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## **Open Source for Education**

Donation Coder: Not Exactly Open Source...But a Great Deal for Teachers

Teachers like "Free". In fact, no cost is the only reasonable strategy that teachers have before dipping into their own pockets for necessities for their classrooms. And, you don't have to spend your own money at DonationCoder.Com. Every program available there is "Freeware." This means that you receive the full program, no time limits, no crippling restrictions.

What the folks at DonationCoder.Com do is ask that you register for the program that you download so that they can ask you for a donation.

You don't have to donate. But, if you pick up a program that saves you a lot of time, or provides other benefits, why not show a little (monetary) appreciation. Link to the Donation Coder Site Unusual Procedures In order to encourage people to really "consider" (think about more than half a second) donating, Donation Coder uses an unusual device. For people who don't donate:

The freeware license key will remove the "nag" from the program for six months.

After six months the "nag" reminder will come back and you have to return to the DonationCoder site page to create a new license key. The second key will last for another 6 months.

After one year (from your initial installation of the program) you can obtain a permanent "non-expiring" license key. Of course, if you choose to ignore the "nag" message, the software works perfectly from the time you download it to forever.

Seems more than fair. What Programs can you Get from DonationCoder.Com? There are hundreds of free programs, many that are geared for programmers. But, many can be adapted for classroom use.

For example...

Screen Shot Captor

Clipboard Help and Spell

Mobysaurus Thesaurus

Flipbook Printer

Google#8482; Translation Boomerang

Many more...see for yourself Other Benefits If you donate, you become eligible for the Donation Coder Specials and Discounts. You also become eligible for monthly software prizes.

Donation Coder.Com negotiates substantial discounts with software developers each month, and the selections and discounts are different each month.

But, donating \$2 and saving \$20 to \$40 for software is a pretty good trade.

Check out the DonationCoder.Com site, and see what incredible bargains you can find that will benefit your students.

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