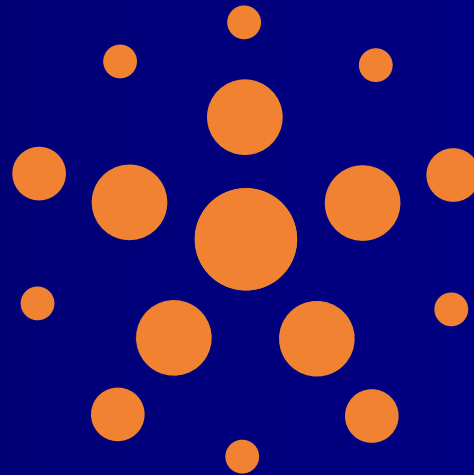# Freedom to study

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  - Take your software home!
  - Teach your family!

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Free Software allows

- porting scientific software to other platforms
- archiving and preserving knowledge of humankind!

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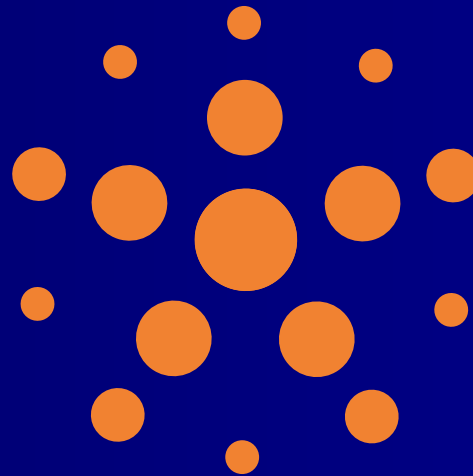
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Scientific Education and Learning in Freedom!

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