Why Open Source Matters and How You Can Help

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Why Does Open Source Matter

- Open source matters because it gives us true collaborative freedom to explore and develop new ways to help society evolve
- Everything we know and love with today's technology, and use on a daily basis is deeply rooted in open-source either indirectly or directly

Examples Of Using Open Source Tech

- Android
- iOS (XNU Kernel)
- Linux (Ubuntu)
- MacOS (XNU Kernel)
- Windows 10 (Windows Subsystem for Linux)
- Relational Databases (PostgreSQL, MySQL)

How You Can Help As An Individual

- Engage with code maintainers
- Contributions aren't just limited to code

  - Community engagement
  - Community participation
  - Community support
- File bug reports

How You Can Help As A Business Owner

- Use open-source alternatives to closed-source technology
- Purchase enterprise licenses for the open-source software if affordable
- Release portions of your product as open-source

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Businesses today are more complicated than ever and open source provides innovation that helps all sizes of companies develop complex modern day solutions.

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