

## Course: Free and Open-Source Software

### Course Learning Objectives:

The objective of this course is

- To understand the difference between open-source software and commercial software.
- To understand the policies, licensing procedures and ethics of FOSS.
- To know open-source philosophy, methodology and ecosystem.
- To discriminate awareness with Open-Source Technologies.

### Course Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, the learners will be able

- To differentiate between Open Source and Proprietary software and Licensing.
- To recognize the applications, benefits and features of Open-Source Technologies.
- To gain knowledge to start, manage open-source projects.

Unit	Content	No. of Lectures:30
1	<p><b>1.1 Introduction to Open-Source:</b> Open Source, Need and Principles of OSS, Open-Source Standards, Requirements for Software, OSS success, Free Software, Examples, Licensing, Free Vs. Proprietary Software, Free Software Vs. Open-Source Software, Public Domain. History of free software, Proprietary Vs Open-Source Licensing Model, use of Open-Source Software, FOSS does not mean no cost. History: BSD, The Free Software Foundation and the GNU Project.</p> <p><b>1.2 Open-Source Principles and Methodology:</b> Open-Source History, Open-Source Initiatives, Open Standards Principles, Methodologies, Philosophy, Software freedom, Open-Source Software Development, Licenses, Copyright vs. Copy left, Patents, Zero marginal cost, Income-generation Opportunities, Internationalization.</p> <p><b>1.3 Licensing:</b> What Is a License, how to create your own Licenses, Important FOSS Licenses (Apache, BSD, PL, LGPL), copyrights and copy lefts, Patent.</p> <p><b>1.4 Open-Source projects:</b> Starting and maintaining own Open-Source Project, Open-Source Hardware, Open-Source Design, Open-source Teaching, Open-source media</p>	15
2	<p><b>2.1 Collaboration:</b> Community and Communication, Contributing to Open-Source Projects Introduction to GitHub, interacting with the community on GitHub, Communication and etiquette, testing open-source code, reporting 15 Page 17 of 50 issues, contributing code. Introduction to Wikipedia, contributing to Wikipedia or contributing to any prominent open-source project of student's choice.</p> <p><b>2.2 Open-Source Ethics and Social Impact:</b> Open source vs. closed source, Open-source Government, Ethics of Open-source, Social and Financial impacts of open-source technology, Shared software, Shared source, Open Source as a Business Strategy.</p> <p><b>2.3 Understanding Open-Source Ecosystem:</b> Open-Source Operating Systems: GNU/Linux, Android, Free BSD, Open Solaris. Open-Source Hardware, Virtualization Technologies, Containerization Technologies: Docker, Development tools, IDEs, Debuggers, Programming languages, LAMP, Open-Source Database technologies.</p> <p><b>2.4 Case Studies:</b> Example Projects: Apache Web server, BSD, GNU/Linux, Android, Mozilla (Firefox), Wikipedia, Drupal, WordPress, Git, GCC, GDB, GitHub, Open Office, LibreOffice Study: Understanding the developmental models, licensing, mode of funding, commercial/non-commercial use.</p>	15