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This week's activity instructions are quite straightforward, but the answers have the potential to fill a book. Within the scope of our weekly activities, think widely and deeply about open source.

Part One of Two

(50 points for this 3-part question, 150+ words total)

How much open-source software …

1a …can be used for regular tasks on your computer?

Open-source software can be used for a wide variety of tasks on a computer, from general productivity tasks such as word processing and email to more specialized tasks such as programming and graphic design. The specific applications that are available vary depending on the operating system, but there are usually a wide range of open-source options to choose from. Some people prefer to use open-source software for all of their tasks, while others only use it for specific tasks or when they need a specific feature that is not available in a proprietary application. There is no right or wrong answer, and it ultimately comes down to personal preference.

1b …is available through Seneca [MyApps](https://myapps.senecacollege.ca/)?

The open-source software available through Seneca MyApps can be used for a variety of purposes, including office productivity, project management, and web development. Some of the most popular applications include the LibreOffice suite, GIMP, and Inkscape. With so many options available, there is sure to be an application that meets your needs

1c …is present but unseen when you are [on the web](https://www.startpage.com/sp/search?query=Open+Source+Software+web+development)?

There is a lot of open-source software present but unseen when you are on the web. Most of the time, when you are using a website, you are interacting with open-source software that is powering the website. Open-source software is present in many different forms on the web. For example, the Linux operating system is open source, as are many of the applications that run on it. Apache, the most popular web server software, is also open source.

Part Two of Two

How might you get involved in [open source projects](https://www.startpage.com/do/dsearch?query=open+source+software+projects+for+beginners) to gain [marketable experience](OSS%20projects%20marketable%20development%20experience)?  
What open source projects interest you and why?

(50 points for 250+ words)

There are many ways to get involved in open source projects. One way is to find a project that interests you and contribute to it. This can be done by fixing bugs, writing documentation, or adding new features. Starting your own open source project is another option to become involved. This may be a great chance for you to develop your talents and earn experience.

Last but not least, you can get involved in open source projects by planning or attending gatherings like conferences, hackathons, or online forums. You can network with other developers and gain knowledge about open source development in this way.

I am interested in open source projects that help people in some way. For example, I have contributed to a project that helps people fill out online forms. I am also interested in projects that make it easier for people to use data. For example, I have started a project that makes it easier for people to find and use data from the US Census.