The author of the article “Fulfill Your Ambitions with Open Source” tells us about the opportunities for the motivated programmer, which are given by Open Source.

I tried to write something as usual, but I failed. What can I say?

Open source is cool. There are a lot of open source projects in the world. You can find some of them in any sphere of the IT. You can choose any and look under the hood. Moreover, you can even offer your own idea. And maybe it will be accepted. Or you can just become a volunteer to write test code. Open source provides enormous opportunities for the motivated programmer, but also places a great responsibility on him.

It is very interesting to work with an open source project, to investigate its’ code and to get experience in the technology that actually interests you. However, you have to be willing to give up your free time, because you probably cannot work on an open source project at your day job. Only very few people make money contributing to open source projects.

You will still have a responsibility to your employer and must be very careful about violating intellectual property laws.

I often hear disputes about the open source software and its quality. According to the results of researches carried out by the testing company Coverity in 2011, it turned out that open source software is not inferior in quality to the proprietary software. I think that is due to the fact that more and more people are participating in the development of the open source software.