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F-Droid

Replicant includes [F-Droid](#), the market application that provides free software.

The [F-Droid Privileged Extension](#) is shipped as well and makes background updates possible. Automatic background updates can be enabled in the settings of the F-Droid app.

F-Droid and the GNU Free System Distribution Guidelines (GNU FSDG)

Replicant is supported, recommended by the FSF and [listed as a fully free software distribution](#) that respects the [GNU Free System Distribution Guidelines](#). However, F-Droid includes apps with [anti-features](#) that are not compatible with the GNU FSDG. These apps are available alongside apps that are compatible and they are only marked with these anti-features. See [#1629](#) for development efforts and further information on this topic.

Not all F-Droid anti-features violate the GNU FSDG. The ones that do are explained below. We do not recommend the installation and usage of apps that have these anti-features.

Anti-features that are incompatible with GNU FSDG

NonFreeDep

Definition: the application depends on a non-free application (e.g. Google Maps) - i.e. it requires it to be installed on the device, but does not include it.

NonFreeAdd

Definition: the application promotes non-free add-ons, such that the app is effectively an advert for other non-free software.

NonFreeAssets

Definition: the application contains and makes use of non-free assets. The most common case is apps using artwork - images, sounds, music, etc - under a non-commercial license.

Tracking

Definition: the application tracks and reports your activity to somewhere without your consent. It's commonly used for when developers obtain crash logs without the user's consent, or when an app is useless without some kind of authentication