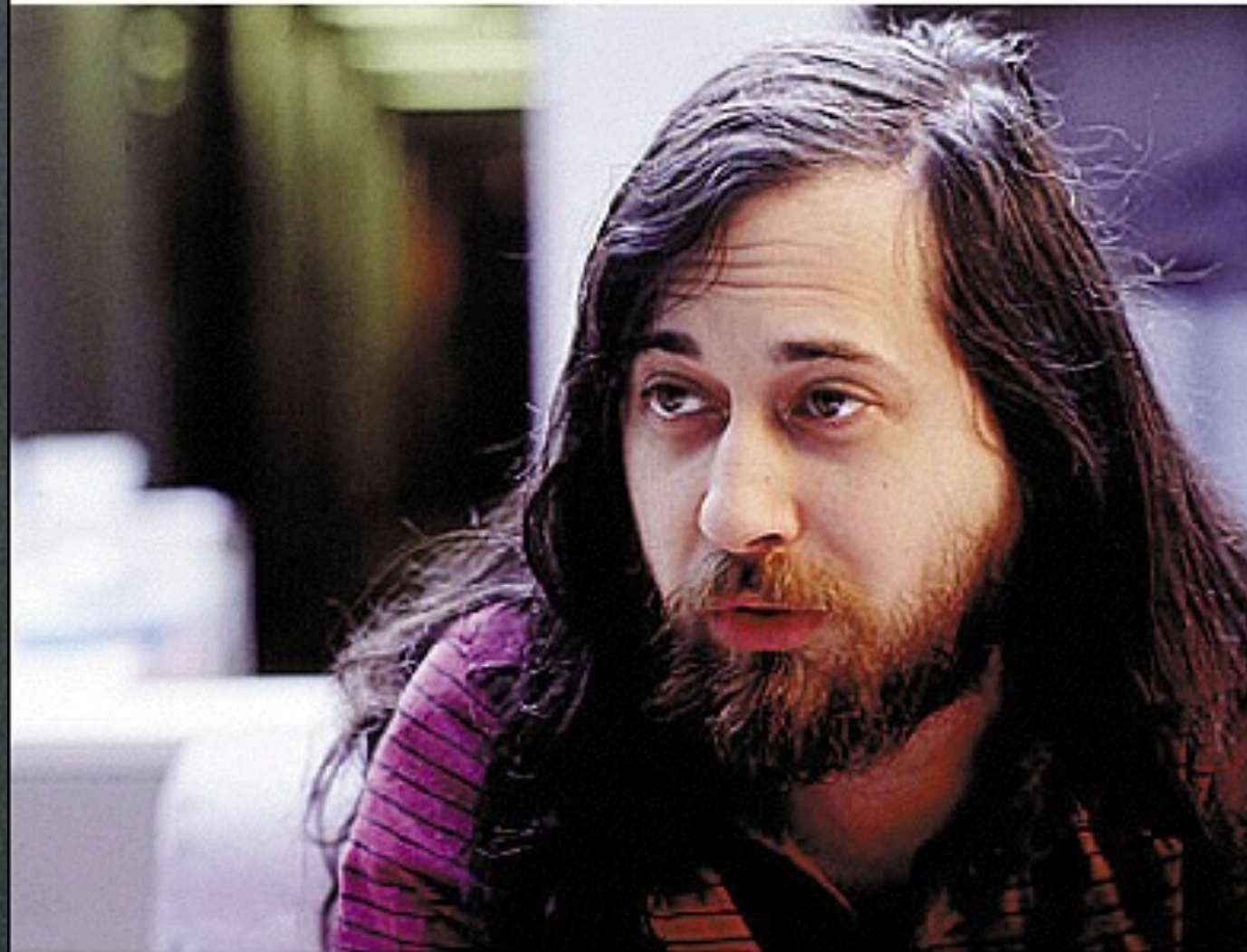
RMS is a philosopher

free software is a philosophy

- "free" as in "freedom"
- "free" has two roots:
  - "gratis" at no cost
  - "libre" freedom

what is the gpl?

- what does it give you?

- how does it work?

what does it give you?

the four freedoms

- zero: the freedom to run the program for any purpose

- one: the freedom to study how the program works, and change it to make it do what you wish

the four freedoms

- two: the freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor

- three: the freedom to improve the program, and release your improvements (and modified versions in general) to the public, so that the whole community benefits
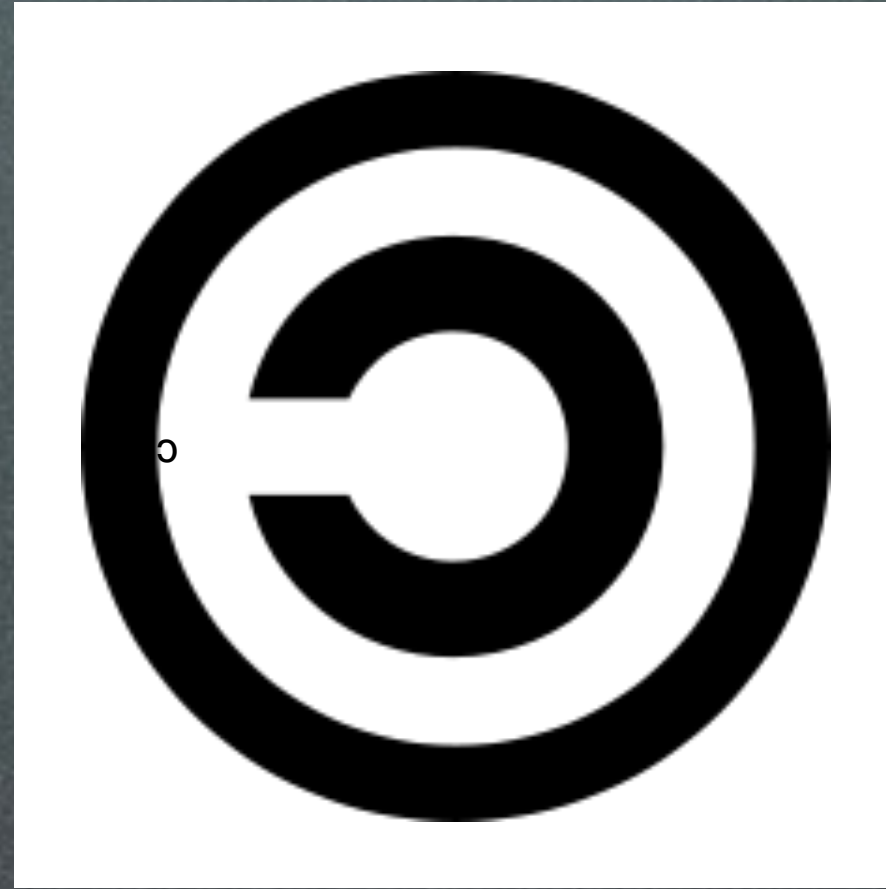
how does it work?

what if we could hack the legal system?

what if we could hack the legal system
using the legal system?

~~viral~~ inductive

$N = 0$: freedom for you

~~viral~~ inductive

N = 0 : freedom for you AND N+1

thanks

pointers

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