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Hi sir, question about Telegram messenger

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[[[To any NSA and FBI agents reading my email: please consider]]]
[[[whether defending the US Constitution against all enemies,]]]
[[[foreign or domestic, requires you to follow Snowden's example.]]]

First, I do not advocate open source. That term stands for rejection of the principles I fight for. When you discuss issues with me, please don't use the term "open source" -- since I won't use it.

See <https://gnu.org/philosophy/open-source-misses-the-point.html> for more explanation of the difference between free software and open source. See also <https://thebaffler.com/salvos/the-meme-hustler> for Evgeny Morozov's article on the same point.

For your freedom's sake, it is important for all the software you run to be free software. I refuse to have nonfree software on my system. See <https://gnu.org/philosophy/free-software-even-more-important.html>.

The software you need to run in order to use Telegram is free software, so I think it is ok for you to run it.

Surely many programs run on Telegram's server. Probably some are free software, and maybe some are not. But that question has no effect on you. It affects only Telegram.

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