

Free Software Money Management Quandary

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I found myself facing a moral quandary yesterday. I considered using proprietary software for a job that has lots of free software alternatives. You see, I have these doubts and reservations about the free options.

The gravitational pull of 12 years worth of Microsoft Money data has me continuing to run that program on my laptop. I really like MS Money; it's worked great for managing my finances from when I was an underemployed drop-out living in my Mom's basement through going back to school, moving out, having a real job and investments, getting married, and buying a house. It has great reporting features: you can really slice and dice the data.

Another potential problem I've created for myself is to use classifications in MS Money. Still, I need to put an end to this regular Windows use. GnuCash and KMyMoney seem to be the main choices for free personal accounting software, but my experiments so far haven't convinced me to make the move.

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