

# Writing 1: Report

## 1.0 Introduction

This report assesses the TED talk "The mind behind Linux" and proposes it as supplemental learning material for CS students. In this ted talk [Linus Torvalds](#), the original programmer behind the Linux kernel and the GIT [distributed version control](#) system, explains how making his project open source helped create two of the most important pillars of modern software

## 2.1 Rationale

### 2.1.1 Pros

1. **Understanding of open source:** Computer Science students should know the benefits of open source licenses. Having a concrete example of how a single person project can, with the help of open source, so profoundly and positively affect the world is mind opening.
2. **The mind behind Linux:** CS students should know Linus Torvalds, who created two of the most prominent software applications ever made.

### 2.1.2 Contras

The talk is structured as an interview and as such could appear to be focused on Linus Torvalds and not strictly an educational video.

## 2.2 Key themes

1. **transparency and sharing:**
2. **focus on concrete problems:**

## 3. conclusion

## 4. recommendation