Cornell Open Source Aficionados

About

Open Source Aficionados is an organization where open source software users and developers at any level connect to share knowledge, experience, and ideas. Our mission is to promote the use of free software in education and to encourage the open exchange of knowledge.

Philosophy

Our organization promotes the use of software that guarantees the four "essential freedoms" outlined in the the GNU Free Software Definition:

> The freedom to run the program, for any purpose.

> The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish. Access to the source code is a precondition for this.

> The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor.

> The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others. By doing this you can give the whole community a chance to benefit from your changes. Access to the source code is a precondition for this.

Additionally, we seek to promote peer-to-peer knowledge sharing in all disciplines, through the widespread adoption of licenses like Creative Commons.

Activities

Open Source Aficionados meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in Thurston 204 at 5pm. Meeing topics have included talks about open source hardware licensing, how-to sessions on using LaTeX, help sessions for open source newcomers, and more. Members have also worked on projects for the Cornell community, such as a port of NetPrint to Linux. We also maintain a listserv and IRC channel for the discussion of open-source topics.

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