Getting started with contributing to open source

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Who Am I?

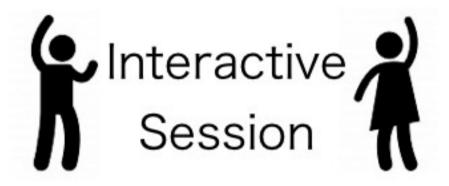
- Linux kernel engineer at Oracle
- Worked as a Linux kernel intern under the Outreachy program
- Linux foundation training scholarship winner
- Involved with open source internship programs [RGSoC, Learn IT, Girl, GCI, GSoC]
- In short, an open source ethusiast who is getting paid for working on open source software

<u>Agenda</u>

- What is open source?
- Why contribute to open source?
- Ways to getting involved in open source
- How to get involved in open source
- Git
- Open source internship programs
- Questions

What I am not going to do...







What is Open Source?

- Open source is a methodology or philosophy that promotes free redistribution and access to a product's design or ideas and implimentation details
 - Open as in free
 - Open as in access
 - Open as in any place and available for everyone
 - Dozens of License types
 - Modifiable and usuable for any purpose
 - Often community developed



Why contribute to open source?

- Give back to the community
- People and collaboration
- Education and learning
- Interesting and challenging
- Fun
- Your portfolio = your CV

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Bugs

→ Finding bugs

→ Reporting bugs

→ Fixing bugs







- Bugs
- Testing

- → Using tools
- → Testing of new features
- → Performance testing



- Bugs
- Testing
- Documentation
 - → Contributing to the existing docs
 - → Writing blogs
 - → Adding new docs



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- Community involvement

and helping others



Choose a project

Skills

Projects





- Choose a project
- Mailing list and IRC





- Choose a project
- Subscribe to Mailing lists and connect over IRC
- Setting up an environment
 - → Installing the Linux distro [Ubuntu, Fedora, Debian]
 - → Getting the source code
 - → Version control systems [ex. Git]
 - → Setting up necessary tools

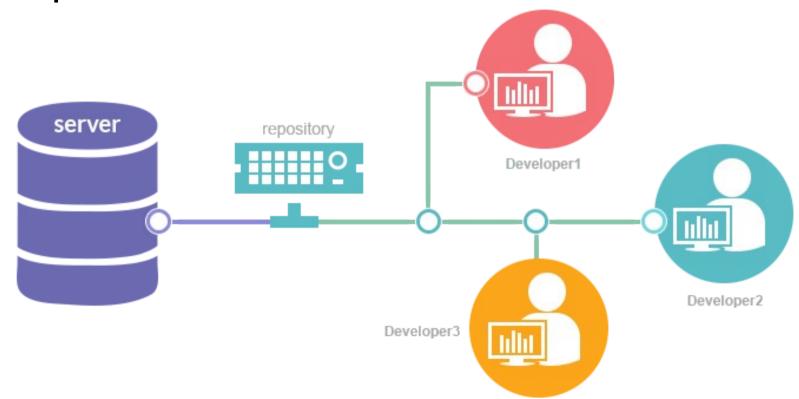
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- Read documentation and/or tutorials
 - → "Getting started with ..." docs/wikis
 - ex. https://wiki.gnome.org/NewcomersTutorial http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Gerrit/Getting_started https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/How_To_Contribute http://kernelnewbies.org/Outreachyfirstpatch
 - → Reading blog of developers and previous participants of open source internship programs
 - Reading mailing list archieves and IRC logs

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- Bug trackers
 - → Software application that keeps track of reported software bugs in software development projects
 - → Common bug trackers : Bugzilla, Gerrit

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- Understanding community best practices
 - → Project hosting site [ex. Github, GitLab]
 - Mailing lists and IRC etiquetts

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- Coding -> Testing -> Discussing -> Repeat

- Version control system
 - A system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later



- Version control system
- Developed by Linus Torvalds in 2005
 - → Speed
 - → Simple design
 - → Fully distributed
 - → Large projectr support



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- Installation
 - → Debian based: "sudo apt-get install git-all"
 - → Yum based: "dnf install git-all" or "sudo yum install git-all"



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- Setting up .gitconfig
 - git config --global user.name "John Doe"
 - git config --global user.email johndoe@example.com

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 - → Git clone <URL to git repository>

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- Some common terminology and commands
 - → Intializing your project git init
 - → What's up? git status
 - → What is relevant git add, git commit -s -v

Git patch

fcoe: Convert use of __constant_htons to htons

In little endian cases, the macro htons unfolds to __swab16 which provides special case for constants. In big endian cases, __constant_htons and htons expand directly to the same expression. So, replace __constant_htons with htons with the goal of getting rid of the definition of __constant_htons completely.

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+ fcoe->fcoe_packet_type.type = htons(ETH_P_FCOE);

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diff --git a/drivers/scsi/fcoe/fcoe.c b/drivers/scsi/fcoe/fcoe.c
index ec193a8..d3eb80c 100644
--- a/drivers/scsi/fcoe/fcoe.c
+++ b/drivers/scsi/fcoe/fcoe.c
@@ -364,7 +364,7 @@ static int fcoe_interface_setup(struct fcoe_interface *fcoe,
* on the ethertype for the given device
*/
fcoe->fcoe_packet_type.func = fcoe_rcv;
- fcoe->fcoe_packet_type.type = __constant_htons(ETH_P_FCOE);
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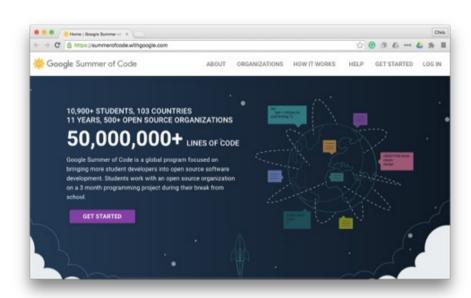
Github based terminologies

- Repository
- Pull request
- Fork
- Issue
- Commit
- Star

Open source internship programs

GOOGLE SUMMER OF CODE

- 100+ participating organizations
- Some big organizations includes Mozilla, Wikipedia, Linux Foundation, GNOME, KDE
- Eligibility: 18+ student
- 5500\$ stipend / 3 months, Goodies
- Takes place once a year, summer only
- Program site : https://summerofcode.withgoogle.com/



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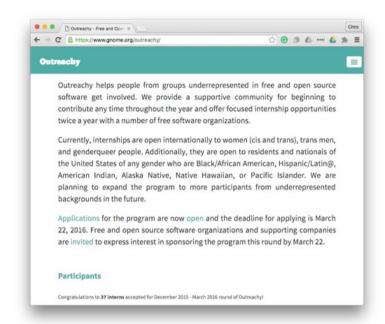
STATICS OF GOOGLE SUMMER OF CODE

- 1051 total accepted students from 73 countries in 2015
- India ranked first with the highest number of participants [335] in 2015
- 1307 total accepted students in 2014
- India ranked first with highest number of participants [401]
- IIIT-H was ranked first with highest number of selected students in 2015 [69] and in 2014 [62]

<u>Open source internship programs</u>

OUTREACHY

- 15+ participating organizations including Mozilla, Wikipedia, Linux Kernel, GNOME, Openstack
- Eligibility: People from underrepresented group in technology



- 5500\$ stipend / 3 months, extra 500\$ as a travel reimbursement for conference
- Takes place twice a year, summer and winter
- Program site : https://www.gnome.org/outreachy/

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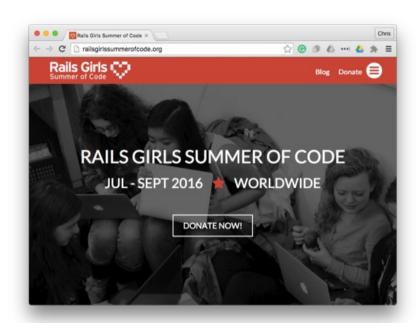
STATICS OF OUTREACHY

- More than 280 participants participated till now
- Around 45 had full session talks at FOSS conferences
- Around 37 found full employment or contract positions with the sponsoring organization
- Around 30 continued to participate in GsoC either as a student or mentor
- Around 70 are working in the IT industry [half of them in the open source]
- Interviews of many interns published in magazines like IT World, opensource.com, linux.com, SC magazine etc

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RAILS GIRLS SUMMER OF CODE

- 40+ participating organizations including Apache, GitLab, Rails etc
- Aim: Getting more women in the open source



- Stipend varies based on the location, and it mandatory to apply as a team
- Takes place once a year, in a summer
- Program site : http://railsgirlssummerofcode.org/

<u>Open source internship programs</u>

STATICS OF RGSoC

- Around 35 sponsored teams and 20 volunteer teams partcipated from 2013 to 1015
- 90% students are now working in tech, 8% students founded their startup, 55% students are still working on OSS
- Teams participated from more than 23 countries
- Around 86 sponsors sponsored teams [from 2013 to 2015]

Open source internship programs

SOME MORE PROGRAMS

- Season of KDE
- Mozila winter of security
- OWASP SoC
- Open Daylight internship program
- TOR Summer of Privacy

QUESTIONS?

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WELCOME TO THE OPEN SOURCE COMMUNITY

