F-Droid - Latest Packages

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  This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 27 Nov 2025, Week 48 F-Droid core In the process of doing all this development work, we ran mass rebuilds of the whole collection of apps, killing two birds with one stone. First, it served to test our new build automation with the existing apps, and second, it showed us which apps are reproducible. For the apps that were not reproducible, we have looked into fixes in our stack, in upstream build tools, and in the apps themselves. We mapped out all the issues we have encountered caused by running builds in VMs versus containers. There are two classes: Builds needing privileged calls that containers normally do not support in production setups (e.g. direct writes to sysctl or /sys/devices/system/cpu/) The methods of presenting CPU and RAM limits are implemented differently between virtualization (e.g. libvirt) and containerization (e.g. Podman), and are not interchangeable. This can lead to build differences and we currently know of no workaround or fix for this. There is not final statistic as apps builds change with each cycle, but currently we see about 68% reproducible builds. NOTE: Our verification server shows if apps packages were reproducible against our published APKs on f-droid.org, when the F-Droid buildserver is used as the build environment. We don't yet surface information if an app is reproducible against the upstream developer builds, but one can see this in each app's web page by following the "Build Metadata" link, and search if there's a field named AllowedAPKSigningKeys present near the end. Community News Ente Photos - Encrypted photo storage was updated to 1.2.20 and Notesnook - Private notes app was updated to 3.3.9. Following our mention on a Tuta & Ente partnership back in Oct 17 TWIF, here comes another offer between Notesnook and Ente. Access the Notesnook offer and here's the Ente offer. Oh, talk about photo apps, Immich was updated to 2.3.1, and reading their latest October recap I noticed OCR being mentioned. So here's a challenge from me, which one do you find better, Immich's OCR or Ente's OCR? K-9 Mail and Thunderbird: Free Your Inbox were updated to 14.0 and Thunderbird Beta for Testers was updated to 15.0b1. Thunderbird for Android has been out for just over a year so the team prepared a special retrospective post (and a bonus 1 hour long discussion) with the mobile team to look back at what they were able to accomplish this last year, what they're still working on, and what's up ahead. /PS: While I, for one, hate the "new" Account Drawer thing, hearing about JMAP being worked on makes me happy. Proton Pass: Password Manager was updated to 1.35.1 and ProtonVPN - Secure and Free VPN was updated to 5.14.65.0, and they are now joined by the new Proton Authenticator, Private, secure, offline 2FA across devices, raising the number of Proton apps to four. Saracroche, Block unwanted spam calls automatically and protect your privacy if you're France, was just added. Camille Bouvat, the developer, gave an interview (in French) back in September to talk about how the app came into existence and how you can help to make it better. Missed last week, Status: Ethereum Crypto Wallet 2.34.4 will be the last version in this current form as the app will be replaced by a new one soon. The devs wrote a post explaining the reasons why and how to switch when ready. What about the new app? It's called "the Unified Status Mobile App" and it's work in progress, sharing an unified code-base with the Desktop client, running on QT version 6. F-Droid will be supported, as we can read in the revealing post but it might take some time until then. NOTE: Pre-built QT libs are no longer available under a FLOSS license hence we'll need to first built QT6 before building the app. A dauting task no less, but doable as we already build plenty of other apps like this. @linsui checks a signing key: Syncthing-Fork was updated to 2.0.11.3 and Syncthing-Lite was updated to 2.0.0.1, but they are now both under a new development team. There was bit of a mystery about why, how and when the

original developer handed over the keys and blessings to the new team, and you can follow some of the discussions in this upstream issue and this long forum thread. Both apps are built reproducible which means that the guarantees mentioned in our inclusion page are helpful in assessing the situation. Newly Added Apps 11 more apps were newly added Al-Quran - Simple: A simple open-source Quran reader BikeBridge: Companion app for e-bikes and components ciphernotes: Client-side encrypted notes that sync across devices Dnd Toggle: Toggle DND from a Quick Settings tile IPerf3Client: iPerf3 is a tool for active measurements of the max bandwidth on IP networks Janus: Contextual translations using Wikipedia's knowledge graph Mental Math: Practice mental arithmetic solo or compete with friends Quotes - Quotes Status Creator: Quotes Status Creator lets you share quotations as images on social media Repertoire: An app for musicians to track their repertoire and media Sift: A minimalist, open-source recipe keeper WiFi Exporter: Export your WiFi passwords (requires root) Updated Apps 203 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) 8-Bit Wonders was updated to 0.8.8e Acode editor - Android code editor was updated to 1.11.7 aFreeRDP was updated to 3.18.0 AliasVault was updated to 0.25.0 Alligator Bytes was updated to 0.29 Anx Reader was updated to 1.10.0 Apollo was updated to 1.6.10 aTalk was updated to 4.6.1 Aves Libre was updated to 1.13.11 baresip was updated to 71.1.2 baresip+ was updated to 59.0.0 BILIBILIAS was updated to 3.1.0 Bimba was updated to 3.11.0 Birthday Adapter was updated to 3.3 BLE Radar was updated to 0.32.0-beta Blichess was updated to 8.0.0+ble2.3.0 Blitz: Fischer Chess Clock was updated to 2.0.6 Blitzortung Lightning Monitor was updated to 2.4.5 Blorp was updated to 1.10.0 Bold Bitcoin Wallet was updated to 1.5.4 BusTO was updated to 2.4.6 Calisthenics Memory was updated to 1.7.1 Casio G-Shock Smart Sync was updated to 24.4 CClauncher was updated to v9.10.8 Citrine was updated to 0.9.0 Clipeus was updated to 1.1.1 Clock was updated to 2.26 Colony Control was updated to 1.1 CoMaps - Hike, Bike, Drive Offline with Privacy was updated to 2025.11.25-4-FDroid Converter NOW: Unit Converter was updated to 4.5.0 Copy SMS Code - OTP Helper was updated to 1.20.2 Critical Maps was updated to 3.0.0 croc was updated to 10.3.1 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.7.5 Dart Checker was updated to 0.8.3 DAVx⁵ was updated to 4.5.6-ose De1984 was updated to 2.4.5 Diatronome was updated to 1.0.11 DoliDroid was updated to 3.0.67 Doors of Doom was updated to 0.0.7 Drawpile was updated to 2.3.0 Droid Pad was updated to 3.4.0 Droid_SCEP was updated to 1.3 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.257.1 Eblan Launcher was updated to 0.2.2-alpha eduVPN was updated to 3.5.1 Encointer Wallet was updated to 1.18.0 EP Mobile was updated to 2.38.0 Exclave was updated to 0.16.15 FairEmail was updated to 1.2303 Feeder was updated to 2.16.1 Feeder (Play version) was updated to 2.16.1 Find My Device (FMD) was updated to 0.13.0 Flang was updated to 1.17 Flare was updated to 1.1.2 Flexify was updated to 2.1.37 floccus bookmark sync was updated to 5.8.1 Flux was updated to 2.2 Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.4.0 Forkgram was updated to 12.2.3.0 FossWallet was updated to 0.32.0 Fread was updated to 1.7.21 Free the bugs was updated to 0.6.4 Gallery was updated to 4.0.2 Geo Share was updated to 5.8.0 Goals Tracker 24/7 - timeto.me was updated to 2025.11.24 Goodtime - Minimalist Pomodoro Timer was updated to 3.0.15 Green: Bitcoin Wallet was updated to 5.1.2 Guileless Bopomofo Keyboard was updated to 3.6.7 HappyTaxes was updated to 1.0.4 Hidroly was updated to 1.3.3 Home Assistant was updated to 2025.11.3-minimal HypoStats was updated to 0.5.2 Infomaniak kDrive was updated to 5.11.1 Infomaniak Mail was updated to 1.21.2 Inure App Manager (Trial) was updated to build106.4.2 Jellyfin for Android TV was updated to 0.19.4 Kazumi was updated to 1.9.0 KDE Connect was updated to 1.34.4 Language Dex was updated to 0.29.5 LibChecker was updated to 2.5.3 Library App VideLibri was updated to 2.950 Librera Reader was updated to 9.1.7-fdroid Linphone - open source SIP client was updated to 6.0.20 Linux Command Library was updated to 3.4.11 Linwood Butterfly Nightly was updated to 2.4.2-rc.0 Lissen: Audiobookshelf client was updated to 1.7.12 MakeACopy was updated to 2.2.2 Mastodon was updated to 2.11.7 Materialious was updated to 1.11.9 MBCompass was updated to 1.1.12 MediLog was updated to 3.4.1 Meshtastic was updated to 2.7.7 (29319424) fdroid Mondstern Acrylic Icons was updated to 19.0 Money Manager Ex was updated to 5.4.11

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- An experiment in automated building from source, 15 years later (2025/11/24 00:00)

15 years ago this month, @CiaranG started "an experiment in automated building from source". And so F-Droid began to automate building all our apps from source. Before this, apps were either built manually or the binary files were fetched from trusted developers like Mozilla. Automating the build process was a key early step that set up F-Droid to lead on trustworthy computing. Since then, we moved to requiring apps to be built from source on our servers. Now we build apps from source as much as possible, and have expanded to Anti-Features, app reviews, privacy checks, reproducible builds, and more. Building from source is certainly not the easiest way to distribute software, but it is the best way. Automation is key to making it feasible. Developers already build the binary APK package locally as part of their development process, the easiest would be for them to just upload the APK directly to F-Droid. In order to provide all the benefits of free software, APKs need to be built on our servers. The extra steps required are completed by computers as much as possible, rather than humans. By integrating directly with the git source repo, it is possible to make things quite automatic. Our automation has gradually evolved over the 15 years to build over 5000 apps from source, handling a wide variety of quirks and edge cases. That also means that the code had grown quite unwieldy, since it mostly grew organically as F-Droid expanded. So we have introduced a new structure, starting with rearchitecting the fdroid build command that runs the building part of the publishing cycle. fdroid build manages starting the VM for the build, pulling in source code, running the scripts to build the package, checking the results, and pulling the unsigned package to be added to the publishing queue. The central goal is to make easily reusable modules of functionality. Internally, they are known as "subcommands", since they are subcommands of the fdroid command (e.g. fdroid fetch_repo, fdroid execute_sudo, etc). Things have been massively refactored to be modular, testable and understandable. This new architecture decouples our build automation from any particular virtualization/containerization platform. We started with a massive pile of tangled, 15 year old code that has faithfully kept building apps from source. And we've broken everything down into logical modules that are designed to plug into virtualization/automation infrastructure like Buildbot, GitLab CI, Podman and Vagrant. If you have looked at the old build automation code before and were scared away, I invite you to take another look. These automation subcommands are designed to plug into build automation. They are meant to run in scripted environments. They are not intended for interactive use. Although they sometimes might be useful interactively, it could also be dangerous to run some interactively because they assume they are run in a disposable environment (e.g. a container). They modify the local environment or even run things as root. For that reason, they are not listed in the help or other places that other human-facing commands are. These new subcommands function in between an external API and an internal API: The external API is a set of subcommands used in a build management system like Buildbot or GitLab CI. The internal API for implementing alternate containerization methods for running the builds. Currently, Vagrant (our legacy setup) and Podman are supported. A key new concept has been introduced: each automation subcommand only operates on a single build, never more than one. That keeps the code simple and makes it easy to integrate into build management systems, which generally have similar assumptions. Each of these new subcommands require exactly one pair of one Application ID and one Version Code, e.g. org.fdroid.fdroid:1023051. This is the globally unique identifier for a specific build, based on the Application ID, which is the globally unique identifier for an Android app. We're still figuring out exactly how fine-grained these modules should be. One case that seems clear is that each build step can be run in its own subcommand (e.g. fdroid execute_sudo runs what is listed in the sudo: build field). As things solidify, they will be documented as part of our standard documentation. There are lots of notes in the development wiki page for those who want to dive in already. Buildbot also provides us with a proven system for scheduling a variety of jobs in parallel, across many VMs, containers and bare metal machines. After six months of running Buildbot, it has proven to be a solid system for build management. https://verification.f-droid.org runs this automation stack on Podman. We stuck with Vagrant for production because it has been working solidly since 2012. The maintainers of Vagrant

are moving away from free software, so we need to be ready to switch to something else. Now both virtual machines and containers are easily supported, and there is a clear API for integrating with other systems. There has been some discussion of debvm and Docker as additional options. Which system would you like to contribute support for? For parallelization of jobs, we're starting with four on https://verification.f-droid.org and planning on three for the production buildserver host. This is now the foundation for future work. I hope that this can serve as the base architecture for splitting up all of the pieces that run the process behind f-droid.org following this architecture. The next piece is fdroid update, which indexes all of the apps, finds localized app store entries and graphics, checks signatures, enforces automated inclusion rules, and more. We have two prototypes already in process extract_icons and fetch_metadata. The next 15 years of build automation are looking a lot brighter! (This work was supported by NLnet and your donations. To ensure F-Droid can continue this work, please check out the donation page and contribute what you can.)

- Fastest week so far (2025/11/20 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 20 Nov 2025, Week 47 Community News MBCompass was updated to 1.1.11 after we missed three versions. What's new? Many new UI improvements and fixes. @CodeDoctor brings us a point one: Butterfly was updated to 2.4.1 with the biggest set of bug fixes and improvements in a long time. Highlights: ⯀ Delayed autosave ⯀ Thumbnail capture improvements ⯀ Template import and export improvements ⯀ Improved PDF handling ✍ Drawing improvements ⯀ File view and UI improvements ⯀ Multi-input and tools improvements ⯀ Stability and performance for large files Read more here @linsui seeks modernization: ETH & UZH mensa Zürich was updated to 2.0.4 with a modernized rewrite from a new maintainer. And hearing echoes from the past, Voicesmith was updated to 3.0 after eleven years, featuring a new processing engine and audio API. Newly Added Apps 16 apps were newly added Athena: Firewall & Adblocker: Firewall & AdBlocker (Root/VPN Supported). Material3 And Minimalistic Design Calisthenics Memory: Simple bodyweight training tracker - create and customize your own exercises Carburoid: Find Spanish gas stations by price and distance Colony Control: Management and tracking of ant colonies with NFC and QR Dhaaga (Lite): An indie SNS and chat app Glosdalen: Vocabulary lookup with direct Anki card creation HSTempo: With this app, users can tap to music beats and obtain it's bpm Itinerary Planner: Plan and manage travel itineraries Language Dex: Create custom dictionaries and retain words with puzzles Minimal Currency Converter: Offline, manual input, minimal currency converter MovieFlix: Cinephile's Movie Diary NerdSteam: Discover trending games, player and price statistics, and detailed from Steam Pantry: Manage your pantry and avoid food waste Pimi Weather Widget: A minimal, Pixel-style widget that shows the date and weather Record Play Reverse: A simple audio toy that lets you record and playback audio forward or reversed Taison: Manga reader fork with a warm theme and navigation tweaks Downgraded Apps 1 app was downgraded Notesnook - Private notes app was downgraded from 3.3.8 to 3.0.32 to fix a crash, a new version will be built soon. Updated Apps 154 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) Aiyo was updated to 1.0.8 Alligator Bytes was updated to 0.28 AndBible: Bible Study was updated to 5.0.901 APatch was updated to 11142 Articons was updated to 13.4.6 Articons Black was updated to 13.4.6 Articons Day & Night was updated to 13.4.6 Articons Material You was updated to 13.4.6 Asteroid's Revenge was updated to 0.15.4 aTalk was updated to 4.6.0 Aurora Store was updated to 4.7.5 Aves Libre was updated to 1.13.10 AVNC was updated to 3.1.1 Barcode Scanner was updated to 1.26.0 bilimiao was updated to 2.4.8.1 Birthday Adapter was updated to 3.2 Blocker was updated to 2.0.5839 Book's Story was updated to 1.8.0 Breezy Weather was updated to 6.0.12_freenet Buckwheat: Budget manager was updated to 4.8.0 Burger Party was updated to 1.4.5 Call Limiter was updated to 0.3.4 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.11.1178 Cardabase was updated to 1.6.3 CClauncher was updated to v9.10.3 Chess was updated to 9.9.15 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.7.4 Daily You was updated to 2.14.2 Dart Checker was updated to 0.8.2 De1984 was

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- A core of truth (2025/11/13 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 13 Nov 2025, Week 46 F-Droid core Without much fanfare, remember the old CPU issues we had? Well… for the last 3 or 4 cycles we have been building apps on our new modern hardware. So stay tuned for more info, more updated apps and faster updates notifications. The first batch of missed updates starts today… Community News Bartek of Wolność w Kieszeni or better said of Freedom in the Pocket has written a detailed post (in Polish) about nice apps from F-Droid, entitled "Unlock your smartphone: Applications". After reading this you can peruse the other posts too as they seem nicely aligned with FLOSS and F-Droid goals. ArcaneChat and Delta Chat were updated to 2.25.0 improving onboarding, adding more metadata protection, reducing app size and much more. Kotatsu was updated to 9.4.1 but development has stopped. The developer wrote: "In light of recent challenges — including threatening actions from Kakao Entertainment Corp and upcoming Google's new sideloading policy — we've made the difficult decision to shut down Kotatsu and end its support. We're deeply grateful to everyone who contributed and to the amazing community that grew around this project." Luanti (former Minetest) is a popular game, and they've just joined Open Collective Europe, a non-profit based in Belgium that provides fiscal hosting to open source projects. OCE hosts many notable projects, including EndeavourOS, F-Droid, and postmarketOS. This allows Luanti to operate like a non-profit and unlocks many new opportunities. Read more here to find out how you can help too. Notesnook - Private notes app was updated to 3.3.8 after a long delay. What did we miss? A new sidebar UI and a tree view for notebooks at least, plus a new search, archive and importer secondly, and search filters and stats recently. Of note, latest version brings new pricing plans that you might want to read about. OsmAnd~ had another big update, to 5.2.9, adding numerous new features and bug fixes. The list is huge so just head over to the dedicated announcement. Note: As usual, this update is not yet suggested as stable, if you want to have it now, just enable "Allow beta updates" from the app details menu. Session F-Droid was updated to 1.29.0 with plenty of changes you can read about here. Bonus post, the devs talk about "screenshot alerts". What are those? Most decentralized chat users and devs would call them "security theater" so here's a 5 minutes explainer. @paulali visited a conference: This week there was Droidcon Kampala happening on the 10th to the 11th of November. I had the opportunity to talk about F-Droid and how users can distribute their own apps using F-Droid + Repomaker. The talk was aimed at college students interested in Android development. Many thanks to the Droidcon Uganda team and the F-Droid team for making an amazing project. The slides are available here. Removed Apps 2 apps were removed Music Player GO: Very simple, nice, privacy-friendly and original local Android Music Player Precio Luz: Official electricity rate in Spain (PVPC). Note: While there's a successor in Open_luz, we can't include it as it requires a private key. Newly Added Apps 15 apps were newly added AirheadWaves: Stream Android audio to any Linux device over WiFi GDF HEMA Timer: A precise and minimal timer for HEMA training and sparring HappyTaxes: Private bookkeeping for freelancers, small business, or personal finances HypoStats: Simple tracking and stats for hypos Keep Alive Lite: Notify others if you haven't used your device in a given period of time Komodo Wallet: Cross-platform cryptocurrency wallet and decentralized exchange (DEX) OpenAssistant: A simple, open-source AI app that uses Grok Paiesque: Personal Activity Intelligence (PAI) calculator PassVault: A secure, 100% offline password manager Prayer mode: Automatic DND for prayer times without being disturbed during your Salah QuickNotes: Capture and organize notes with AI-assisted tagging and reminders Resticopia: Restic Backup Android App (Unofficial) Ringdroid - Ringtone editor: An application for creating your own ringtones (Nice to have the old Ringdroid brought back to life!) Space Vertex

Multiplayer: Have you ever played a Cat and Mouse game with your friends ... in Space? Torrents Digger - Dig Torrents From Internet: Dig Torrents from Internet Updated Apps 197 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) 8-Bit Wonders was updated to 0.8.8c a-rithist was updated to 1.0.7 AAAAXY was updated to 1.6.314+20251110.3932.723db6e6 AirGuard - AirTag protection was updated to 2.6.2 Aisleron Shopping List was updated to 2025.9.1 AliasVault was updated to 0.24.0 aShell was updated to v0.23 Audio Spectrum Analyzer was updated to 3.1 Auxio was updated to 4.0.10 Baby Name was updated to 2.0.4 baresip was updated to 71.1.1 baresip+ was updated to 58.1.0 bilimiao was updated to 2.4.8 Birthday Adapter was updated to 3.1 Booming Music was updated to 1.1.0 Box, Box! was updated to 0.10.1 BTC Map was updated to 1.0.0 Calliope mini was updated to 2.0.8 CAPod - Companion for AirPods was updated to 3.0.3-rc0 Casio G-Shock Smart Sync was updated to 24.0 Catima — Loyalty Card Wallet was updated to 2.39.2 Cavity was updated to 1.10.2 Chess was updated to 9.9.12 Chooser was updated to 1.4.9 CoMaps - Hike, Bike, Drive Offline with Privacy was updated to 2025.11.07-2-FDroid ConnectBot was updated to 1.9.13-oss Coordinate Joker was updated to 1.4.42 Copy SMS Code - OTP Helper was updated to 1.20.1 CuteMusic was updated to 3.1.0 DAVx^5 was updated to 4.5.5-ose De1984 was updated to 2.3.7 Deepr was updated to 1.0.19 Delta Icon Pack was updated to 2.9.0 Die Simulator was updated to 1.0 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.254.1 Easter Eggs was updated to 4.2.0 Easy Diary was updated to 1.4.339.202510260 Eblan Launcher was updated to 0.1.9-alpha eduVPN was updated to 3.5.0 Element X - Secure Chat & Call was updated to 25.11.0 Ente Photos - Encrypted photo storage was updated to 1.2.18 Escapepod - Podcast Player was updated to 1.6.2 Exclave was updated to 0.16.12 Exercise Reminders was updated to 1.7.2 FairScan – PDF Scanner was updated to 1.5.0 FastTrack was updated to 4.1.1 Fcitx5 was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Anthy Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Chewing Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Clipboard Filter Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Hangul Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Jyutping Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (RIME Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Sayura Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (That Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Fcitx5 (Unikey Plugin) was updated to 0.1.2-0-g5a4870c0 Feeder was updated to 2.16.0 Feeder (Play version) was updated to 2.16.0 Fennec F-Droid was updated to 145.0.0 Find Family was updated to v1.11 Flip 2 DND was updated to 8.0.1 Force Stop Helper was updated to 0.9.0 Fossify Calendar was updated to 1.8.1 Fossify Gallery was updated to 1.9.0 Fossify Music Player was updated to 1.6.0 Fossify Phone was updated to 1.9.0 Fossify Voice Recorder Beta was updated to 1.5.1 FossWallet was updated to 0.31.0 Gas Prices was updated to 3.2 Geo Share was updated to 5.7.0 GitNex for Forgejo and Gitea was updated to 11.0.0 GitNote was updated to 25.11 GMaps WV was updated to 4.8 Grit was updated to 5.1.0 Habit-Maker was updated to 0.0.38 Home Assistant was updated to 2025.11.1-minimal Human Benchmark was updated to 1.1.0 Immich was updated to 2.2.3 Infomaniak kDrive was updated to 5.10.5 InviZible Pro: Tor & Firewall, DNSCrypt & I2P was updated to 7.3.0 Jami was updated to 20251107-01 Jellyfin for Android TV was updated to 0.19.3 Jitsi Meet was updated to 25.6.1 Json List was updated to 1.8 jtx Board journals|notes|tasks was updated to 2.14.01.ose KDE Connect was updated to 1.34.3 Kwik EFIS was updated to 7.16 Lalumo was updated to 6.0 LibreTube was updated to 0.29.1 LinkDroid for Linkwarden was updated to 2.1.4 Linkora was updated to 0.14.0 Linux Command Library was updated to 3.4.9 Linwood Butterfly Nightly was updated to 2.4.1-rc.4 Lissen: Audiobookshelf client was updated to 1.7.9 LISTEN.moe was updated to 6.4.0 LxReader was updated to 0.8.6 (fdroid) Mastodon was updated to 2.11.4 Material Notes was updated to 2.1.3 Materialious was updated to 1.11.3 Materials Live Wallpaper was updated to 1.9 MMRL was updated to v34195-release Neo Backup was updated to 8.3.14 Neo Store was updated to 1.1.5 Network Survey was updated to 1.44.1 Nextcloud was updated to 3.34.1 RC1 Nextcloud Dev was updated to 20251108 Nextcloud Notes was updated to 4.5.2 RC1 NextDNS Manager was updated to 5.5.17 NextPush was updated to 2.3.4 NFC Alarm Clock was updated to 12.6.3 Nora was updated to 0.4.5 NotallyX - Quick Notes/Tasks was updated to 7.5.3 Notes

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- Post Halloween scares (2025/11/06 00:00)
  This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 06 Nov 2025, Week 45 Community News Jami was updated to 20251031-01. The devs are busy at work but also at posting interesting blogs. "Manifesto 2025: the freedom to communicate belongs to all of us" talks about how humanity has more tools to speak yet we end up silenced. And in "Jami survival kit: Internet down? Keep talking!" we learn about the many ways Jami can cope when Internet access is severely limited or entirely cut off. MakeACopy was updated to 2.1.1 but we also included MakeACopy – OCR Latin (Best), More accurate Tesseract Best models for Latin languages. Add-on so you can have these at hand and use in-app directly. Proton Pass: Password Manager was updated to 1.34.0 and ProtonVPN - Secure and Free VPN was updated to 5.14.2.1, but in more Proton news we also included Lumo, A private AI assistant by Proton Vishal scares us: Until a few years ago, any app you installed on an Android device could see all other apps on

your phone without your permission. But that changed once Google secured Android. The end............ No, hehe, we're just joking, developers have plenty of ways to track your app usage, profile you, categorize you, track your usage of their competitors apps, punish you if you use the wrong apps and maybe even sell this information to others. And yes, all these apps are vetted as secure and compliant and are made available in the big centralized store from that big monopoly company that wants to block you from installing F-Droid and privacy preserving FLOSS apps. This 15 minutes read will make you angry or even worse, if you're from India. Removed Apps 1 app was removed Buses: Geographical GB bus times lookup app Newly Added Apps 21 more apps were newly added Athena: Review your device's information, from hardware to software Contacts: An open-source, fully-functional contacts app De1984 Firewall: Privacy-focused Firewall and Package Manager for Android devices Die Simulator: A simple app which allows you to roll a die Droid_SCEP: Get certificates from a SCEP server and monitor the expiration File85Toolkit: Lightweight file compression and decompression using LZMA + Base85 LibreLynx Lite: Lightweight privacy-focused web browser Motion-UI: A web interface to manage your own NVR with motion Pinyin Web & EPUB and dialects: Adds Pinyin or Cantonese etc to websites and EPUBs reReminder: A simple, open-source app for setting recurring reminders throughout your day Roaming Borders: Avoid unexpected roaming charges Sensor Spot: Stream real-time Android sensor data over MQTT ShoppingList: A Shopping List with reminders, price tracking and list sharing Stashly - Vault tool: A simple, secure way to manage your personal files and notes. TextTL: Local plain text file timeline memo tool Therapiefinder: Support in search of a therapy tmtLauncher: Minimalist Android Launcher | made by Timothy Choi Traffic Light: Track your internet usage in the status bar Trailence: Hiking app to organize tracks, record new ones, search, edit, and much more Waterfly III: Unofficial App for Firefly III, an open source personal finance manager TeXeTeScribe: Read and write in text-based files: TXT, JSON, HTML, CSV, XML, YAML, INI, MD Downgraded Apps 1 apps were downgraded freeminer was downgraded from 5.13.0 to 5.10.0 as the app was crashing. Updated Apps 182 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) Alovoa was updated to 2.2.5 Andor's Trail was updated to 0.8.15 Anx Reader was updated to 1.9.2 AusweisApp was updated to 2.4.0 Baby Name was updated to 2.0.2 baresip was updated to 71.1.0 BatteryVoltageDisplay was updated to 1.2 Bible Notify was updated to 4.11.0 Bim! was updated to 12 BinEd - Hex Editor was updated to 0.2.9 Blood pressure monitor was updated to 1.8.10 Broccoli: The Green Recipe App was updated to 1.4.4 BusTO was updated to 2.4.4 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.10.1175 Cavity was updated to 1.10.1 Celestia was updated to 1.9.2 Chaldea was updated to 2.5.23 Cheogram was updated to 2.19.0-3+free Chess was updated to 9.9.11 ClassiPod was updated to 1.12.0 Commons was updated to 6.1.0 Cuppa - Tea Timer was updated to 2.10.0 Daily Dozen was updated to 28 Deepr was updated to 1.0.18 Discreet Launcher was updated to v7.8.3 DrawAnywhere was updated to 1.2 drip. menstrual cycle and fertility tracking was updated to 1.2510.25 droidVNC-NG was updated to 2.16.1 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.253.1 Eblan Launcher was updated to 0.1.7-alpha Element X - Secure Chat & Call was updated to 25.10.1 Endless Sky was updated to 0.10.16-55 Ente Photos - Encrypted photo storage was updated to 1.2.15 Enthusiast Tea Timer was updated to 1.6.1 FairEmail was updated to 1.2302 FeedFlow - RSS Reader was updated to 1.7.1 Flang was updated to 1.16 Flare was updated to 1.0.6 Fluffy was updated to 3.3.3 FluffyChat was updated to 2.2.0 Flux News was updated to 1.10.1 folder launcher was updated to 0.3.5 Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.3.5 Forkyz was updated to 75 Fossify Calculator Beta was updated to 1.2.0 Fossify Calendar was updated to 1.8.0 Fossify Camera Beta was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify Clock Beta was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify Contacts was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify File Manager was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify Gallery was updated to 1.8.0 Fossify Keyboard Beta was updated to 1.6.0 Fossify Launcher Beta was updated to 1.5.0 Fossify Messages was updated to 1.6.0 Fossify Music Player was updated to 1.5.0 Fossify Notes Beta was updated to 1.6.0 Fossify Paint Beta was updated to 1.2.0 Fossify Phone was updated to 1.8.0 Fossify Voice Recorder Beta was updated to 1.5.0 Fridgey was updated to 2.2.9 Geo Share was updated to 5.6.0 Geotag video

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This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 30 Oct 2025, Week 44 Community News Fossify Messages update 1.5.0 from last week has been having some crashing issues with heavy conversations, tracked by the developer here. If you've encountered them, you are advised to uninstall, install older version 1.4.0 and use the upper right menu in client to "Ignore this update" until the next one (built while you read this) comes. PrivacyFlip was updated to 1.4.1 and features a key change unfortunately. Things happened with the old key, as they do, and a new one has been born. If you've installed the app in the past we recommend you uninstall and install the newly signed one today. SwatchIt, Manage your knitted swatches, was just added. What is it? It's a choose your own adventure game that involves quests you solve with yarn and needles, I guess. Here's a bit of a background of how the app came to be. And to gain extra experience, you can read about the developer's quest to add their app to F-Droid, if you have 15 minutes to spare, here. @samanbaia spells the magic words: Lineage, F-Droid, XMPP will summon an one hour long video presentation and the corresponding slides, both in Italian. Bonus QR codes spread around to poll you on your choices. This was part of Linux Day Torino 2025, that took place on October 25th. @shuvashish76 has bad and good news: Immich is the fourth most starred app in our repo and one with a healthy following. Earlier this month they ended up having their services inaccessible at Google's whims as all of their *.immich.cloud websites were marked as dangerous and users started being shown the dreaded "red-screen-of-death" page. How did our heroes fight the beast? You can read it all in the 5 minutes long post. One word comes to mind after reading this, can you guess which? (scroll to the end to see if we think alike) LibreTube was updated to 0.29.0. After half a year of work, this is perhaps one of their biggest releases ever (more than 500 commits), including: Material 3 Expressive redesign, edge-to-edge support, predictive back and much more. Removed Apps 2 apps were removed Bible Feed: Feed on God's Holy Bible using this Professor Grant Horner reading plan tracker Quacker: A private and clean way to browse Twitter/X Newly Added Apps 4 more apps were newly added Chitralaya CloudGallery App: Transform Telegram into your personal, unlimited photo cloud storage Omni Files: A powerful file explorer app that can edit many different types of files OuterTune: Material 3 Music Player with local file & YouTube Music support Squeezelite: 'Headless' audio player for Lyrion Music Server (LMS) - Squeezelite Updated Apps 137 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) AndroidMic was updated to 2.2.3 App Lock was updated to 2.0.0 ArcaneChat was updated to 2.22.0 Avare was updated to 11.0.5 Baby Name was updated to 2.0.1 Bahn-Vorhersage was updated to 0.5.0 Ball2Box was updated to 4.1.9 baresip was updated to 71.0.2 baresip+ was updated to 58.0.2 Bible Verse App was updated to 1.5 Birday - Birthday Manager was updated to 4.7.2 Breakout 71 was updated to 29353327 Cams was updated to 2.4.4 Cavity was updated to 1.9.4 CClauncher was updated to v9.10.1 Chip Defense was updated to 1.55 CoMaps - Hike, Bike, Drive Offline with Privacy was updated to 2025.10.20-1-FDroid Cuscon was updated to 4.0.7.3 Daily You was updated to 2.14.0 Demodulate was updated to 1.2.2 Dicer (Privacy Friendly) was updated to 2.0.0 Drawpile was updated to 2.3.0-beta.4 droidVNC-NG was updated to 2.16.0 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.252.0 Easy Watermark was updated to 2.10.0 Eblan Launcher was updated to 0.1.5-alpha EinkBro was updated to 15.3.0 Endless Sky was updated to 0.10.16-54 EnigmaDroid was updated to 1.5.0 Enthusiast Tea Timer was updated to 1.6.0 Exclave was updated to 0.16.10 FairEmail was updated to 1.2301 Find Family was updated to v1.10 flabr was updated to 1.2.6 Flexify was updated to 2.1.34 Flicky was updated to 3.6.3 Flux was updated to 2.1 Flux News was updated to 1.9.2 FossWallet was updated to 0.30.0 freeDictionaryApp was updated to 1.7.8 Fucks Given was updated to 1.0.8 Fujiten was updated to 2.3.0 Fulguris Web Browser was updated to 1.11.0 FW-Wettkampf Funk-Trainer was updated to 2.3 Goals & Checklists - timeto.me was updated to

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- [What We Talk About When We Talk About Sideloading](#) (2025/10/28 00:00)
We recently published a blog post with our reaction to the new Google Developer Program and how it impacts your freedom to use the devices that you own in the ways that you want. The post garnered quite a lot of feedback and interest from the community and press, as well as various civil society groups and regulatory agencies. In this post, I hope to clarify and expand on some of the points and rebut some of the counter-

messaging that we have witnessed. Google's message that "Sideloading is Not Going Away" is clear, concise, and false Shortly after our post was published, Google aired an episode of their Android Developers Roundtable series, where they state unequivocally that "sideloading isn't going anywhere". They follow-up with a blog post: Does this mean sideloading is going away on Android? Absolutely not. Sideloading is fundamental to Android and it is not going away. This statement is untrue. The developer verification decree effectively ends the ability for individuals to choose what software they run on the devices they own. It bears reminding that "sideload" is a made-up term. Putting software on your computer is simply called "installing", regardless of whether that computer is in your pocket or on your desk. This could perhaps be further precised as "direct installing", in case you need to make a distinction between obtaining software the old-fashioned way versus going through a rent-seeking intermediary marketplace like the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Regardless, the term "sideload" was coined to insinuate that there is something dark and sinister about the process, as if the user were making an end-run around safeguards that are designed to keep you protected and secure. But if we reluctantly accept that "sideloading" is a term that has wriggled its way into common parlance, then we should at least use a consistent definition for it. Wikipedia's summary definition is: the transfer of apps from web sources that are not vendor-approved By this definition, Google's statement that "sideloading is not going away" is simply false. The vendor — Google, in the case of Android certified devices — will, in point of fact, be approving the source. The supplicant app developer must register with Google, pay a fee, provide government identification, agree to non-negotiable (and ever-changing) terms and conditions, enumerate all their current and future application identifiers, upload evidence of their private signing key, and then hope and wait for Google's approval. What this means for your rights You, the consumer, purchased your Android device believing in Google's promise that it was an open computing platform and that you could run whatever software you choose on it. Instead, starting next year, they will be non-consensually pushing an update to your operating system that irrevocably blocks this right and leaves you at the mercy of their judgement over what software you are permitted to trust. You, the creator, can no longer develop an app and share it directly with your friends, family, and community without first seeking Google's approval. The promise of Android — and a marketing advantage it has used to distinguish itself against the iPhone — has always been that it is "open". But Google clearly feels that they have enough of a lock on the Android ecosystem, along with sufficient regulatory capture, that they can now jettison this principle with prejudice and impunity. You, the state, are ceding the rights of your citizens and your own digital sovereignty to a company with a track record of complying with the extrajudicial demands of authoritarian regimes to remove perfectly legal apps that they happen to dislike. The software that is critical to the running of your businesses and governments will be at the mercy of the opaque whims of a distant and unaccountable corporation. Monocultures are perilous not just in agriculture, but in software distribution as well. As a reminder, this applies not just to devices that exclusively use the Google Play Store: this is for every Android Certified device everywhere in the world, which encompasses over 95% of all Android devices outside of China. Regardless of whether the device owner prefers to use a competing app store like the Samsung Galaxy Store or the Epic Games Store, or a free and open-source app repository like F-Droid, they will be captive to the overarching policies unilaterally dictated by a competing corporate entity. The place of greater safety In promoting their developer registration program, Google purports: Our recent analysis found over 50 times more malware from internet-sideloaded sources than on apps available through Google Play. We haven't seen this recent analysis — or any other supporting evidence — but the "50 times" multiple does certainly sound like great cause for distress (even if it is a surprisingly round number). But given the recent news of "224 malicious apps removed from the Google Play Store after ad fraud campaign discovered", we are left to wonder whether their energies might better be spent assessing and improving their own safeguards rather than casting vague disparagements against the software development communities that thrive outside their walled garden. In addition, other recent

news of over 19 million downloads of malware from the Play Store leads us to question whether the sole judgement of a single corporate entity can be trusted to identify and assess malware, especially when that judgement is clouded by commercial incentives that may not align with the well-being of their users. What can be done? Google has been facing public outcry against their heavy-handed policies for a long time, but this trend has accelerated recently. Last year they crippled ad-blockers in Chrome and Chromium-based browsers by forcing through their unpopular "manifest v3" requirement for plugins, and earlier this year they closed off the development of the Android Open Source Project (AOSP), which is how they were able to clandestinely implement the verification infrastructure that enforces their developer registration decree. Developer verification is an existential threat to free software distribution platforms like F-Droid as well as emergent commercial competitors to the Play Store. We are witnessing a groundswell of opposition to this attempt from both our user and developer communities, as well as the tech press and civil society groups, but public policymakers still need to be educated about the threat. To learn more about what you can do as a consumer, visit keepandroidopen.org for information on how to contact your representative agencies and advocate for keeping the Android ecosystem open for consumers and competition. If you are an app developer, we recommend against signing yourself up for Google's developer registration program at this time. We unequivocally reject their attempt to force this program upon the world. Over half of all humankind uses an Android smartphone. Google does not own your phone. You own your phone. You have the right to decide who to trust, and where you can get your software from.

- [Happy Programmer's Day and waiting for my CPU](#) (2025/10/24 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Friday, 24 Oct 2025, Week 43 F-Droid core Our website runs on a pretty standard software stack, all from Debian as expected. Yet we are not rewriting it every 7 months in a new shiny framework, but we aim for simplicity, maintainability and stability. While we encourage users to use the F-Droid Client to get timely updates and info on new apps, we know that the website is the point-of-entry for both new and old users. In the past year or so, we've also expanded our Categories to simplify discoverability and not have some with 500 apps that aren't really helpful. We've been bugged by an issue with categories for years now, as the number of apps grew bigger, a category app list was paginated, but pages 2 and later were not rendered correctly, missing the app icon and summary. Thanks to @Ray c for finally tracking a possible fix as others were affected too, so now all categories pages render correctly. Community News ArcaneChat and Delta Chat were updated to 2.20.0 and added experimental built-in calls? Interesting, did you test already? Looks like Webxdc proves to be more and more useful. We skipped some versions, due to technical issues, but Catima — Loyalty Card Wallet was updated this week to 2.39.1. What did we miss? Non-archived cards widget, support for .pkpasses files, it now targets Android 16, features a new crash reporter to help the developer fix issues faster and more. DOOM & Wolfenstein RPG released its last update on F-Droid. Starting from the next version, it will switch to doom64 ex+, which is using proprietary fmod. DumDum, another proxy client, joined our family of VPN and proxy apps on F-Droid with reproducible builds. This is also based on a fork of the old SagerNet while designed to be minimalistic and only supports SOCKS/HTTP/HTTPS proxies. Fennec F-Droid was updated to 144.0.0, raising the Minimum Android Version to 8.0 (Oreo). Mozilla also dropped the support for 32-bit x86 devices, but we will still try to build it anyway in our next cycles. @shuvashish76 modernizes passwords: KeePassDX - Pass(key/word) Vault was updated to 4.2.0 adding Passkeys support. What is Passkeys? Why Passkeys? The app Wiki has all the answers. @Tobias_Groza glazes a virtual cake: NewPipe celebrated 10 years last month and it's time for a fancy post. Looking back, looking now and looking forward, you might end up going through all sorts of emotions. For now, read and rejoice but also be weary of things to come. Removed Apps 2 apps were removed WebCall, WebCall P2P E2EE Telephony, as the developer stopped offering the service (Albeit you could host your own and edit the URL) WG Tunnel, A WireGuard & AmneziaWG VPN client

with auto-tunneling, lockdown & proxying, as the developer requested it. (Rethink: DNS + Firewall + VPN, Exclave and sing-box can connect to WireGuard and one other app might be coming soon) Newly Added Apps 7 more apps were newly added Anx Reader: A thoughtfully crafted e-book reader for book lovers Eblan Launcher: Android Launcher made from scratch using Kotlin, Coroutines and Jetpack Compose Hacker's Diet Offline: This is an offline version of the Hackers Diet Online Kmtemplate: Organize tasks effortlessly across all your devices with Kmtemplate Quitter: Give up on addictions and become a Quitter VScan: A visual perception layer for the blind Yet Another Tuner (Y.A.M.): Simplistic metronome app by an amateur musician Updated Apps 131 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) AAAAXY was updated to 1.6.301+20251014.3919.5d658aa3 AAT Another Activity Tracker was updated to v1.29 AELF - Bible and day's reading was updated to 2.9.2 baresip was updated to 70.0.1 baresip+ was updated to 57.1.0 BatteryTemperatureDisplay was updated to 1.1 Blichess was updated to 8.0.0+ble2.2.1 Blorp was updated to 1.9.26 BusTO was updated to 2.4.3 Call Limiter was updated to 0.3.3 CameraFileCopy was updated to 0.6.3 CineLog was updated to 3.0.0-beta1 Clash Meta For Android was updated to 2.11.17.Meta Cuscon was updated to 4.0.7.2 Deepr was updated to 1.0.17 Demodulate was updated to 1.2.1 Diatronome was updated to 1.0.10 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.251.1 Dungeon Crawl Stone Soup was updated to 0.33.1-15-gd434b7dfca EP Mobile was updated to 2.36.0 EteSync - Secure Data Sync was updated to 2.6.0 Exclave was updated to 0.16.9 F-Droid Build Status was updated to 5.13.0 FairScan – PDF Scanner was updated to 1.4.0 Feudal Tactics was updated to 1.4.2 Flare was updated to 1.0.5 Flux News was updated to 1.9.1 Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.3.4 Force Stop Helper was updated to 0.7.0 Forkgram was updated to 12.1.1.0 Fossify Calendar was updated to 1.7.0 Fossify Gallery was updated to 1.7.0 Fossify Messages was updated to 1.5.0 Fossify Music Player was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify Paint Beta was updated to 1.1.2 Fossify Phone was updated to 1.7.3 FossWallet was updated to 0.29.0 geteduroam was updated to 2.1.7(2676) getgovroam was updated to 2.1.7(2676) Godot Engine 4 was updated to 4.5.1.stable Green: Bitcoin Wallet was updated to 5.1.0 Guileless Bopomofo Keyboard was updated to 3.6.5 Harmony Music was updated to 1.12.1 HeliBoard was updated to 3.5 Infomaniak kDrive was updated to 5.10.0 Infomaniak kMeet was updated to 2.6.7 Infomaniak Mail was updated to 1.20.0 Kazumi was updated to 1.8.4 Keep Screen On was updated to 1.27.0 Komelia was updated to 0.17.0 Kreate was updated to 1.8.2-fdroid Linphone - open source SIP client was updated to 6.0.19 Linux Command Library was updated to 3.4.7 Linwood Flow Nightly was updated to 0.5.1 MakeACopy was updated to 1.7.6 Materialious was updated to 1.10.17 Mattermost Beta was updated to 2.33.0 MedTimer was updated to 1.19.2 mensen was updated to 1.5.0 Musify was updated to 9.6.7 NeoStumbler was updated to 2.1.9 neutriNote CE was updated to 4.5.9c News Reader was updated to 1.12 Nextcloud Dev was updated to 20251021 Nextcloud Notes was updated to 4.5.1 Nora was updated to 0.2.7 NotallyX - Quick Notes/Tasks was updated to 7.5.0 Offline Translator was updated to 0.2.3 Open Notes was updated to 1.3.2 Open Sudoku was updated to 4.5.5 oxproxion was updated to 1.5.4 P.CASH Crypto Wallet was updated to 0.47.6 Pagan was updated to 1.7.20 Passwords was updated to 0.5.1 PDF Wallet was updated to 4.5.3 PennyWise AI was updated to 2.15.36 Peristyle was updated to v9.3.1 PicGuard was updated to 5.0.4 Podcini.X - Podcast instrument was updated to 8.21.0 Pokéverse was updated to 1.2.1 ProseReader was updated to 1.6.0 Proton Pass: Password Manager was updated to 1.33.1 QED was updated to 3.1.4+fdroid QR Scanner (PFA) was updated to 4.6.18 QRAlarm was updated to 2.7.1 Quick Calculation was updated to 1.4 Quillpad was updated to 1.5.7 Really Basic Vocab was updated to 3.4.8 Recurring Expense Tracker was updated to 0.19.1 Ruffle was updated to 0.251020 RustDesk was updated to 1.4.3 Screenshot Tile (NoRoot) was updated to 2.12.3 ServerBox was updated to 1.0.1270 SharedHavenTN3 was updated to 1.6.5-testnet SimbaDroid was updated to 0.7 SimpleXray was updated to 1.10.6 sing-box was updated to 1.12.10 SmartScan was updated to 1.1.6 SnapSafe was updated to 3.5.2 SpamBlocker (Call & SMS) was updated to 4.19 Squeezer was updated to 2.3.11 Sumire Japanese Keyboard was updated to 1.4.441 Suntimes

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- [Navigating the Digital Markets Act, Digital Services Act and the Online Safety Act](#) (2025/10/21 00:00)
Introduction In our previous article, we explored how Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) projects like F-Droid handle legal requests for user or developer data. In this post, we're shifting focus to a broader andrapidly growing legal challenge: platform responsibility under laws like the UK's Online Safety Act (OSA), the EU's Digital Services Act (DSA) and Digital Markets Act (DMA). These frameworks redefine accountability for online platforms including FOSS ecosystems. These laws govern how platforms handle content, transparency, and user protections. While they are designed primarily for large tech platforms, their broad definitions can sometimes pull in smaller FOSS projects, especially those that distribute software or host third-party content. This article outlines how F-Droid fits into these legal frameworks, what our current obligations are, and how we're reviewing our practices, to maintain legal resilience without compromising our core mission. Does This Even Matter? When navigating laws like the UK's Online Safety Act (OSA) and the EU's Digital Services Act (DSA) and Digital Markets Act (DMA), one of the first and most important steps for any FOSS project is understanding: Does this apply to us? The OSA, DSA and DMA introduce complex requirements for content moderation, platform accountability, and user safety, but they are not one-size-fits-all. For the F-Droid app store, the answer is nuanced and reassuring. We are not considered a "very large online platform" (VLOP), don't run user-to-user services, and we don't process payments or track users. This makes our legal exposure far lower than platforms like Google Play or Apple's App Store. Additionally our Inclusion Policy and Code Of Conduct exclude illegal, explicit, age-restricted, or harmful apps, such as gambling apps. Still, we are not entirely outside the scope. There are some responsibilities that remain, particularly around transparency, documentation, and process. Now let's take a closer look at some specific European regulations. Understanding the UK Online Safety Act The UK's Online Safety Act, passed in 2023, places obligations on services that either (1) host user-to-user content, or (2) function as general-purpose search engines. Its goal is to reduce online harm, particularly illegal or abusive content, guided by Ofcom as the lead regulator. F-Droid does not meet either of those criteria: We do not host user accounts We do not function as a general-purpose search engine. Furthermore, we have very few users in the UK, our infrastructure is not hosted in the UK, and we are legally governed from the Netherlands. According to a legal review by a UK-based lawyer, the F-Droid service is likely out of scope for most of the Act's requirements. However, we're still taking several precautionary steps: Documenting our legal position on non-applicability Completing Ofcom's optional risk assessment tool Adding a reporting button in the client that links to GitLab issues (this gives a way for users to report content to us more easily) Clarifying and updating our Code of Conduct and Inclusion Policy It is important to note that the F-Droid forum is

one exception to this rule as it could be interpreted as a user-to-user service, where we do require email verification in order for people to participate in the forum. That being said, we are complying with the intention of the act in that we do not discuss illegal, harmful, or mature topics in the forum that would potentially be considered inappropriate for minors or require age verification, and as we mentioned above, the act falls outside F-Droid's jurisdiction. Now let's take a look at some EU regulations. Understanding the EU Digital Services Act Unlike the UK's OSA, the EU Digital Services Act (DSA) applies to a broader range of services, including app directories and repositories like F-Droid, if they are accessible within the EU. The DSA introduces tiers of responsibility based on the size and function of the platform. F-Droid does not meet any of these requirements: A for-profit organization, but instead a community-run platform Monetizing user data Functioning as a social media service Having more than 45 million users This means we have fewer obligations than large commercial services, but it doesn't mean we're entirely excluded. Under the DSA we still need to: Provide a way for users to flag content, which they can do so here Review (within a reasonable extent) whether any content we host (e.g. app metadata) could violate EU law, which is taken into consideration during our review process and inclusion policy Respond to takedown orders or court requests, which we do via our official channels outlined in the previous articles Publish limited usage reports, which is a part of our updated policy Content Regulation As we assessed our obligations under the Online Safety Act and the Digital Services Act, we need to revisit a more sensitive area of content policy: how we handle Not Safe For Work (NSFW) content. With regulations increasingly policing mature content online, including calls for age verification, we are carefully re-evaluating what the NSFW anti-feature label means within F-Droid, how and if it should continue to be applied and how it intersects with censorship, freedom of expression, and legal compliance. F-Droid does not and cannot perform age verification. That alone means we must be cautious about distributing apps that contain harmful or sexually explicit material, particularly when hosting them could put our infrastructure or contributors at risk. Our mission is to provide a safe and privacy-respecting way for people to access FOSS. While this means not every FOSS app can be hosted on the main F-Droid repo, the goal is not to censor, but to protect the long-term sustainability of the project and its contributors. The vast majority of the world, including where many F-Droid contributors and users live, have strict pornography and gambling laws, as well as regulations restricting mature content. Even if we don't want to be, we are accountable to certain regulations that meet at the intersection between censorship and safety. We need to keep this in mind, even if Dutch law (where our infrastructure is based) is far more permissive on some of these topics. These decisions are never easy. They often involve interpreting blurry boundaries and confronting values that differ dramatically around the globe. We acknowledge that our approach might not be perfect yet, but it is grounded in principle: safety for users, safety for contributors, and staying focused on our core mission. Going forward, we'll continue to refine our inclusion policy and how we communicate it. We are also reviewing the purpose of the NSFW Anti-Feature tag. These are enforced to reflect the regulatory realities and our commitment to transparency and user freedom. At the same time, we support decentralization so outside of the main F-Droid repo, everyone has the freedom to host their own repos however they want, and users can add additional apps to their F-Droid client on their device on their own terms. Understanding the EU Digital Markets Act In addition to the Online Safety Act and Digital Services Act, the EU has also enacted the Digital Markets Act (DMA), which is focused on addressing the market power of large digital platforms that act as 'gatekeepers'. The DMA introduces strict requirements for how these gatekeepers treat users, business partners, and competitors. F-Droid, however, does not fall under the scope of the DMA due to our size and the not-for-profit nature of our project. The law applies to companies with significant market impact, typically those with: More than €7.5 billion in annual EU revenue or €75 billion in market capitalization At least 45 million monthly active EU users A dominant intermediation role (this would apply in our case, if we could be considered a "gatekeeper" which we are not) F-Droid is a nonprofit, community-run platform that doesn't monetize user interactions,

track user behavior, or control developer access through payment models. It's also a significantly smaller platform in terms of reach and infrastructure. While we're not subject to DMA rules, we remain informed about their implications on the broader app ecosystem. In fact, F-Droid representatives have presented a counterweight to the Big Tech representatives present during Digital Markets Act proceedings. Although the Digital Markets Act (DMA) is a powerful legal framework designed to rein in gatekeepers like Google and Apple, enforcing it in practice is challenging. Its effectiveness hinges on the ability to scrutinize highly technical compliance claims, something that often requires deep technical expertise, which lawmakers and regulators may lack. Reach out to us via e-mail to team at f-droid.org to explore how you can help hold Big Tech accountable. If you have relevant experience or are interested in supporting this effort; we'd love to hear from you. We believe many of the DMA's goals, such as preventing forced bundling, ensuring fair competition, and increasing transparency, are aligned with FOSS values. The DMA also means that regulators are creating a path to help F-Droid compete based on trustworthiness, rather than sticking to the old standards that only consider how much money consumers are charged. That said, we do not currently meet any criteria that would trigger DMA compliance obligations. Final Thoughts Laws like the Online Safety Act, the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act are designed with big tech in mind but their language can still pull smaller projects into view. Fortunately, F-Droid's small scale, privacy-first infrastructure, commitment to transparency and fairness and strict inclusion policy already reduces the legal risks. We hope our approach will be useful for other FOSS projects as we all interpret emerging regulation in real world contexts. By documenting our legal position and taking proportionate steps, we can remain transparent, safe, and resilient without compromising our mission: promoting the safe and secure distribution of FOSS apps. In our next post, we'll attempt to tackle the complex GDPR topic facing European companies and organizations, within the scope of F-Droid. Legal Disclaimer The content provided in this article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. While we strive to provide accurate and up-to-date information, F-Droid makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, or suitability of the information contained herein. F-Droid is not a law firm and does not offer legal services. Any reliance you place on the information provided is strictly at your own risk. If you have questions about legal obligations, rights, or compliance, we strongly recommend consulting a qualified legal professional familiar with your jurisdiction. F-Droid and its contributors disclaim all liability for any loss or damage arising from the use or misuse of this content.

- [From casting to currency](#) (2025/10/17 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Friday, 17 Oct 2025, Week 42 Community News We've featured Taler news before, and while reading about possibilities and what it does "in theory" sounds nice, having their apps and infrastructure to actually test and use is what everyone wants. Hence, following last year's success, GNU Taler has once again offered digital payments at Datenspuren, the annual event organized by Chaos Computer Club Dresden (C3D2). Visitors could acquire the made up "SPURLOS" currency on-site at a 1:1 exchange rate for euros from Taler cashiers, or via instant bank transfer directly into their Taler wallets. Throughout the event, SPURLOS were accepted alongside euro cash at various booths. Get the full story from their post. CastLab, CastLab: Cast gallery media to DLNA/UPnP devices with playlist support, finally bridges the gap between our devices, via standard DLNA. While BigTech locks users with proprietary sharing/streaming/casting protocols that FOSS apps can't integrate, DLNA allows users to stream to their own devices freely and with open source applications/servers end-to-end. Simplest example, stream your vacation videos to your own Kodi instance hosted on a common Raspberry Pi connected to your living room TV. Ente Photos - Encrypted photo storage was updated to 1.2.11 and Tuta Calendar and Tuta Mail were updated to 310.251008.0. But why group them like this? There's a possibility that you are already running both, or maybe you want to, if so, take a look at the Tuta & Ente partnership and get a discount

to get you started. Tessel – A tile game, Place tiles with matching colors to make shapes and fill the board, was just added and apparently needs no introduction as it already made some waves in the Fediverse. Go play! kitswas sets us free: Gaming should be enjoyable. Otherwise, it's not worth it. While VirtualGamePad Mobile was updated to 0.4.0, the best news is that the VirtualGamepad Server now supports Linux. Newly Added Apps 8 more apps were newly added CanIWebView: Test your web content with different WebView configurations Flare: All your Mastodon, Bluesky, Misskey, X, RSS feeds, in one APP PrivacyScanner: scan installed apps and highlight privacy risks by analyzing their permission Quotes.app: A minimalistic quotes app Retherm: RTD & thermocouple calculations SecureOTP - Universal OTP Extractor: Auto-detect and copy OTP codes from SMS, Email, and app notifications SharedHavenTN4: Bitcoin wallet with secure multisig features SkillApp: Simple, fully offline time-tracking app Updated Apps 189 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) Aiyo was updated to 1.0.7 Al-Azkar was updated to 1.1.01 Anarch RE was updated to 3 Anytime Podcast Player was updated to 1.3.14 APM was updated to 4.1.3 aTalk was updated to 4.5.3 Aves Libre was updated to 1.13.9 Baby Name was updated to 1.3.3 baresip was updated to 69.2.1 Bible Feed was updated to 1.6.0 Binary Eye was updated to 1.67.0 BleOta was updated to 2.0.1 Blichess was updated to 8.0.0+ble2.2.0 Bluecheese was updated to 3.0.2 Canta was updated to 3.1.2 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.10.1173 CClauncher was updated to v9.9.7 ChatLaunch for WhatsApp was updated to v0.21.0 Chess was updated to 9.9.10 Clock was updated to 2.25 CoMaps - Hike, Bike, Drive Offline with Privacy was updated to 2025.10.09-3-FDroid Conceal Mobile was updated to 5.0.4 Copy SMS Code - OTP Helper was updated to 1.20.0 Cryptomator was updated to 1.12.2 Cuppa - Tea Timer was updated to 2.9.2 Daily Dozen was updated to 28 Daily You was updated to 2.13.3 dawdle was updated to 1.4.0.1 Deepr was updated to 1.0.16 Demodulate was updated to 1.2.0 Dicio assistant was updated to 4.0 Discreet Launcher was updated to v7.8.2 DSub2000 was updated to 5.6.3 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.250.1 EasySync was updated to 1.21 Element X - Secure Chat & Call was updated to 25.10.0 Endless Sky was updated to 0.10.15-53 Energize was updated to 0.13.4 Escapepod - Podcast Player was updated to 1.6.1 Exclave was updated to 0.16.7 FairEmail was updated to 1.2300 Feeder was updated to 2.15.1 Feeder (Play version) was updated to 2.15.1 Find Family was updated to v1.9 Flicky was updated to 3.5.7 Floating Volume was updated to 0.0.3 Flying Carpet was updated to 9.0.6 Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.3.3 Force Stop Helper was updated to 0.6.0 Fossify Calendar was updated to 1.6.2 Fossify Camera Beta was updated to 1.3.1 Fossify Contacts was updated to 1.3.0 Fossify File Manager was updated to 1.3.1 Fossify Gallery was updated to 1.6.0 Fossify Messages was updated to 1.4.0 Fossify Music Player was updated to 1.3.0 Fossify Notes Beta was updated to 1.5.0 Fossify Phone was updated to 1.7.2 FossWallet was updated to 0.28.5 Fread was updated to 1.7.11 freeminer was updated to 5.13.0 Fujiten was updated to 2.2.0 Geo Share was updated to 5.5.0 Geto was updated to 1.17.0 Goals & Checklists - timeto.me was updated to 2025.10.11 gptAssist was updated to 2.30 Gurgle was updated to 1.30 Headwind MDM Agent was updated to 6.26 HeliBoard was updated to 3.4 Hidroly was updated to 1.3.2 Hisn Elmoslem was updated to 3.0.01 Home Medkit was updated to 1.8.8 Infomaniak kDrive was updated to 5.9.4 Infomaniak kMeet was updated to 2.6.6 Infomaniak Mail was updated to 1.19.0 IVPN - Secure VPN for Privacy was updated to 2.11.1 Jami was updated to 20251010-01 JekyllEx was updated to v0.2.4 KDE Connect was updated to 1.33.9 KeePassDX - FOSS Password Safe was updated to 4.1.9 Kwik DEM (ant.spl) was updated to 1.11 Kwik DEM (eur.rus) was updated to 1.11 Kwik DEM (pan.arg) was updated to 1.11 Kwik DEM (sah.jap) was updated to 1.11 Kwik DEM (usa.can) was updated to 1.11 Kwik DEM (zar.aus) was updated to 1.11 Kwik EFIS was updated to 7.15 Linwood Flow Nightly was updated to 0.5.0 Lissen: Audiobookshelf client was updated to 1.7.0 LogFox was updated to 2.0.7 Luanti was updated to 5.14.0 Lyrion was updated to 0.9.1 MakeACopy was updated to 1.7.4 Markdown Editor was updated to 2.0.0 Materialious was updated to 1.10.14 MediLog was updated to 3.3.8 MedTimer was updated to 1.19.1 mensen was updated to 1.4.5 Metronome was updated to 1.8.2 Mindustry was updated to 8-fdroid-152.2 MMRL was updated to

v34189-release Multi Launcher · Home Screen was updated to 1.11.2.0 Musicore was updated to 1.6.0 MusicSearch was updated to 1.76.0 Musify was updated to 9.6.6 NATINFo+ was updated to 0.12.1 NetGuard was updated to 2.334 neutriNote CE was updated to 4.5.9a NewsBlur - News reader was updated to 13.8.0 Nextcloud Cookbook was updated to 0.25.3 Nextcloud Dev was updated to 20251014 Nextcloud Talk was updated to 22.0.2 NextGIS Mobile was updated to 2.13.1 NextPush was updated to 2.3.3 Nora was updated to 0.2.4 Obtainium was updated to 1.2.7 OONI Probe was updated to 5.2.2 Open Sudoku was updated to 4.5.3 openScale sync was updated to 0.4.4 OpenTune was updated to 2.0.6 OpenVPN for Android was updated to 0.7.62 Organic Maps: Hike, Bike, Drive Offline was updated to 2025.10.05-7-FDroid oxproxion was updated to 1.4.8 P.CASH Crypto Wallet was updated to 0.47.5 Padland was updated to 3.4 Pagan was updated to 1.7.19 Particle Physics Simulator was updated to 3.8.2 PDF Wallet was updated to 4.4.2 PennyWise AI was updated to 2.15.35 Periodical was updated to 1.93 Peristyle was updated to v9.3.0 PhotoChiotte was updated to 1.69 PhotoSwooper was updated to 2025.10.5 Picard Barcode Scanner was updated to 1.6.5 Pixiv-MultiPlatform was updated to 1.8.1 PlayOnDlna was updated to 1.4 PrivacyFlip was updated to 1.1.0 PySolFC was updated to 3.4.1 QRAlarm was updated to 2.7.0 QRshare was updated to 1.0.19 Quillpad was updated to 1.5.6 Remote Numpad was updated to 2.2.3 Ruffle was updated to 0.251013 SambaLite was updated to 1.3.0 Satunes was updated to 3.2.3 ScanBridge was updated to 1.5.0 SchildiChat was updated to 1.6.46.sc89 Schulrechner was updated to 1.12.0 Sensors2OSC was updated to 0.13.0 ServerBox was updated to 1.0.1262 Session F-Droid was updated to 1.28.1 SherpaTTS was updated to 2.8 ShikiApp was updated to alpha-0.4.4 ShowCase was updated to 4.2.3 Simple Sudoku Game was updated to 0.13.0 Simple Time Tracker was updated to 1.51 SimpleX Chat was updated to 6.4.6 sing-box was updated to 1.12.9 SiYuan was updated to 3.3.5 SnapSafe was updated to 3.5.1 SshDaemon was updated to 2.1.34 Standard Notes was updated to 3.200.4 Stay Put - Unplug Alert was updated to 0.8.6 Sumire Japanese Keyboard was updated to 1.4.438 Super Productivity was updated to 15.2.16 Swiss Bitcoin Pay was updated to 2.6.3 ToFShare was updated to 1.0.5 Tomato was updated to 1.4.3 Torrent Search was updated to 0.4.3 Track & Graph was updated to 7.0.12 Transistor - Simple Radio App was updated to 4.3.1 Translate You was updated to 16.0 TRIfA was updated to 1.0.259 Tusky was updated to 31.1 UnderEat was updated to 1.0.19 URnetwork was updated to 2025.10.4 venera was updated to 1.5.3 VergissNix was updated to 2.3.1 Vespucci was updated to 21.1.5.0 VolumeLockr was updated to 1.6.2 Voyager for Lemmy was updated to 2.40.1 Warpinator for Android (unofficial) was updated to 1.8.4 Webview Kiosk was updated to 0.22.6 WHPH was updated to 0.17.1 Xray was updated to 11.8.7 Xtra was updated to 2.49.0.1 Yivi was updated to 7.10.0 Yubico Authenticator was updated to 7.3.1 Zashi: Zcash Wallet was updated to 2.4.2 Thank you for reading this week's TWIF 󰄬 Please subscribe to the RSS feed in your favourite RSS application to be updated of new TWIFs when they come up. You are welcome to join the TWIF forum thread. If you have any news from the community, post it there, maybe it will be featured next week 󰄬 To help support F-Droid, please check out the donation page and contribute what you can.

- New ends, old beginnings (2025/10/09 00:00)
  This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 09 Oct 2025, Week 41 Community News The end of tt-rss.org might be a reason to be sad. We have at least two apps that connect to such instances, TTRSS-Reader and Geekttrss, but looks like development continues at github.com/tt-rss. @linsui updates to version 2: Immich was updated to 2.0.1 marking a 'Stable Release of Immich' with DVDs and shirts as merch to celebrate. Get the news post, dig into the 2.0.0 changelog and the 2.0.1 fix. Removed Apps 2 apps were removed Memento, Take notes was discontinued a long time ago, switch to the currently developed, named the same, Memento fork. RiMusic, A multilingual Android application for streaming music from YouTube Music, had a drama filled end, development stopped, source archived. Kreate, a fork of it, was updated to 1.8.1-fdroid this week, so maybe try to switch. Newly Added Apps 1 app was newly added Pokéverse: Explore, collect, and manage your Pokémon universe in one app!

Downgraded Apps 1 app was downgraded Nextcloud Notes was downgraded from 4.5.0 to 4.5.0 RC1 as it was crashing. Updated Apps 149 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) Activity Manager was updated to 5.4.15 Aisleron Shopping List was updated to 2025.8.0 APK Explorer & Editor was updated to v0.32 aTalk was updated to 4.5.2 baresip was updated to 69.2.0 baresip+ was updated to 57.0.2 Bim! was updated to 11 Birday - Birthday Manager was updated to 4.6.1 Blorp was updated to 1.9.24 Bluecheese was updated to 2.0.4 BoB was updated to 1.4.1 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.10.1172 CIFS Documents Provider was updated to 2.4.0 CoMaps - Hike, Bike, Drive Offline with Privacy was updated to 2025.10.02-2-FDroid Compete was updated to 1.0.3 Connect You was updated to 11.2 Critical Maps was updated to 2.9.2 Cryptomator was updated to 1.12.1 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.6.9 De-Bloater was updated to v0.30 DeepL was updated to 9.2.1 Deepr was updated to 1.0.13 Delta Icon Pack was updated to 2.8.0 Demodulate was updated to 1.1.0 Dokuwiki Android was updated to v1.2.0 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.249.0 Element X - Secure Chat & Call was updated to 25.09.2 Emerald Dialer was updated to 1.0.21 Ente Photos - Encrypted photo storage was updated to 1.2.9 FairEmail was updated to 1.2299 FairScan – PDF Scanner was updated to 1.3.0 FastTrack was updated to 3.3.5 FeedFlow - RSS Reader was updated to 1.6.0 Fennec F-Droid was updated to 143.0.3 Feudal Tactics was updated to 1.4.1 Find My Device (FMD) was updated to 0.12.1 FitBook was updated to 2.0.31 Flang was updated to 1.15 Flicky was updated to 3.5.3 Fluffy was updated to 3.2.9 Flux was updated to 2.0 Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.3.1 Forkyz was updated to 73 Fossify File Manager was updated to 1.3.0 Fujiten was updated to 2.1.0 Gauguin was updated to 0.45.0 Gotify was updated to 2.9.0 idTech4A++ was updated to 1.1.0harmattan69lindaiyu Infomaniak Mail was updated to 1.18.2 IVPN - Secure VPN for Privacy was updated to 2.11.0 J-K Bike - Mechanical Disaster Prevention was updated to 3.5.0 Jitsi Meet was updated to 25.5.1 KDE Connect was updated to 1.33.7 KeepOn - Keep your screen on smartly! was updated to 2.0.6 Kwik EFIS was updated to 7.14 Ladefuchs was updated to 3.5.2 Les Pas - Photo Album for Nextcloud was updated to 2.10.3 Lissen: Audiobookshelf client was updated to 1.6.23 Logger was updated to 3.2.7 Look4Sat: Satellite tracker was updated to 3.2.2 MakeACopy was updated to 1.6.0 Mastodon was updated to 2.11.2 Morse was updated to 2.2 Multi Launcher · Home Screen was updated to 1.11.1.4 Musify was updated to 9.6.4 My Expenses was updated to 4.0.4.2 My Leaf was updated to 2.5.0 neutriNote CE was updated to 4.5.9 Nextcloud Cookbook was updated to 0.25.2 Nextcloud Dev was updated to 20251005 Nextcloud Talk was updated to 22.0.1 Notely Voice: AI Voice to Text was updated to 1.2.5 Odin was updated to 3.6.0 Offline Translator was updated to 0.2.2 OnePlus Flash Control was updated to 1.4.2 Open Notes was updated to 1.3.1 Open Sudoku was updated to 4.5.0 OpenTopoMap Viewer was updated to 1.24 Orgro was updated to 1.64.1 P.CASH Crypto Wallet was updated to 0.47.2 Pachli for Mastodon was updated to 3.0.0 Pagan was updated to 1.7.17 Particle Physics Simulator was updated to 3.8.1 Passwords was updated to 0.5.0 PDF Wallet was updated to 4.4.1 PennyWise AI was updated to 2.15.25 Peristyle was updated to v9.2.6 Phocid was updated to 20250929 Phonograph Plus was updated to 1.11.1 PhotoSphereGallery was updated to 1.1 PhotoSwooper was updated to 2025.10.4 PipePipe was updated to 4.7.3 PlainApp: File & Web Access was updated to 2.1.20 Plant-it was updated to 1.0.0 PlayOnDlna was updated to 1.3 PlugBrain was updated to 1.5.3 Prav was updated to 2.19.4-1+prav PrivacyFlip was updated to 1.0.2 ProtonVPN - Secure and Free VPN was updated to 5.13.61.0 psychphinder was updated to 1.1.6 RailTrip was updated to 1.6.1 Readeck App was updated to 0.7.0 Recurring Expense Tracker was updated to 0.18.3 Roboyard was updated to 29 RomanDigital was updated to 2.2.0 Ruffle was updated to 0.250930 SambaLite was updated to 1.2.9 Save by OpenArchive was updated to 4.0.2-fdroid Screen Time was updated to 1.2.2 Sentinel Lens was updated to 1.0.2 Session F-Droid was updated to 1.28.0 Shattered Pixel Dungeon was updated to 3.2.5 ShowCase was updated to 4.2 SiYuan was updated to 3.3.4 Smart Dock was updated to 1.14.0 SmsLoc was updated to 1.2.0 Solon was updated to 2.6.1 Sound Toggle was updated to 1.1.0 Squeezer was updated to 2.3.10 Standard Notes was updated to 3.200.3 strongSwan VPN Client was updated to 2.6.0

Syncthing-Fork was updated to 2.0.10.1 TacticMaster was updated to 1.0.25 Tasks.org: Open-source To-Do Lists & Reminders was updated to 14.8.3 Tehran Metro was updated to 0.10.0 Thor was updated to 1.9.0 Thunderbird Beta for Testers was updated to 13.0b4 TLSFragment was updated to 3.3.1 ToFShare was updated to 1.0.4 Tomato was updated to 1.4.2 Track & Graph was updated to 7.0.10 Transport You was updated to 2.1 TRIfA was updated to 1.0.258 UnderEat was updated to 1.0.18 Unstoppable Crypto Wallet was updated to 0.45.1 UP-Example was updated to 2.2.0 Voice Audiobook Player was updated to 25.10.4 Wall You was updated to 13.1 Webview Kiosk was updated to 0.18.0 WG Tunnel was updated to 4.0.3 WHPH was updated to 0.16.5 Wiki Fronted was updated to r/2.7.50550-r-2025-09-22 Wikipedia was updated to r/2.7.50550-r-2025-09-22 Wire • Secure Messenger was updated to 4.15.2 wX was updated to 55985 XiVPN was updated to 1.7.1 Yubico Authenticator was updated to 7.3.0 Zashi: Zcash Wallet was updated to 2.4.0 Zulip was updated to 30.0.265 Thank you for reading this week's TWIF ⮞ Please subscribe to the RSS feed in your favourite RSS application to be updated of new TWIFs when they come up. You are welcome to join the TWIF forum thread. If you have any news from the community, post it there, maybe it will be featured next week ⮞ To help support F-Droid, please check out the donation page and contribute what you can.

- [When Authorities Come Knocking - How to Handle Requests for Information](#) (2025/10/07 00:00)
Introduction In the previous article in this series, we examined how FOSS projects handle legal takedown requests. However another category of legal risk exists, one that's often more sensitive and less visible: government requests for user or developer data. These requests can take many forms,from formal court orders and subpoenas, to vague emails from law enforcement or regulatory bodies. For projects that host apps, distribute binaries, or maintain logs, the question becomes: What data do you have, and what will you do if someone asks for it? What Kind of Requests Are We Talking About? Authority requests may include: Personal identifying information about app developers or maintainers Access to user metadata, such as IP logs, download histories, or credit card information Identification of people associated with specific content or behavior (e.g. contributors to controversial apps) Demands to preserve data for later collection Many FOSS projects don't consider themselves "platforms" and may not collect or store personal data at all. But that doesn't always stop authorities from asking. Common Themes from the Interviews Across the conversations we had with FOSS nonprofits, legal experts, and infrastructure maintainers, a few core principles emerged: 1. Minimize What You Store Several interviewees emphasized that the best way to avoid compliance risk is not to have the data in the first place. This includes: Not logging user activity unless necessary for security or performance Avoiding retaining of contributor IP addresses, registration data, or device identifiers Using privacy-first analytics tools or no analytics at all Think of it this way: every field you store is a risk. Don't collect it if you don't want to hand it over. 2. Separate Infrastructure and Individuals A number of organizations recommended limiting the exposure of individual contributors by: Using role accounts or pseudonyms for public-facing contributions Ensuring domain registrations and legal contacts are held by a legal entity not individuals Use a fiscal host like Open Collective or LiberaPay to accept donations Avoiding publishing contributor identities in places that can be scraped Additional precautions include having individual conversations even pseudonymously, with contributors who are operating in known high-risk regions, to explain potential risks. Transparency and Silence Unlike takedown requests, authority demands for user or contributor data often come with gag orders or implicit secrecy requirements. In some countries, we were told it is even illegal to acknowledge receipt of a request. That makes transparency reporting difficult. Still, some projects do what they can: Publishing aggregate data about the number and type of requests received Stating publicly what kind of data they don't retain Including legal process guidelines in published policies (e.g., "All requests must be submitted via court order in our jurisdiction") What F-Droid Is Doing As part of this project, F-Droid is: Reviewing all data collection and retention practices to ensure data minimization Updating contributor guidance to help reduce unnecessary exposure Working

with pro bono experts to create jurisdiction-specific escalation paths Drafting a public-facing Legal Process Policy, outlining how requests must be submitted, who handles them, and what kinds of data are available (if any) We're seeking to align with best practices from FOSS and digital rights communities balancing security, privacy, respect for the rule of law, and our commitment to transparency Final Thoughts Government requests for user or developer data reflect a growing trend of legal pressure on FOSS projects. There is also growing acknowledgement that the law has a role to play in reducing potential harms of platforms, software and the internet. And while these requests can't always be avoided, proactive safeguards like strict data retention policies and transparency reporting can significantly mitigate risks. Key takeaways? Don't collect more than you need. Don't handle requests informally. And don't let individuals face the pressure alone. In our next post, we'll explore three regional-specific regulations, the EU's Digital Markets Act and Digital Security Act and the UK's Online Safety Act. Legal Disclaimer The content provided in this article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. While we strive to provide accurate and up-to-date information, F-Droid makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, or suitability of the information contained herein. F-Droid is not a law firm and does not offer legal services. Any reliance you place on the information provided is strictly at your own risk. If you have questions about legal obligations, rights, or compliance, we strongly recommend consulting a qualified legal professional familiar with your jurisdiction. F-Droid and its contributors disclaim all liability for any loss or damage arising from the use or misuse of this content.

- [Fdroidlandia has no tariffs](#) (2025/10/03 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Friday, 03 Oct 2025, Week 40 F-Droid core Back in August we've talked about the core of our infrastructure, the servers CPUs and their age. This issue has two paths to be fixed. One in Google's court, software side, were we've heard progress has been made and we've seen some preliminary changes. And another one, the hardware side, that F-Droid must do, we're still working as fast as we can on getting the new build server machines in place! Funding is there and approved, hardware was spec-ed and we got quotes, hosting arrangements are fixed, deployment plans are laid, the team has set aside time to spring into action. Now we wait and hope there aren't more ordering/shipping delays due to tariff chaos. Community News Fennec F-Droid was updated to 143.0.2, besides the usual security fixes you just love to read about, there's also DNS over HTTPS, a new downloads UI and maybe better sound. The new top tabs bar was already available since the last version, so no surprise there, right? But did you know the new input field and menu UI are included too? Yes, they're "secret" for now, yet we've signed no NDA, so let's spill it all. Go to Settings, About, touch the logo 7 times (no joke!), you'll see the toast pop up, then go back to the now visible Secret settings section and there toggle "Enable composable toolbar" to ON. Done. Pretty please don't touch the other secret settings! Gadgetbridge and Bangle.js Gadgetbridge were updated to 0.87.1 and more so, they now are also built reproducible. Each version has two packages, one signed by F-Droid, so current users continue to get updates as expected, and one signed by the developers that new installs will favor. Nextcloud Notes was updated to 4.5.0, but you should avoid it as multiple users have raised issues with it crashing. RUTMath, A math learning app for children, was added, which is the revival of the old RUTMath that just got archived. If you did not install the app today, better uninstall the old one and get the new. Removed Apps 1 more app was removed Syncthing-Fork v1, Wrapper for Syncthing - Open and decentralized file synchronization, was archived as the new Syncthing-Fork was updated to 2.0.10.0 and goes on. You did not switch yet? Read more in our old post. Newly Added Apps 13 more apps were newly added Aiyo: BYOK and Chat with your model of choice using via OpenRouter Audio Output Switcher: Quick Settings tile for switching audio output devices BatteryTemperatureDisplay: Temperature monitor and logging to prevent overheating, damage, and safety risks Bluecheese: Offline text encryption—fast, local, no trackers Call Limiter:

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Really Basic Vocab was updated to 3.4.7 RoMote was updated to 1.0.29 RSAF was updated to 3.18 Simple Crypto Widget was updated to 8.7.3 Simple Keyboard was updated to 5.41 Smart EggTimer was updated to 3.2 SmartScan was updated to 1.1.5 SmsLoc was updated to 1.1.5 SnapSafe was updated to 3.4.0 Standard Notes was updated to 3.200.1 Swiss Bitcoin Pay was updated to 2.6.2 Syncthing-Lite was updated to 2.0.0.0 The Battle for Wesnoth was updated to 1.19.16+dev Thunderbird Beta for Testers was updated to 13.0b3 Tilde Friends was updated to 0.2025.9 TimeLapseCam was updated to 2.1 Tomato was updated to 1.4.1 Track & Graph was updated to 7.0.9 Trail Sense was updated to 7.2.0 Translate You was updated to 15.3 Transport You was updated to 2.0 WAFRN was updated to 1.7.0 Wall You was updated to 13.0 Webview Kiosk was updated to 0.17.1 wger Workout Manager was updated to 1.9.0 Who Has My Stuff? was updated to 1.1.3 WiFi Widget was updated to 1.7.2-fdroid wX was updated to 55981 Xtra was updated to 2.48.1 Yivi was updated to 7.9.0 µLauncher was updated to 0.2.7 聚在工大 was updated to 4.18.0.3 Thank you for reading this week's TWIF 🫶 Please subscribe to the RSS feed in your favourite RSS application to be updated of new TWIFs when they come up. You are welcome to join the TWIF forum thread. If you have any news from the community, post it there, maybe it will be featured next week 🤗 To help support F-Droid, please check out the donation page and contribute what you can.

- F-Droid and Google's Developer Registration Decree (2025/09/29 00:00)
For the past 15 years, F-Droid has provided a safe and secure haven for Android users around the world to find and install free and open source apps. When contrasted with the commercial app stores — of which the Google Play store is the most prominent — the differences are stark: they are hotbeds of spyware and scams, blatantly promoting apps that prey on their users through attempts to monetize their attention and mine their intimate information through any means necessary, including trickery and dark patterns. F-Droid is different. It distributes apps that have been validated to work for the user's interests, rather than for the interests of the app's distributors. The way F-Droid works is simple: when a developer creates an app and hosts the source code publicly somewhere, the F-Droid team reviews it, inspecting it to ensure that it is completely open source and contains no undocumented anti-features such as advertisements or trackers. Once it passes inspection, the F-Droid build service compiles and packages the app to make it ready for distribution. The package is then signed either with F-Droid's cryptographic key, or, if the build is reproducible, enables distribution using the original developer's private key. In this way, users can trust that any app distributed through F-Droid is the one that was built from the specified source code and has not been tampered with. Do you want a weather app that doesn't transmit your every movement to a shadowy data broker? Or a scheduling assistant that doesn't siphon your intimate details into an advertisement network? F-Droid has your back. Just as sunlight is the best disinfectant against corruption, open source is the best defense against software acting against the interests of the user. Google's move to break free app distribution The future of this elegant and proven system was put in jeopardy last month, when Google unilaterally decreed that Android developers everywhere in the world are going to be required to register centrally with Google. In addition to demanding payment of a registration fee and agreement to their (non-negotiable and ever-changing) terms and conditions, Google will also require the uploading of personally identifying documents, including government ID, by the authors of the software, as well as enumerating all the unique "application identifiers" for every app that is to be distributed by the registered developer. The F-Droid project cannot require that developers register their apps through Google, but at the same time, we cannot "take over" the application identifiers for the open-source apps we distribute, as that would effectively seize exclusive distribution rights to those applications. If it were to be put into effect, the developer registration decree will end the F-Droid project and other free/open-source app distribution sources as we know them today, and the world will be deprived of the safety and security of the catalog of thousands of apps that can be trusted and verified by any and all. F-Droid's myriad users will be left adrift, with no means to install — or even update their existing

installed — applications. (How many F-Droid users are there, exactly? We don't know, because we don't track users or have any registration: "No user accounts, by design") The Security Canard While directly installing — or "sideloading" — software can be construed as carrying some inherent risk, it is false to claim that centralized app stores are the only safe option for software distribution. Google Play itself has repeatedly hosted malware, proving that corporate gatekeeping doesn't guarantee user protection. By contrast, F-Droid offers a trustworthy and transparent alternative approach to security: every app is free and open source, the code can be audited by anyone, the build process and logs are public, and reproducible builds ensure that what is published matches the source code exactly. This transparency and accountability provides a stronger basis for trust than closed platforms, while still giving users freedom to choose. Restricting direct app installation not only undermines that choice, it also erodes the diversity and resilience of the open-source ecosystem by consolidating control in the hands of a few corporate players. Furthermore, Google's framing that they need to mandate developer registration in order to defend against malware is disingenuous because they already have a remediation mechanism for malware they identify on a device: the Play Protect service that is enabled on all Android Certified devices already scans and disables apps that have been identified as malware, regardless of their provenience. Any perceived risks associated with direct app installation can be mitigated through user education, open-source transparency, and existing security measures without imposing exclusionary registration requirements. We do not believe that developer registration is motivated by security. We believe it is about consolidating power and tightening control over a formerly open ecosystem. The Right to Run If you own a computer, you should have the right to run whatever programs you want on it. This is just as true with the apps on your Android/iPhone mobile device as it is with the applications on your Linux/Mac/Windows desktop or server. Forcing software creators into a centralized registration scheme in order to publish and distribute their works is as egregious as forcing writers and artists to register with a central authority in order to be able to distribute their creative works. It is an offense to the core principles of free speech and thought that are central to the workings of democratic societies around the world. By tying application identifiers to personal ID checks and fees, Google is building a choke point that restricts competition and limits user freedom. It must find a solution which preserves user rights, freedom of choice, and a healthy, competitive ecosystem. What do we propose? Regulatory and competition authorities should look carefully at Google's proposed activities, and ensure that policies designed to improve security are not abused to consolidate monopoly control. We urge regulators to safeguard the ability of alternative app stores and open-source projects to operate freely, and to protect developers who cannot or will not comply with exclusionary registration schemes and demands for personal information. If you are a developer or user who values digital freedom, you can help. Write to your Member of Parliament, Congressperson or other representative, sign petitions in defense of sideloading and software freedom, and contact the European Commission's Digital Markets Act (DMA) team to express why preserving open distribution matters. By making your voice heard, you help defend not only F-Droid, but the principle that software should remain a commons, accessible and free from unnecessary corporate gatekeeping.

- Virtual life seen through a screen (2025/09/26 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Friday, 26 Sep 2025, Week 39 Community News We often talk about what we look at when we choose our apps, we want: freedom, privacy, security, transparency and more. With FLOSS apps we get most of those, or at least we can check, fix and redistribute the apps that fit our wishes, from the technology perspective. We want the freedom that F-Droid provides to not only help us now, but set the stage for future generations well beyond our time. When you are a child other people would bare the responsibility of your well being, your freedom, privacy and security will be the subject of their judgment. Based on their own childhood experiences and technology knowledge, parents and guardians will vary a lot in how they treat the relation of children with technology. From laxed attitudes where they pass the smart

device to a child as a new-age pacifier (only to be later surprised that said children appear easily distracted or inattentive) to helicopter parenting behavior where every minute of screen time is controlled and predetermined (wonder what happens when the shackles are gone?). From "The Privacy Dad" comes a post about teenagers and how they can and do manage their own time in front if the screens, when the parent teaches them about the good, the bad and the odd stuff technology can bring. The 10 minute post presents the point of view of the child themselves, acting even as a first hand review of the app used for parental controls (yes, from F-Droid). The site is full of interesting posts about the subject, feel free to roam. Godot Engine 4 was updated to 4.5.0.stable adding a lot of glitter and fun stuff for all your gaming dev life style. Jami was updated to 20250917-01. The team summaries 'Atlas', the code name for the latest release. The Battle for Wesnoth was updated to 1.19.16, but you should skip this version as it will fail to start. The developers are working on a fix. Thunderbird Beta for Testers was updated to 13.0b2 as the team polishes the new UX. What UX update? Account drawer, colors and consistency all around. All these are part of the overall roadmap, laid out in their newest post. @CodeDoctor uses more code names: Linwood Butterfly Nightly was updated to 2.4.0 and soon Linwood Butterfly too. What's new in the Butterfly 2.4.0 Black Hairstreak release? Long awaited, the next big Butterfly release is finally here! This release brings a lot of new features. This will be the foundation of new features in the future. Highlights: ⬚ New Butterfly text format ⬚ Rebuild pack system ⬚ Improved Label Tool ⬚ Improved Pen Element ⬚ Improved Collaboration ⬚ LaTeX Support ⬚ Improved Pen Toolbar ⬚ Polygon Tool ⬚ Reworked PDF System ⬆ Binary and Version Upgrades And all detailed in the attached post. @linsui digitizes fiat: Taler Wallet was updated to 1.0.11 and fixed a critical bug that prevented all payments. Did you know that Apple Pay is real money from your credit card? It's not like a bunch of Apple dollars you got by spending so much time on your phone, giving your data very freely and willingly to any place that asks, like whenever they say, "Are cookies okay?" you say, "Yes, yes, yes" because you think that's how you get prizes, rewards, and Apple dollars. Memes aside, Apple Pay is a powerful service that Apple uses as a gatekeeper. The Taler team wrote a post about ecosystem users freedoms and monopolies not dogfooding their own rules when it comes to payment services. Removed Apps 1 apps were removed Circles, Secure social sharing for friends and families, had its source archived a while ago. Just get a maintained Matrix client, but make sure it supports room version 12. Newly Added Apps 15 apps were newly added Conceal Mobile: Secure mobile client for the Conceal Network web wallet Dockeep: Your pocket app for important files Fluffy: A TV friendly file manager and archive viewer Godot Dice Roller: A Godot UI control that rolls 3D dices in a box GPA Calculator: GPA & CGPA calculator with support for AUIS grading rules OpenCloud: File Sync, Workspaces, Smart Search & Web Office Passwords: Local Material 3 Password Manager PhotoSphereGallery: Gallery and viewer for spherical photos (360°) Poker Tracker: Personal poker tracking app RSAF: An Android Storage Access Framework document provider for rclone SIS: Unofficial client for SIS CUNI (Student Information System, Charles University) Tomodoro: A modern Pomodoro timer and task manager Transport Widgets: Live arrival times widget for London VMPK for Android: This is the Android port of Virtual MIDI Piano Keyboard (vmpk.sourceforge.io) Webview Kiosk: Turn your Android device into a locked-down web page in fullscreen mode Updated Apps 200 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) aFreeRDP was updated to 3.17.2 AliasVault was updated to 0.23.2 Amber was updated to 4.0.2 AndroidMic was updated to 2.2.2 Aria for Misskey was updated to 1.3.10 AVNC was updated to 3.0.1 Baby Name was updated to 1.3.0 Bangle.js Gadgetbridge was updated to 0.87.0-banglejs baresip was updated to 69.1.0 baresip+ was updated to 56.1.0 Bible Feed was updated to 1.5.2 bilimiao was updated to 2.4.7 Blorp was updated to 1.9.23 Calculate was updated to 3.1 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.09.1168 Cartes IGN was updated to 3.3.35 Chess was updated to 9.8.5 Classical Music Tagger was updated to 1.11 Clock was updated to 2.24 croc was updated to 1.11.7 CryptX was updated to 1.4.1 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.6.7 Daily You was updated to 2.13.0 DataBackup was updated to 2.0.12 DAVx⁵ was updated to 4.5.4-ose Deepr was updated to 1.0.11 Diaguard: Diabetes Diary was updated to

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- [Google Developer Verification Policy and the DMA](#) (2025/09/22 00:00)
The Digital Markets Act (DMA) is "the EU's law to make the markets in the digital sector fairer and more contestable". F-Droid strongly aligns with many of the ideals of the DMA regarding ensuring user choice and privacy. For example: The DMA has provisions for ensuring third-party software applications or software application stores can be used: F-Droid has long been the premier way for privacy or free software focused users to install applications outside of the Google Play Store The DMA places limitations on how gatekeepers process personal data: F-Droid doesn't even have accounts. We don't track users at all. There is no personal data for us to process. Recently, Google introduced a new developer verification policy which is at odds with the DMA. It demands that apps can only be installed on its operating system if the app developers have verified themselves with Google, even if the app is not installed via the Play Store. This may sound like it only impacts app developers, but it very much impacts end users choice and freedom, in a detrimental way that is not in the spirit of the DMA. Google may argue that the policy they have put in place is strictly necessary and proportionate, to ensure that third-party software applications or software application stores do not endanger the integrity of the hardware or operating system provided by Google (Article 6.4). This is demonstrably false. Trust is not earned by verifying a developers legal identity. There is no way to verify whether an app published to the Play Store is harmful or not, regardless of whether their identity has been verified with Google. Trust is earned by transparency. F-Droid users are able to verify with certainty the source code which was used to build an app they are about to install. The way in which F-Droid builds free software from source and then distributes it to end users without needing to involve Google, is akin to how most Linux distributions have been distributing software for decades. These distributions mechanisms have stood the test of time, are regarded as extremely secure and trustworthy, and are used by most of the modern computing infrastructure across the globe. Nobody has suggested that Linux distributions need to be made safer for end users by having a central authority verify each app developer. It should be no different for mobile operating systems.

- [Crash, fix, tag, API... repeat](#) (2025/09/19 00:00)
This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Friday, 19 Sep 2025, Week 38 Community News aFreeRDP was updated to 3.17.1 but you should skip this update since it keeps on crashing. A fixed update is being tested right now, stay tuned! Element X - Secure Chat & Call was updated to 25.09.1 bringing room version 12 support to F-Droid and much more since the last June update. Fennec F-Droid was updated to 142.0.1 fixing the painful start bug. If you don't use Fennec, well... you gotta try it! But if you're stuck with the Yandex or Samsung Internet browsers, then maybe you should install AdGuard Content Blocker, which has been updated to 2.8.0 after a 5 year long pause, and clean up all those ads. @linsui waits for the clouds to go: Breezy Weather was updated to 6.0.11-rc_freenet. Still an 'unstable' version so users won't get this by default. But if you want to have a try, update to this version manually. There are lots of updates, including Material Design 3 Expressive! Spotube was updated to 5.0.0 after a bit of a hiatus. The app was in a non-working state for a long time due to legal and other issues. Well, we are happy to report that Spotube is officially back. The list of fixes and features is huge, so make sure you take a glimpse and explore what's new. @shuvashish76 activates the API: Torrent Search was updated to 0.4.2 adding fixes and whatever "Torznab API" is. For those that know, carry on, for the rest read on. Thore Göbel bumps memory protection to 11: This post is an introduction into Arm Memory Tagging Extensions (MTE), a hardware-based defense against memory safety vulnerabilities. Arm MTE is available in Google Pixel 8 devices (released 2023) and in iPhone 17 devices (released 2025). The focus of this post is on explaining the high-level ideas, why MTE is important, and how developers can enable MTE in their Android and iOS apps. Sit down and read this 13+ minutes long "introduction to Arm Memory Tagging Extensions" blog post to know how to enable Arm Memory Tagging Extensions (MTE) for your Android and iOS apps. Wait, that's like an one-liner? Wow, let me quickly toggle it on for my favorite app. Newly Added Apps 5 apps were newly added AwakeOnLANMobile: Send WakeOnLAN packets (IPv4/IPv6) over the internet, includes a CIDR scanner Display Toggle: Toggle the physical display on and off without locking the screen Feeder (Play version): An awesome Libre and Open Source RSS feed reader (Yes, we have the same app already, but signed by F-Droid. This version is signed by the developer and built reproducible) Kords: A ukulele chords dictionary and songbook Musicore: A simple musicxml viewer Updated Apps 84 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) 8-Bit Wonders was updated to 0.8.8a Another notes app was updated to 1.6.1 Audile was updated to 1.12.1 BedrockStation (Pro) was updated to 1.3-pro Blorp was updated to 1.9.22 Bluetooth Remote was updated to 1.8.3 Brethap was updated to 1.8.4 Cheogram was updated to 2.19.0-2+free Cirrus was updated to 4.3 Clipious was updated to 1.22.15 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.6.5 DetoxDroid: Digital Detoxing as Your New Default was updated to 2.2.0 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.246.0 EinkBro was updated to 15.1.0 FairEmail was updated to 1.2296 FeedFlow - RSS Reader was updated to 1.5.0 Fish Rings for Android was updated to 1.22 FossWallet was updated to 0.28.1 Foto Timer was updated to 1.3.2 Goals with Checklists - timeto.me was updated to 2025.09.13 HexViewer was updated to 1.59.1 Home Assistant was updated to 2025.9.2-minimal HyperRogue was updated to 13.1e i2pd was updated to 2.58.0 J-K Bike - Mechanical Disaster Prevention was updated to 3.3.1 Jami was updated to 20250912-01 Kazumi was updated to 1.7.9 Keep Screen On was updated to 1.26.3 KeePassDX - FOSS Password Safe was updated to 4.1.8 Koofr Vault was updated to 0.1.20 Lalumo was updated to 5.4 Let's Bend: Harmonica Tuner was updated to 3.5.0 LibChecker was updated to 2.5.2 LinkDroid for Linkwarden was updated to 2.1.2 Linwood Butterfly Nightly was updated to 2.4.0-rc.2 Lissen: Audiobookshelf client was updated to 1.6.18 MakeACopy was updated to 1.4.0 Minis companion was updated to 1.2.1 MuPDF mini was updated to 1.26.8a MuPDF viewer was updated to 1.26.8a MusicSearch was updated to 1.64.2 My Expenses was updated to 4.0.4 Nextcloud Dev was updated to 20250913 Nextcloud Notes was updated to 4.5.0 RC1 Nora was updated to 0.2.2 NouTube was updated to 0.4.1 ntodotxt was updated to 0.15.0 NymVPN: Secure VPN by Nym was updated to v2.0.2 Oinkoin was updated to 1.1.1 OONI Probe was updated

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- [EC DMA compliance workshops](#) (2025/09/18 00:00)
At the beginning of summer, the European Commission held a series of "DMA 2025 compliance workshops" to let the public post questions to the "gatekeepers" as designed under the EU's Digital Markets Act (DMA). Apple App Store, Google Play, Google Maps and Android are all designated as gatekeepers by the European Commission, and are therefore regulated to allow competition with them. These workshops touch on a range of different topics, from self-preferencing behaviour to app store management practices. I traveled to attend in person to represent the F-Droid community, and free software in general, in these proceedings. My travel expenses were covered by your donations to F-Droid, thanks to those who made it possible for me to be there! Naturally, I was there to talk about app stores. There are two specific points where F-Droid really has been swaying the discussions: Apple claims their review process is the best. Google claims that they already comply with Digital Markets Act because they allow third party app stores and installing apps outside of Google Play. F-Droid clearly demonstrates the shortcomings of Apple's review process. For example, they never review source code, only the binaries. Ask any source code auditor and they will tell you, you have to review the source code to get a full picture. Also, their reviewers work for Apple, which has a monetary stake in the apps they are reviewing. Apple gets a large cut of the revenue from all app sales. That means that Apple sometimes lets apps that make them a lot of money bend the rules. Google has built up a very different strategy for their gatekeeping since Android started out as an unknown competitor. Android promoted itself to developers and OEMs by being largely open source and relatively open. Indeed, that's why I got involved in Android and dropped iOS back in 2008. Google has a strong track record of securing the platform, and has provided solid user experience design over the years. They lean on their reputation, and have a well documented track record of using security and UX concerns to steer users towards choosing Google over competitors. In terms of the DMA, this is known as self-preferencing. We can see clear examples of this with the Play Protect scare screens that many FOSS apps have been hit by. These have said there were security issues in F-Droid, yet they have never reported any of these to F-Droid (which is required under the rules of responsible disclosure). They did not even provide us any way to find out why they flagged our app. For all you developers who have also been affected, the European Commission wants to hear from you! There is a consultation open until September 24th, they are seeking feedback about how you have been affected. The most valuable feedback includes technical details and references to official documentation. Just getting your perspective out there in a blog post is also valuable. Please contact us to let us know about information

you think might be relevant. One thing that is clear from these proceedings is that Apple and Google are no longer driven by innovation or developing technology. The competition lawyers are in charge now. They have to defend those immense monopoly profits for their shareholders. It was quite amazing to see these polished competition lawyers from Apple and Alphabet/Google put on a friendly face while actually being quite disrespectful of the European Commission and the EU democracy it represents. Of course, they do it in a friendly, polished way. There was no rude language or insults. Instead, there was lots of dodging solid questions based on calculated ignorance. There were statements to the effect of "we don't really care about these proceedings because we're going to drag this out in the courts as much as possible." Apple was for many years a company respected for design and technical innovation. Now they champion their $1 billion plus legal budget and "high-risk legal strategies". This is not the behaviour of an innovative company, this is monopolist behaviour. You can see it in how Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, thinks about their lawyers: I don't want [the legal department] to stop pushing the envelope because that's why legal is an important function in the company. The Google representatives started out this process highlighting how they were open, already complying with key provisions, and wanting to work with Europeans to comply. I will give kudos to Google, they started out actually engaging with the requirements of the DMA and making real improvements that users want. For example, Google shipped its first data portability tools in 2022, when the DMA had just passed, and have been improving them since. Apple is just now finally doing something useful around data portability, rather than just wasting people's time and threatening more lawsuits. And some, but not all, of these features might be available worldwide, rather than just in the EU. In this most recent showing, Google's tone has shifted. Now that Google are also being held to account, they have started to take on a lot of the same contentiousness as Apple has approached the Digital Markets Act with. And they have become more brazen in their defence of their monopoly. Google has recently announced a number of changes that increase their level of control over the Android ecosystem: Google is no longer developing AOSP in the open at all anymore. They also withhold source code for a lot longer, making working with AOSP source code a lot harder for projects like CalyxOS and LineageOS. They stopped releasing the device tree source for Pixel devices, so alternative Android versions now have to recreate those in order to run on Pixel devices. They launched Android Developer Verification, which severely restricts installs outside of Google Play. All app developers need to pay a fee and submit info on themselves (actual legal IDs) with a list of their apps to Google for approval or the user won't be able to install their apps anymore. Back in 2018, AOSP developers reached out to us about a feature that sounds very much like Android Developer Verification. We told them that if they shipped that, it would kill F-Droid and third party app stores. Looks like now, that might be part of why they are rolling this feature out. The 2018 version allowed users to control who approves the developers but there is no sign this current scheme will work with anything other than the Google controlled list. Any developer or organization that wants to publish a mobile app now has to comply with either Apple's or Google's Terms of Service. That means two US companies now have a say in the apps that our governments make for their citizens, around the world. Clear wins for the Digital Markets Act Looking back at two years of DMA enforcement, there are some clear wins: Android improved their APIs for app stores, like making background updates possible without requiring elevated privileges. Both Apple and Google put in a lot of effort to work on data portability. DMA enforcement gives us a new tool to push back on invalid "scare screens" like we have seen with Play Protect. There are actually a couple non-Apple apps stores available for iOS now. Apple reversed its ban on Progressive Web Apps. How was the whole thing being gamed? Unfortunately, that's not the whole story. The Big Tech firms are pushing hard to game these proceedings in their favour. They have massive piles of cash to work with from all those years of massive monopoly profits. I went to Brussels as a volunteer to attend the workshops for Apple and Alphabet because of my over 10 years of experience working on app stores and 30 years of free software work. There were people from Mozilla, EDRi, microG, FSFE, BEUC, CalyxOS and Open Web Advocacy. It was

also nice to see DuckDuckGo, Vivaldi and some other companies there, backing the European Commission's work. Then there were a number of organizations said to be representing small and medium size developers who receive funding from Google and Apple. Unsurprisingly, they have positive feedback about Google and Apple, and the Google and Apple lawyers were happy to talk to them in the coffee breaks. When I approached, I was offered an email address to reach out to rather than any kind of answer to my questions, or even any further discussion. There was clearly some astroturfing going on there. I had one extended comical conversation with a guy there who loved jumping in the talk about how great Apple and Google are. I asked him why he came. He said he was just interested. I asked whether he worked on app developments, he said he didn't, but worked in recycling. Out of curiosity, I asked whether he thought the recycling business was in any related to the DMA. He started acting dodgy and said no. I kept asking friendly questions around how he financed his DMA work, and the dodges just kept on getting funnier and funnier. It was also quite funny to see how Google's lawyers chatted amongst themselves and did not listen when getting questions from those kinds of organizations. It was like they knew their people, so they would not have anything to actually respond to. Massimo Albarello, the CTO of what seems to be yet another surveillance capitalism startup (data mining CTO ⬜ + monetization CEO ⬜ = ???), gave a tech demo on behalf of Google. This was yet another action from Google that seemed aimed just to waste everyone's time and avoid answering questions from the public. Another such moment is when the Google lawyers played a video demo of their data portability features with a painfully cheesy AI-generated narration. Apple and Google had only very highly paid competition lawyers there to answer questions. It seemed like any good question that referenced something vaguely technical, like "GMS", was waved aside with calculated ignorance. Google talked about how they had thousands of developers working on the DMA compliance and about how hard it is to hire good developers. If that is actually important to them, they should stop disrespecting the developers like those in our ecosystem, who have helped make mobile devices what they are today. The Google and Apple lawyers seemed to share the tactic of just running out the time as much as possible. They went overtime on their presentations, which were largely marketing speech and fluffy statements. They gave long winded answers which adeptly avoided actually answering the questions that were posed. "Malicious compliance" seems to be the Big Tech game plan here. The Digital Markets Act can continue to succeed It is important to point out that the DMA is popular in Europe. Hundreds of academics just posted an open letter asking the European Union to stand up to Big Tech and enforce laws like the DMA. And many countries around the world are closely following the DMA and even working on similar laws themselves. If you also want to see the Digital Markets Act succeed, then your contributions are needed! There are many ways to contribute. I'd love to see more people digging into Big Tech's responses and calling out their bad behaviour. ⬜ The full videos of the workshops are online for Apple, Alphabet and the rest. Have at it! ⬜ If you have technical knowledge of apps, installation, app stores, signing systems, etc. then your feedback can provide key rebuttals to Big Tech's often erroneous claims. For example, early on, Apple was claiming that encrypting apps was necessary to ensure their integrity. Signing does that, encrypting hides things. The FOSS contributors were keen to help the European Commission understand that, leading Apple to drop that whole line of argumentation with a bit of egg on their face. Submit your comments too! With more donations, we would be able to pay developers to actually dig into the whole process, and provide detailed technical feedback to the European Commission. Their job of enforcing the Digital Markets Act needs this kind of hard factual evidence and that requires skilled developers spending quality time digging in. So far, the free software developers have participated in the process on their own time on a voluntary basis, so we have only had limited time to spend. The Digital Markets Act clearly has to power to change our mobile ecosystems in positive ways. We fully support it, and do what we can to help it succeed. We can have real choice. With your help, our chances are much better. Let's do this!

- Did you sync too? (2025/09/11 00:00)
  This Week in F-Droid TWIF curated on Thursday, 11 Sep 2025, Week 37 Community News Nine projects will receive grants within the NGI Mobifree and NGI Fediversity pilot programmes. Scroll the list, you might find one of your favorite. The EU currently has yet another public consultation (request for feedback and comments) open on its Digital Markets Act (DMA). The DMA is a law that is supposed to stop owners of big platforms (IE Google for Android, Microsoft for Windows etc) from abusing their power. Given Google's latest proposal to require all apps to be registered by verified developers in order to be installed on certified Android devices, it would be great if as many people could respond as possible, pushing back against Google's proposal and calling for the DMA to address it. Here's a link to this consultation. We've also promoted another DMA consultation, last week, so it seems that these issues are looked upon from different angles too. Food You - Calorie Tracker & Food Diary was updated to 3.0.0 and adds a lot of nice things like in-app search, food sources and history, ounces support and much more. @shuvashish76 has good and bad news: Exodus Privacy, long time partner of F-Droid in this journey, has posted news (in French) about their current situation and how you can help. They also have some sad news, as they announced the disappearance of Lovis IX, co-founder of Exodus Privacy and the current president of the association. Syncthing-Fork, Wrapper for Syncthing - Open and decentralized file synchronization, brings Syncthing 2 on Android. The old app was renamed to Syncthing-Fork v1 (in Client and Website, your launcher icons will be confusing though) and in order to switch you need to backup in the old and import in the new app. Here's the full guide. For users of the old archived app, the one not named "fork", you'll need to make this jump in two steps, from Syncthing to Fork v1 and then to the new app. Removed Apps 2 apps were removed Kontalk Messenger: A new way of communicating: community-driven instant messaging network, was no longer developed for years. Did you look at Quicksy yet? It was updated to 2.19.5+free. Traccar Client: Track your location, has gone proprietary. Newly Added Apps 2 more apps were newly added Lalumo: Kids learn music with animal friends, melodies, and puzzles - playful and colorful RaagaDB: RaagaDB app is meant to be comprehensive database for Carnatic Raagas Updated Apps 163 more apps were updated (expand for the full list) AAAAXY was updated to 1.6.288+20250901.3906.f6d8723f AliasVault was updated to 0.22.0 AndBible: Bible Study was updated to 5.0.892 AndroidMic was updated to 2.2.1 ANeko Reborn was updated to 1.3.3 Aria for Misskey was updated to 1.3.9 aTalk was updated to 4.5.1 Audio Spectrum Analyzer was updated to 3.0 Aves Libre was updated to 1.13.7 Baby Name was updated to 1.2.5 baresip was updated to 69.0.0 baresip+ was updated to 56.0.0 Battleship Game (Privacy Friendly) was updated to 1.2.6 Bible Feed - reading tracker was updated to 1.5.0 BitBanana was updated to 1.0.0 Blitzortung Lightning Monitor was updated to 2.4.3 Blorp was updated to 1.9.21 Candle was updated to 1.7.1 Capy Reader was updated to 2025.09.1164 Checkers (Privacy Friendly) was updated to 1.3.4 Ciyue was updated to 1.20.1 Conversations was updated to 2.19.5+free croc was updated to 1.11.6 Cuscon was updated to 4.0.6.4 Daily You was updated to 2.12.3 DOOM & Wolfenstein RPG was updated to 1.0.4.6 Drinkable was updated to 1.58.1 Droid Pad was updated to 3.1.0 DuckDuckGo Privacy Browser was updated to 5.245.1 Easy Open Link was updated to 1.5.11 EinkBro was updated to 15.0.1 Exclave was updated to 0.16.2 FairEmail was updated to 1.2295 FakeTraveler was updated to 2.2.2 FitBook was updated to 2.0.25 FlashDim - Dim your flashlight was updated to 2.4.3 Flicky was updated to 3.3.2 Force Stop Helper was updated to 0.3.0 Forkgram was updated to 12.0.2.0 Fossify Calendar was updated to 1.6.1 Fossify File Manager was updated to 1.2.2 Fossify Launcher Beta was updated to 1.3.0 Fossify Notes Beta was updated to 1.4.1 Fossify Phone was updated to 1.7.0 Fossify Voice Recorder Beta was updated to 1.4.0 FossWallet was updated to 0.27.1 Freebloks was updated to 1.7.1 Ghost Commander was updated to 1.64.1 GitNex for Forgejo and Gitea was updated to 10.0.1 GPS Cockpit was updated to 2.8 gptAssist was updated to 2.20 Green: Bitcoin Wallet was updated to 5.0.9 Grit was updated to 5.0.0 Guileless Bopomofo Keyboard was updated to 3.6.3 Hate It Or Rate It was updated to 1.5.0 hEARtest was updated to 2.2 HeliBoard was

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- How FOSS Projects Handle Legal Takedown Requests (2025/09/10 00:00)
  When a legal takedown request arrives, whether it's about copyright, censorship, privacy or something more vague, how a Free and Open Source

Software (FOSS) project responds can make all the difference. Handled well, a takedown request can be a manageable administrative step. Handled poorly, it can cause panic, disrupt infrastructure or even put contributors at legal risk. As part of our legal resilience research, we spoke with a range of legal experts, software freedom advocates and maintainers of mature FOSS infrastructure to understand how others manage these moments. In this article, we share what we learned, and how F-Droid is incorporating these lessons into its own approach. A Pattern Emerges Despite differences in jurisdiction, size, and mission, a few common themes from our research emerged when we asked how other projects handle takedown requests: 1. Don't Be a Soft Target Legal threats often follow the path of least resistance. FOSS projects that publish a formal takedown policy, require legal submissions through specific channels, and insist on a valid legal basis are much less likely to receive, or comply with, vague or harassing demands. One FOSS organization, for example, requires all legal correspondence to be submitted by postal mail in the national language and citing local law. Most complaints evaporate once asked to comply. 2. Creating a transparent and documented process Several digital rights organizations advised setting up structured response steps: Require submissions to a dedicated legal@ or abuse@ email. Insist on full documentation: legal basis, jurisdiction, evidence of the infringement and identity of the complainant. Review for sufficiency, proportionality and standing before acting. This creates proper documentation to process valid claims, while protecting projects from illegitimate or unfounded requests. 3. Use Jurisdiction Strategically Projects based in civil law jurisdictions, particularly in Europe, are often better positioned to deflect legal demands from foreign entities. Several organizations emphasized that complying with vague or extrajudicial requests, especially those originating outside your jurisdiction, can increase risk unnecessarily. Instead, they recommended requiring a valid legal basis grounded in the project's home country. Formal legal processes, such as court orders or official government channels, were seen as the appropriate threshold, not informal emails or unverifiable demands. Notification and Appeals: Fairness and Transparency All of the projects we consulted emphasized the importance of notifying developers whose apps are being targeted, informing them (if possible) of the seriousness of the claim, and the proposed strategy F-Droid is taking to handle the claim. If a threat is deemed to be valid and a developer's content is flagged for takedown: The developer or maintainer is informed, unless prohibited by law (gag orders). A window for response (commonly 14 days) is offered, unless unfeasible due to seriousness and time restraints of the request itself If the developer disputes the claim and provides supporting information (e.g. license, public domain status, fair use justification), the claim is reviewed. If the claim is upheld, the content is removed, but always with an internal record and opportunity to appeal. This mirrors principles embedded in international norms (like the Manila Principles and GitHub's DMCA takedown policy) and avoids over-compliance with weak or abusive claims. Transparency, Censorship and What You Can (Legally) Publish Takedown requests occupy a complex space between legal enforcement and censorship. While some are legitimate claims, like copyright violations or privacy breaches, others are vague, politically motivated, or intended to silence dissent. For FOSS projects that have a global user base, it's not always obvious how to respond. Complying too quickly can reinforce censorship practices; resisting without process can lead to full website shut downs, domain names being taken away (as in the US) or large and costly legal battles. One strategy that helps balance this tension is radical transparency. Several projects we spoke with emphasized the importance of documenting what actions were taken and why, not just for accountability, but as a form of resistance. A well-known example is GitHub's DMCA takedown policy (as of July 2025), which mandates compliance with valid takedown requests, but also posts each one publicly in their GitHub DMCA repository. The result: potential abusers know their requests will face public scrutiny, which acts as a deterrent. However, not all jurisdictions allow this kind of transparency. In India, for example, we were informed that it is often illegal to disclose that you have received a government request, even to the developer of the affected app. In contrast, in Russia, takedown requests can often be legally posted, though by doing so you may be putting yourself at risk for retaliation,

additional takedown requests and legal troubles. With that in mind, some best practices for FOSS projects include: Publishing biannual transparency reports, even if redacted or aggregated. Maintaining an internal log of all takedown activity, with public disclosure where legally possible. Explaining the general reasons for content removals, who made the request, under what law, and what action was taken, unless legally prohibited. Being explicit about what cannot be shared, and why. Transparency won't prevent all forms of censorship, but it can slow them down, raise awareness, and provide a record that strengthens the broader FOSS ecosystem. What We're Doing at F-Droid F-Droid is revising its own takedown policy, informed by: Dutch law and EU regulations The structural support provided by The Commons Conservancy Practical lessons from long-standing FOSS organizations Our draft process includes: Written takedown submission request to legal@f-droid.org including the required information.: Identify the specific material in question (e.g. app name) Include valid legal basis under applicable jurisdiction (e.g. copyright law, court order statutory basis) Indicate jurisdiction in which the legal basis is claimed to apply Include sufficient evidence of the alleged infringement (e.g. copyright certificate, ownership declaration) Clearly state that the complainant is authorized to act on behalf of the rights holder Include full contact details and a verifiable identity (subject to exceptions, such as gag orders or whistleblower protection) Verification of jurisdiction and legal basis, including evidence Developer notification and appeal procedures Rejection of requests lacking documentation or legal authority may be rejected or ignored Biannual transparency reports and public tracking of takedown requests We're also working to improve contributor education about potential exposure when contributing to F-Droid, document internal escalation paths and ensure consistent handling of international claims. Final Thoughts Takedown requests are not going away in fact, they're becoming more frequent and more complex. But FOSS projects don't have to face them unprepared. By building processes, establishing clear jurisdiction, and protecting individuals through structure and policy, we can handle these challenges with the seriousness they deserve without letting them derail our mission. Legal Disclaimer The content provided in this article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. While we strive to provide accurate and up-to-date information, F-Droid makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, or suitability of the information contained herein. F-Droid is not a law firm and does not offer legal services. Any reliance you place on the information provided is strictly at your own risk. If you have questions about legal obligations, rights, or compliance, we strongly recommend consulting a qualified legal professional familiar with your jurisdiction. F-Droid and its contributors disclaim all liability for any loss or damage arising from the use or misuse of this content.

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