

# Introducing Framasoft



Framasoft is a network of non-formal education, originating from the educational world and initially dedicated to free and open source software. Our non-profit organization has 3 main goals:


- promote, spread and develop free and open source software
- extend and promote free culture in the largest sense
- online free and open source services

Framasoft relies almost exclusively on gift economy. We are independent and are accountable to our donators and contributors only.

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| <b>Legal status</b>             | Association constituted in accordance with the French law of 1901 concerning non-profit organizations                              |
| <b>Executive Committee</b>      | Sandra Guignonis, Jean-Bernard Marcon, Simon Giraudot, Christophe Masutti  |
| <b>General Delegate allover</b> | Pierre-Yves Gosset   |
| <b>Legal Docs</b>               | 2004 ( <a href="#">Statutes</a> ) ( <a href="#">Internal regulations</a> )   |
| <b>Employees</b>                | 6 permanent employees  |
| <b>Localization</b>             | Lyon, France   |
| <b>Organization</b>             | Association supporting Libre and collaborative projects  |
| <b>Full identification</b>      | <a href="#">Check the sheet</a>  |
| <b>Current main project</b>     | <a href="#">Degoogleisons Internet</a> (Ungooglize the Internet)   |
| <b>Framasoft EULA</b>           | <a href="#">Charter</a>  |
| <b>Annual reports</b>           | <a href="#">Activity report 2013</a> ( <a href="#">2012</a> , <a href="#">2011</a> , <a href="#">2010</a> , <a href="#">2009</a> ) |
| <b>Newsletter</b>               | <a href="#">Registration and archives</a>  |
| <b>Media and Press book</b>     | <a href="#">Annual report</a>  |
| <b>Graphics and logos</b>       | <a href="#">On this page</a>   |
| <a href="#">Banners</a>         | <a href="#">Volunteering</a>   |
| <b>Founder Members</b>          | Alexis Kauffmann, Paul Lunetta & Georges Silva   |

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(media, press, informations, questions...)

## What is Framasoft?

« Long is the road, but Open is the way »

Framasoft started in 2001, with a public and collaborative online directory of Free and Open source Software for Education. Framasoft became an association in 2004 and dedicated its directory only to Free Softwares for every operating systems. Thanks to the energy of contributors, permanent and non-permanent members and thanks to every donations, Framasoft is nowadays a network of several Free projects with 3 main topics : Free Software, Free Culture, online Free web services.

Framasoft gathers everyone who participated and participate directly or indirectly to the different projects. To structure it all, Framasoft is based on a non-profit organisation from the public interest. Now, it's its responsibility to make it work smoothly and be sure that the community can help in the best possible conditions. There is three permanent members of staff and is mainly financed thanks to the individuals donations collected on the Internet.

### Quick look

Framasoft homepage displays several panels introducing its 3 main ranges of activity: software, culture, services.

A navigation toolbar (we call it Framanav) makes it easier to switch from one site to another according to your needs.



## Free and Libre Software

A free software offers the users the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software.

This is allowed technically by getting and reading the source code, and legally thanks to the free license attached to the software. These four freedoms encourage transparency, trust, exchange, share and collaboration within communities.

Framasoft offers a directory, USB keys, DVDs and a Windows installer in order to discover free software and use them frequently.

### Supported projects

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Framalibre</a>          | The free software directory       |
| <a href="#">Framakey</a>            | USB key and portable applications |
| <a href="#">Framadvd (+ school)</a> | DvD full of free softwares        |
| <a href="#">Framapack</a>           | The free software market          |

### Free culture

Thanks to the Internet and to the digitization, the « free culture » is a moving culture directly inspired from the Free software for its philosophy and its licenses in order to promote et spread intellectual creations.

It's exploring a lot of different fields such as art, education, sciences, materials... These works could be considered as common goods. The most representative example is the free encyclopedia Wikipedia.

### Other supported projects

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| <a href="#">Framablog</a> | Libre news and editorials  |
| <a href="#">Framabook</a> | Libre books                |
| <a href="#">Framalang</a> | Collaborative translations |
| <a href="#">Framatube</a> | Libres videos              |
| <a href="#">Framazic</a>  | Libre music promotion      |

### Free online services

From 2011 on Framasoft provides to the general public a series of free online services which are respectful of personal data and privacy. On September 2014, considering the huge success of some services, we decided to offer alternative services to popular but proprietary services that are centralized and tracking users' data on the Internet. Framasoft is now involved in a long-distance huge project called : Dégooglisons Internet (let's Ungoogle Internet).

Framasoft proposition sounds simple : for every proprietary service, we highlight and promote a Free, Libre, Ethical, Decentralized and Solidary service. Of course we wish not to take the monopoly over existing ones, but we want to demonstrate as a proof of concept that free and respectful alternatives

exist, are reliable and can be spread [sharing knowledge with tutorials](#), so that they can reach the general public.

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| The Project      | <a href="#">Dégooglisons Internet (Let's Ungoogle the Internet)</a> |
| List of services | <a href="#">Planned services</a>                                    |

## How does it work?

Réunie en assemblée générale les 20-22 décembre 2014, l'association Framasoft a décidé d'une nouvelle structure administrative démocratique composée du Conseil d'administration et des comités : comité directeur (2 à 5 co-présidents), comité technique, comité ressources humaines, comité juridique, comité trésorerie et finances, comité stratégique, comité partenariats, etc.

## Scope

Framasoft has projects aiming at the whole French-speaking community worldwide and possibly other languages and countries. Headquarters of our association are in **Lyon, France** with at least one permanent employee. Framasoft members and contributors are mainly French.

## Contact Framasoft

If you wish to contact Framasoft (medias / press, events, informations): [Contact](#). Every important decision is subject to a vote by Framasoft members, that is why the answer may require a variable delay.

## History (some milestones)

### 2014

*October*: launching of the campaign « [Let's Ungoogle the Internet](#) ». This campaign marks a turning point for Framasoft as it's aiming, for the long term, to center the use and the spreading of free softwares, ethical, decentralized and solidary, against the GAFAM.

*May*: Framasoft takes an active part to the organization and the activity of « [Vosges Free Operation](#) » in Gérardmer. The Free Operations aim to gather, during a week-end, different stakeholders of the Free Software community in order to initiate the process in favor of the open data in small cities and towns, presenting the available tools, especially free software.

### 2013

*April*: Framasoft reorganize its fields of activity with a three-part work : softwares, culture and free services. The landing page is updated.

## 2012

*February:* « Liberty Pack », common support campaign of April, Framasoft and La Quadrature du Net.

*October :* Putting online different projects: Framacalc, Framindmap and Framavectoriel.

*November:* Framasoft is launching its 2013 support campaign.

*November:* Putting online the Framazic project.

*December:* « Liberty Pack 2 », new common support campaign with April, Framasoft and La quadrature du Net.

## 2011

Framasoft is beginning a new reorganization and includes free hosting services based on free software open to the public. The aim is to encourage their dissemination to the public while providing functional and credible alternatives to free services offered by well-known web giants.

*March:* Framapad project is online

*June:* Framadate project is online.

## 2010

*January:* Framapack project is online.

*October:* To address the more and more important needs in terms of infrastructure and salaries, the association launched the support campaign "1000 10 1", whose challenge is to find thousand donors of ten euros per month for a year.

*October:* Release of a school version of Framadvd, project lead by Cyrille Largillier.

## 2009

*January:* Setting of a support site to collect donations and testimonials.

*February:* Birth of Framatube video project.

*May:* Relase of a DVD, Framadvd, project realized with students in Master 2 Communication et multimédia from Paris II17 University.

## June 2007

Framasoft receives the *Lutèce d'Or* award for its achievement as the best community project, during the event *Paris Capitale du Libre* <sup>1)</sup>

## 2006

Framabook project is surfacing. The first volume of the collection *Utilisez Thunderbird 1.5* by Georges Silva is published. September is the month when Framablog is pushed to the Web with its original contents, but also translations from Framalang team.

By *December 2006*, Framasoft is hosting and supporting its first partner site [Veni Vidi Libri](#)

## Janvier 2004

Réorganisation et création de l'Association Framasoft<sup>2)</sup>. L'annuaire renonce aux logiciels gratuits et ne se restreint plus aux logiciels sous Windows. Il devient un projet collaboratif rédigé à plusieurs mains parmi lesquelles Thomas Cézard, Simon Leblanc, Paul Lunetta, Rui Nibau et Georges Silva.

## December 2005

Framagora knows an attendance peak as the main forum for monitoring the DADVSI.

## August 2005

Framasoft entreprend de proposer des outils libres originaux. Le premier d'entre eux : la version originale de la Framakey et création du site associé sous l'impulsion de Pierre-Yves Gosset.

## March 2005

Traduction française de [TheOpenCD 2.0](#), CD compilation de logiciels libres sous Windows. Il paraît dans un hors série du mois de juin 2005 du magazine Freelog et sera proposé sur le site de vente par correspondance Ikarios de Nat Makarevitch.

## Februray 2004

Framasoft s'oriente définitivement vers le grand public, non seulement dans le but de promouvoir le logiciel libre, mais aussi pour devenir un lieu de partage de connaissances. Naissance du forum Framagora administré par Thierry Bernard.

## September 2002

Framasoft opens itself to contributors and includes tutorials and an open forum.

## November 2001

Naissance du site Framasoft.net créé par le professeur de mathématiques Alexis Kauffmann. Le nom dérive de Framanet (pour FRAnçais et MATHématiques en intraNET), projet éducatif interdisciplinaire co-réalisé avec Caroline d'Atabekian, professeur de lettres, au sein d'un collège de Seine-Saint-Denis<sup>3)</sup>, dont Framasoft a d'abord été une rubrique logicielle avant de devenir indépendant<sup>4)</sup>. Le site n'est encore qu'un site personnel et se présente comme un annuaire de logiciels libres et gratuits sous Windows. Il est statique et est hébergé par la société Amen.

1)

See A. Girardeau, « [Les "César du logiciel libre" sont...](#) », Libération, 2007.

2)

Voir le [Journal Officiel](#), parution du 03/01/2004.

3)

Voir N. Lamoureux, « [Cyberprof en banlieue](#) », *Le Point*, 2002

4)

Voir C. D'Atabekian et A. Kauffmann, « [Des cercles pour enrayer la spirale de l'échec](#) », *Medialog*, 41, 2001

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