The Open Source launchpad 🚀

A then & now look at tech careers.

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Open Source is...
A method.
A movement.

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A culture.
Agenda

What am I talking about?

I am here to tell a 40+ year old story called Open Source.

1. Who am I?
2. What is “free stuff”?
3. What is the future of working on “free stuff”?

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Who am I?
My background & career in Open Source.

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Emerging Tech Open-Source Scoring System (ETOSS)

Cecilia Chapiro & Justin W. Flory

Me, Open Source communities, and my other roles.
What is "free stuff"?
“Free stuff” can mean a lot of things...
Today, “free stuff” means Open Source and freedom.
Open Source

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adjective

Open Source software is software that can be freely used, modified, and shared (in both modified and unmodified form) by anyone.
Free
Open
Source
Software

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Where is Open Source?

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Unix is used by 80.2% of all the websites whose operating system we know.

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<th>Operating System</th>
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Percentages of websites using various operating systems
Note: a website may use more than one operating system
Open Source: in this room

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Public code, but why?

Control

Security

Training

Stability
Linus's Law: Given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow.
The Open Source story not taught in school??
“First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.”

A famously misattributed quote

1980s  “First they ignore you,
1990s  then they laugh at you,
2000s  then they fight you,
2010s  then you win.”

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First they ignore you.
They they laugh at you.
Then they fight you.

“...open source is an intellectual property destroyer. I can't imagine something that could be worse than this for the software business and the intellectual-property business.”

- Microsoft, 2001 (Jim Allchin)
From Microsoft officially in love with open source:

“Microsoft has been working with open source for a while — over ten years already. It started with support for Novell and PHP. […] Last year, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella publicly declared the company’s love for Linux, and he’s remained true to his word since. Microsoft is now involved with 140 workgroups dealing with open standards, and actively supports more than 400 projects where code is written before being given back to the community.”
- Microsoft, 2015 (Satya Nadella)

Then you win.

Microsoft
$7.5 billion
https://news.microsoft.com/2018/06/04/microsoft-to-acquire-github-for-7-5-billion/

IBM.
$34 billion

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Four Freedoms of Open Source

Four essential principles. These are the rules of ALL Open Source licenses. These freedoms are guaranteed when using genuine Open Source licenses.

Freedom to...
- READ
- RUN
- REVISE
- REDISTRIBUTE

Remember the Four Freedoms.
What is the future of working on Open Source?
100+ million

Developers on GitHub (announcement)

GitHub 2023 end of year report: octoverse.github.com
98+ million

New repositories created in 2023 on GitHub

GitHub 2023 end of year report: octoverse.github.com
4.5+ billion

Total contributions to all projects on GitHub

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Open Source landscape in 2023? [³/³]
Three samples of Open Source careers in tech.
Commercial.

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Red Hat OpenShift
- Red Hat Ansible Automation
We Deliver Life

We collaborate with government, social and private agencies to strengthen health supply chain in remote parts of Nepal by last mile delivery of medicines and blood ensuring no more Nepalese die en route to the hospitals.

Get in touch

Example: Prokura Innovations
Government.
International NGOs & agencies.
The long-awaited first word

Srna is one of the children who have received the Communicator thanks to UNICEF’s For every child, a voice project.

Vladimir Banić

Available in: Srpski English

21 October 2020

Pancevo, Serbia - Four-year-old Srna Staic is sitting on the living room sofa, surrounded by toys and a blue device that looks like a tablet. She keeps tapping on it determinedly and then turns to her mom smiling. This “blue device” is a Cboard Communicator that helped her start pronouncing understandable syllables for the first time. After using it for eight months, she started speaking entire words. While Srna is tapping on the Communicator, we hear the words “play”, followed by “white teddy”. This clearly means that she wants to play with her mother with the white teddy.
The long-awaited first word

Read: The long-awaited first word
How could this connect to your career?
First, know what people mean when they say “Open Source.”
Second, use Open Source to launch or grow your career.
Third, get to know your fellow attendees, speakers, & organizers!
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