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Moose's Software Valley [1] is a web site that **Mike "Moose" O'Malley** (hereafter called *Moose*) created to distribute his software. There are currently more than **105 free software titles** available for a variety of platforms [2]. Moose's software covers a vast array of topics from solar system simulator to robot simulator to thunder storm distance calculator to games, utilities, and other software that Moose thinks are useful and interesting to create.

History

Moose started his Moose's Software Valley web site in late July 1996 [3] in order to publish and distribute the software he creates. In the early days, Moose uploaded some of the software he had already created (for DOS and Apple II) as freeware , but most of the newest software he created was $5 shareware. During the first 11 years, Moose tried to make some money by selling his software for nominal amounts (like $5), but the constant battle with hackers and crackers (who were stealing his software and redistributing cracked versions) was just not worth the effort. On 18-Sep-2007, Moose changed all of his software (apart from 1 title, [4]) to freeware [5].

Why give away free software ?

Moose loves exploring new ideas and creating new software [6]. In addition, Moose often creates a software title because he needs a program that does something. Moose is happy to give away the vast majority of his software for free. See History below.

Platforms

Moose's software runs under one or more of the following platforms:

- DOS.
- Apple II.
- Windows_3.1x.
- All 32 bit and 64 bit versions of Microsoft Windows including Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10.
- Linux, Mac OS Darwin, Raspbian (Raspberry Pi Linux).

All recent software releases have been cross platform: Windows, Mac, Linux, developed using Java and requires the Java virtual machine.

Why should Moose's Software Valley have a Wikipedia page ?

- Moose's Software Valley has been on-line for well over 20 years - something that is extremely rare on the internet.
- The vast majority of Moose's software (over 105 titles) is freeware.
- There's a huge range of freeware software on offer, covering a broad range of topics, on multiple platforms.

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