



Introduction to Free and Open Source Software

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What is Free (Libre) Software?

“Free software” means software that respects users' freedom and community. Roughly, it means that **the users have the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software**.

A program is free software if the program's users have the four essential freedoms: [\[1\]](#)

- ❑ The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose (freedom 0).
- ❑ The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish (freedom 1). Access to the source code is a precondition for this.
- ❑ The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help others (freedom 2).
- ❑ The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others (freedom 3). 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.

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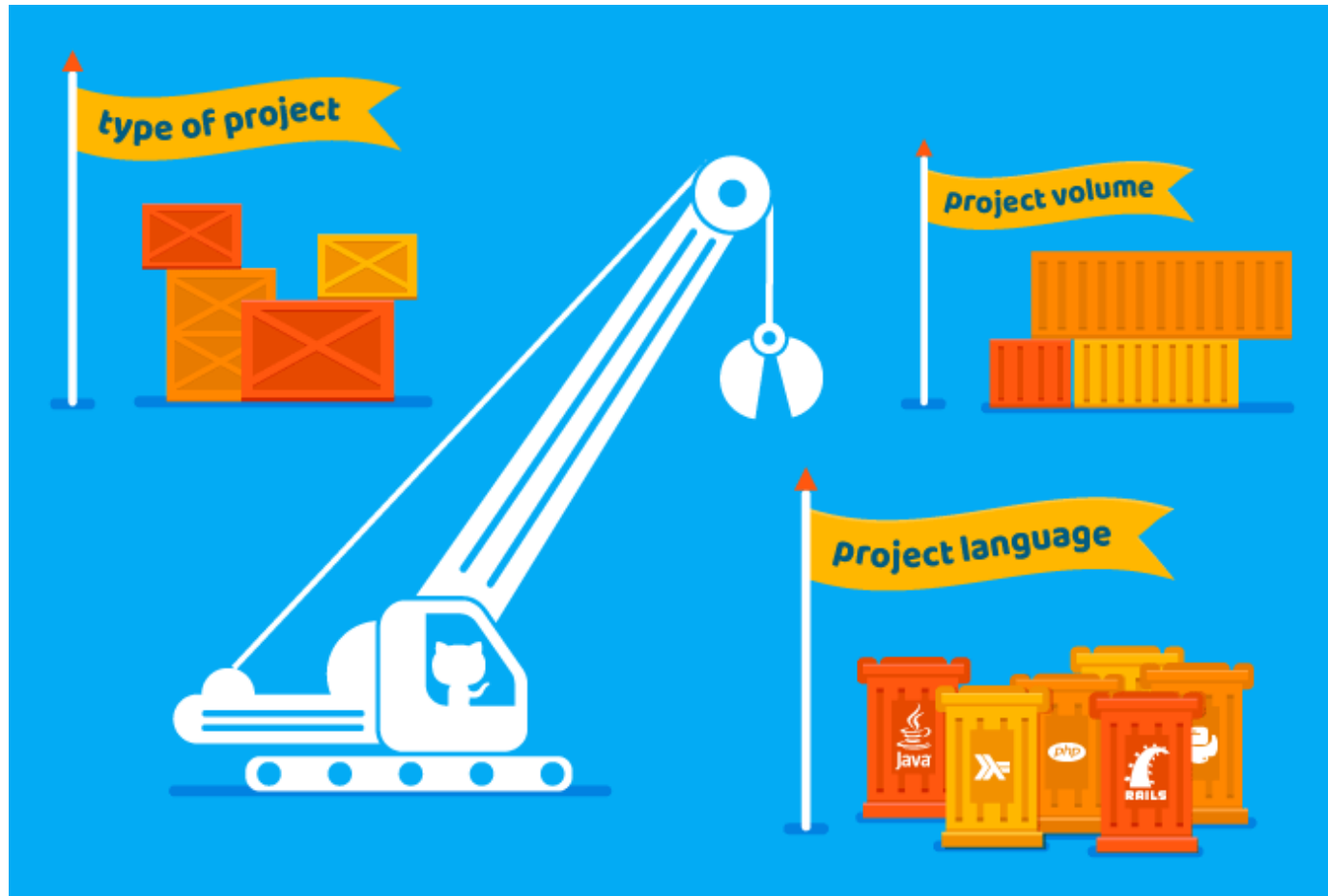
What is Open Source Software?

Open source doesn't just mean access to the source code. The distribution terms of open-source software must comply with the following criteria:

1. Free Redistribution
2. Source Code
3. Derived Works
4. Integrity of The Author's Source Code
5. No Discrimination Against Persons or Groups
6. No Discrimination Against Fields of Endeavor
7. Distribution of License
8. License Must Not Be Specific to a Product
9. License Must Not Restrict Other Software
10. License Must Be Technology-Neutral

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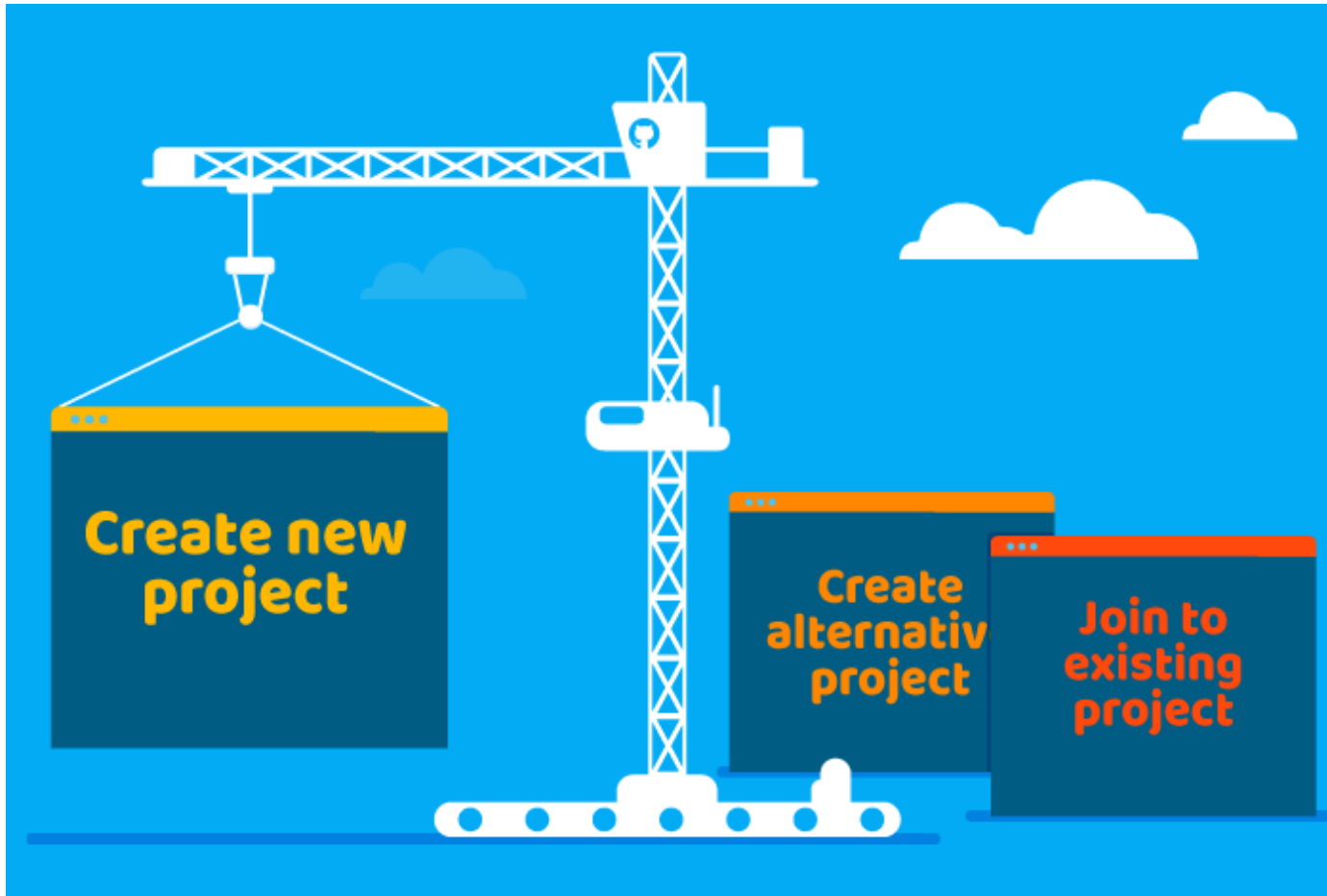
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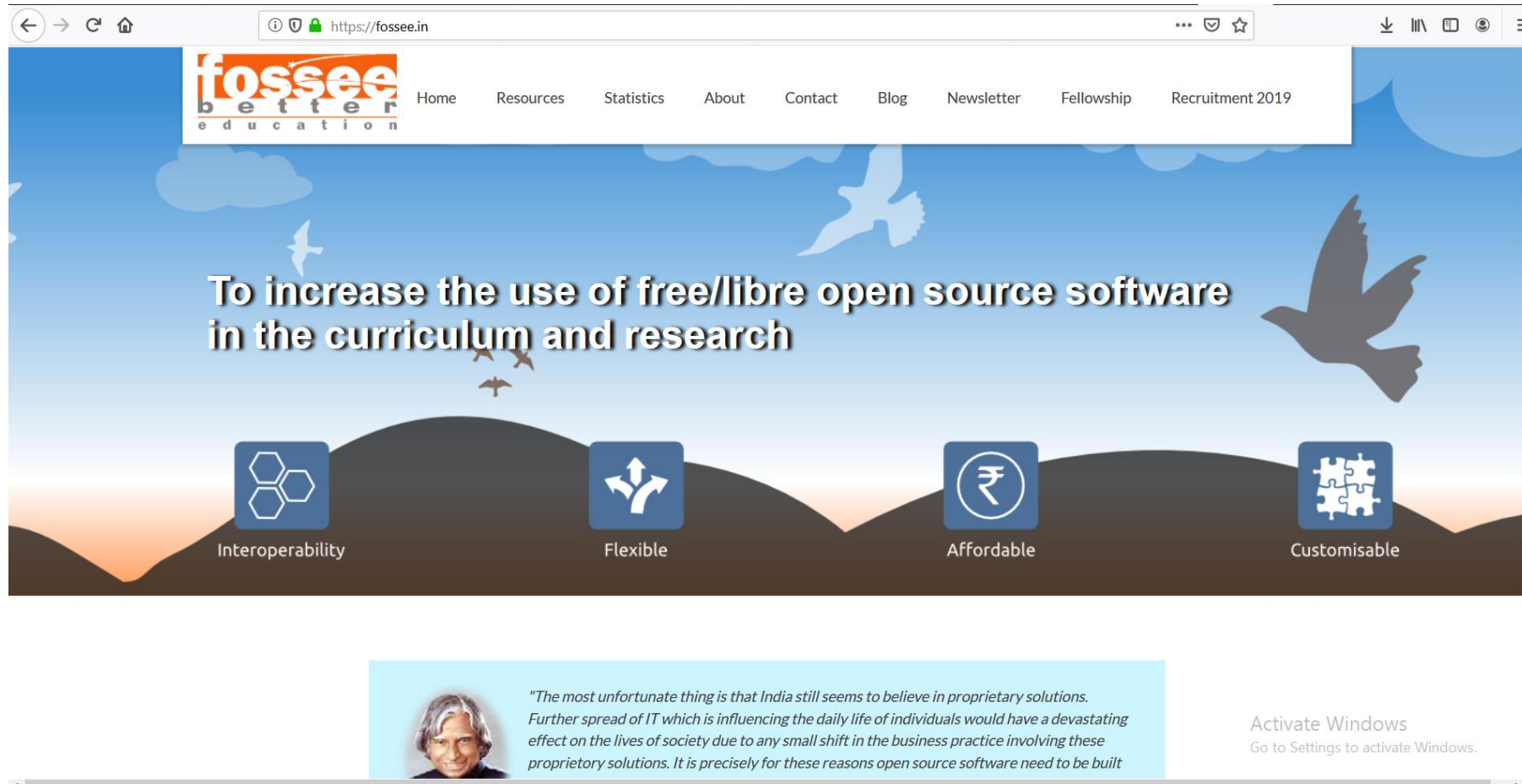
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Communities interested in mentoring Outreachy interns should [sign up to mentor through the community CFP process](#).

Outreachy provides internships to work in Free and Open Source Software (FOSS). Outreachy internships are open to applicants around the world. Interns work remotely, and are not required to move. Interns are paid a stipend of \$5,500 USD for the three month internship. Interns have a \$500 USD travel stipend to attend conferences or events.

Interns work with experienced mentors from FOSS communities. Outreachy internship projects may include programming, user experience, documentation, illustration, graphical design, or data science. Interns often find employment after their internship with Outreachy sponsors or in jobs that use the skills they learned during their internship.

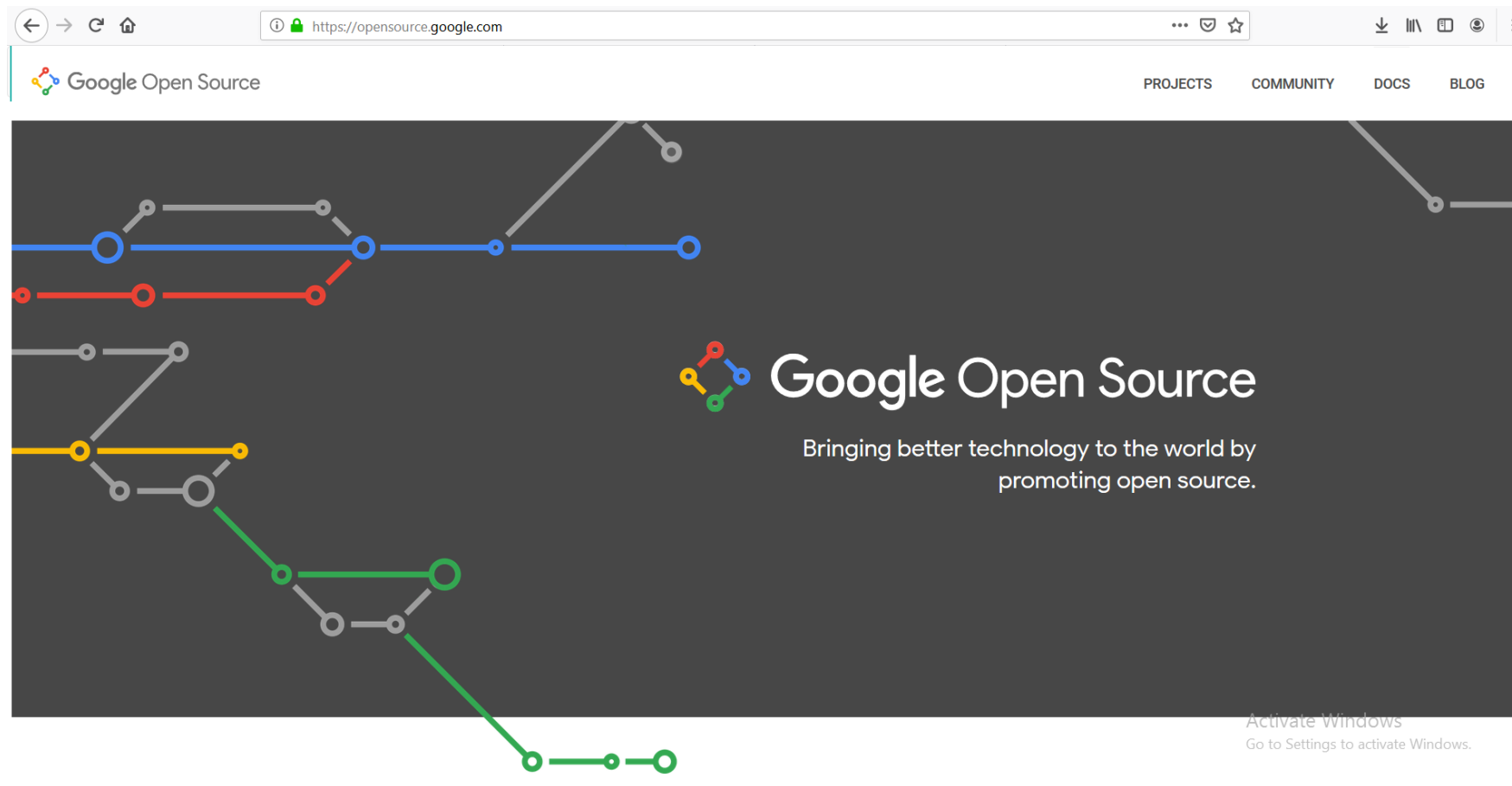
We expressly invite women (both cis and trans), trans men, and genderqueer people to apply. We also expressly invite applications from residents and nationals of the United States of any gender who are Black/African American, Hispanic/Latin@, Native American/American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander. Anyone who faces under-representation, systemic bias, or discrimination in the technology industry of their country is invited to apply.



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Google Open Source



Microsoft Open Source

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Open Source website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Microsoft logo, "Microsoft Open Source", "Explore", "About", and a "Sign in" link. Below this, the main heading is "Contribute to Microsoft open source projects". A subtext reads: "Whether you're a seasoned open source developer or looking to make your first ever open source contribution Microsoft has many open source projects seeking new contributors. **All issues below need your help!**".

On the left side, there are filter sections:

- Filter**
- Languages**
 - ☐ C#
 - ☐ PowerShell
 - ☐ TypeScript
 - ☐ JavaScript
 - ☐ C++
 - [Show more](#)
- Project activity**
 - ☐ Last week
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On the right, there's a search bar: "Filter projects by name, description, topics or issue title". Below it, two project cards are visible:

- Azure/azure-functions-core-tools** (C#)
Command line tools for Azure Functions
★ 436 | 150 forks | Last active: 9/19/2019
Topic: azure-functions
- dotnet/sourcelink** (C#)
Source Link enables a great source debugging experience for your users, by adding source control metadata to your built assets
★ 462 | 44 forks | Last active: 9/19/2019

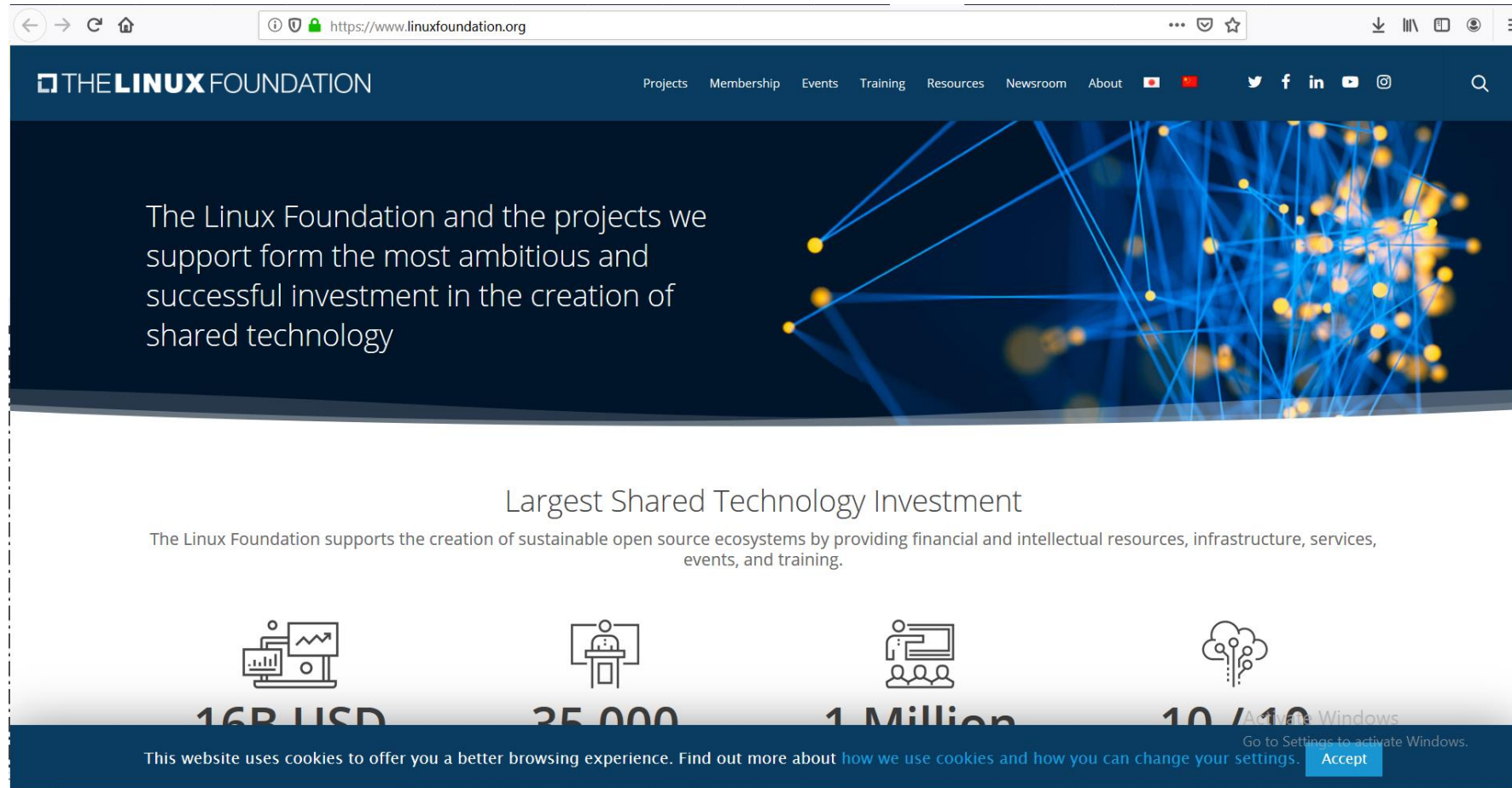
Below the second project, there are several issue titles with "Good first issue" labels:

- [Implement support for Subversion](#)
- [Implement support for Mercurial repos and providers](#)
- [Add integration tests that covers error reported when multiple source control packages are referenced](#)
- [Update integration tests to cover EmbedUntrackedFiles](#)
- [Add integration test to cover repositories with submodules](#)

At the bottom right, there's a Windows watermark: "Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows."

The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the search bar "Search the web and Windows", several application icons, and the system clock: "8:19 AM 9/20/2019".

The Linux Foundation



The screenshot shows the Linux Foundation website in a browser. The browser's address bar displays 'https://www.linuxfoundation.org'. The website's header features the 'THE LINUX FOUNDATION' logo on the left and a navigation menu with links to 'Projects', 'Membership', 'Events', 'Training', 'Resources', 'Newsroom', and 'About' on the right. Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram are also present. A search icon is located at the far right of the header.

The main content area has a dark blue background with a network diagram of yellow nodes and blue lines. The text reads: 'The Linux Foundation and the projects we support form the most ambitious and successful investment in the creation of shared technology'.

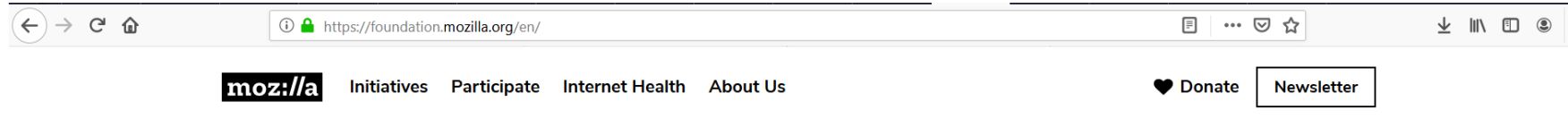
Below this is a section titled 'Largest Shared Technology Investment'. The text states: 'The Linux Foundation supports the creation of sustainable open source ecosystems by providing financial and intellectual resources, infrastructure, services, events, and training.'

Four icons represent different aspects of the foundation's work, each with a corresponding value:

- Icon of a computer monitor and bar chart: **16B USD**
- Icon of a person at a podium: **35,000**
- Icon of three people: **1 Million**
- Icon of a cloud with a person inside: **10 / 10**

At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains a cookie notice: 'This website uses cookies to offer you a better browsing experience. Find out more about [how we use cookies and how you can change your settings.](#) [Accept](#)'.

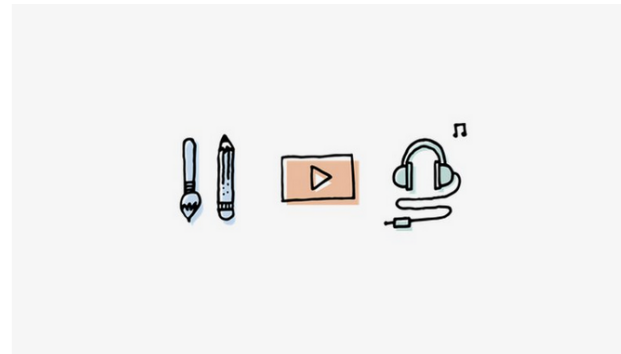
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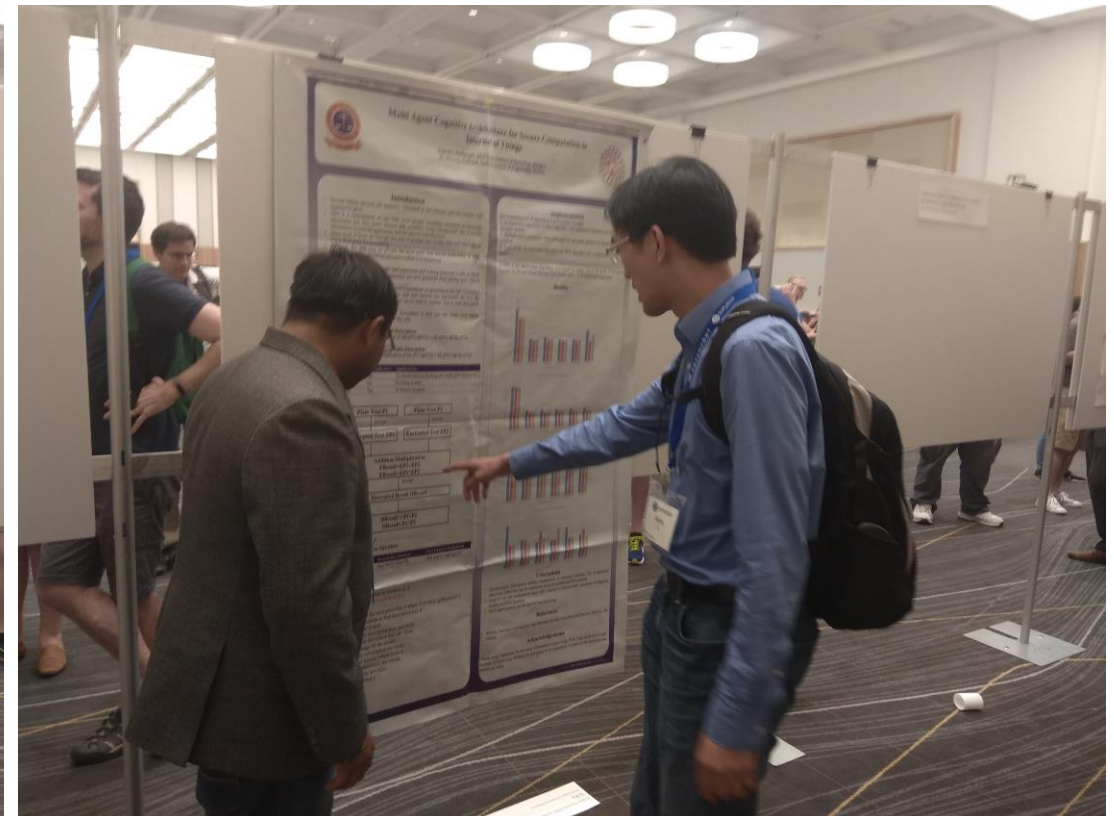
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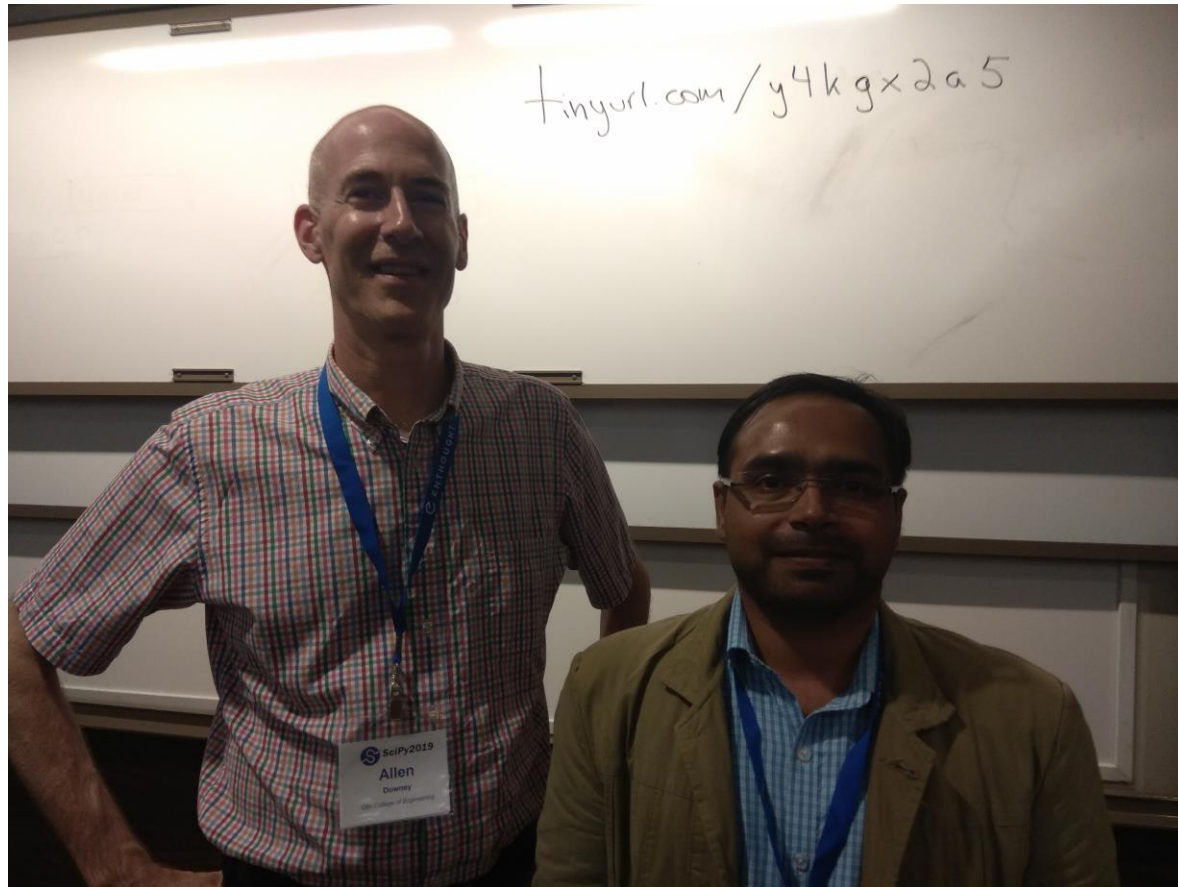
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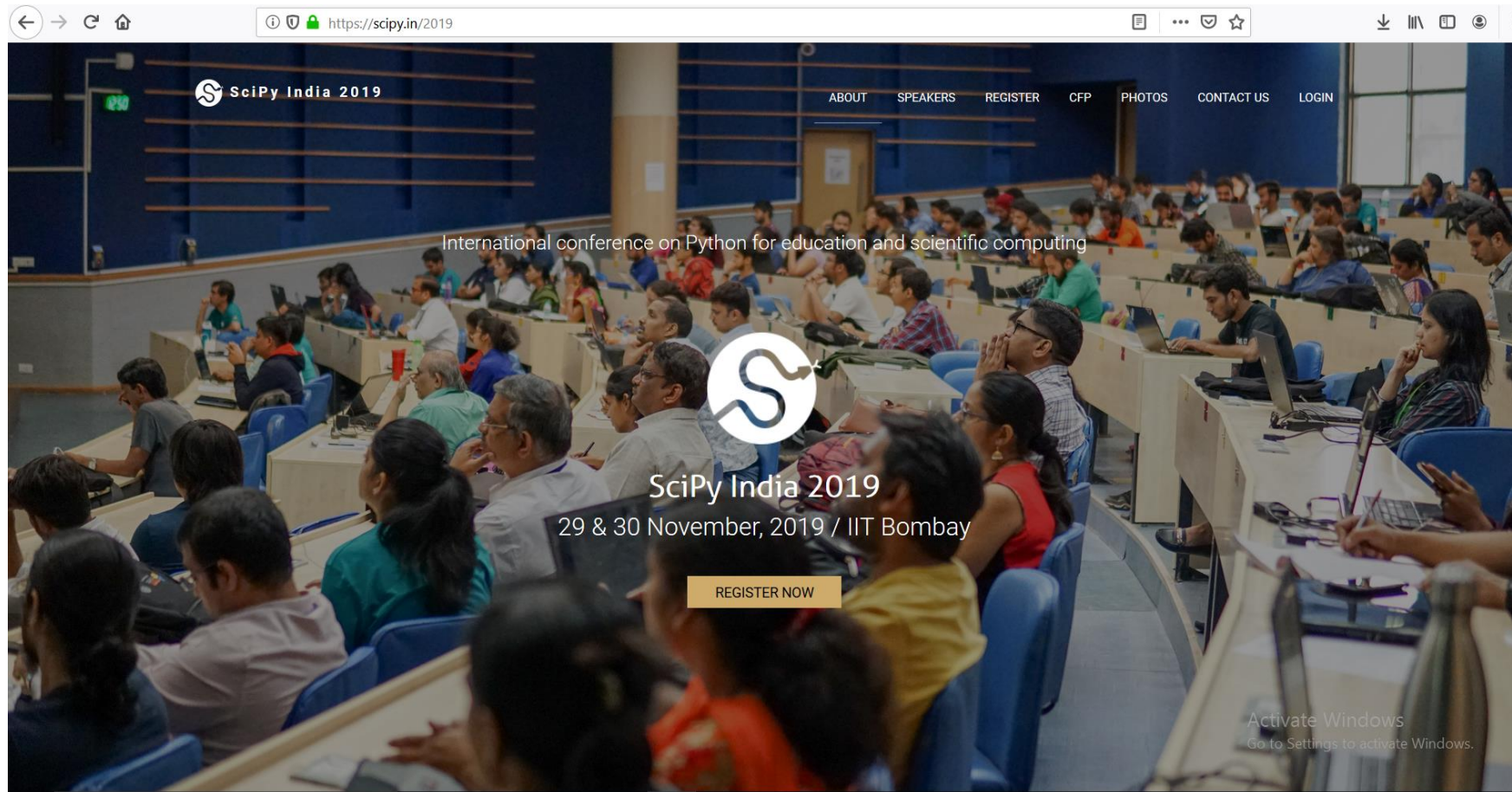
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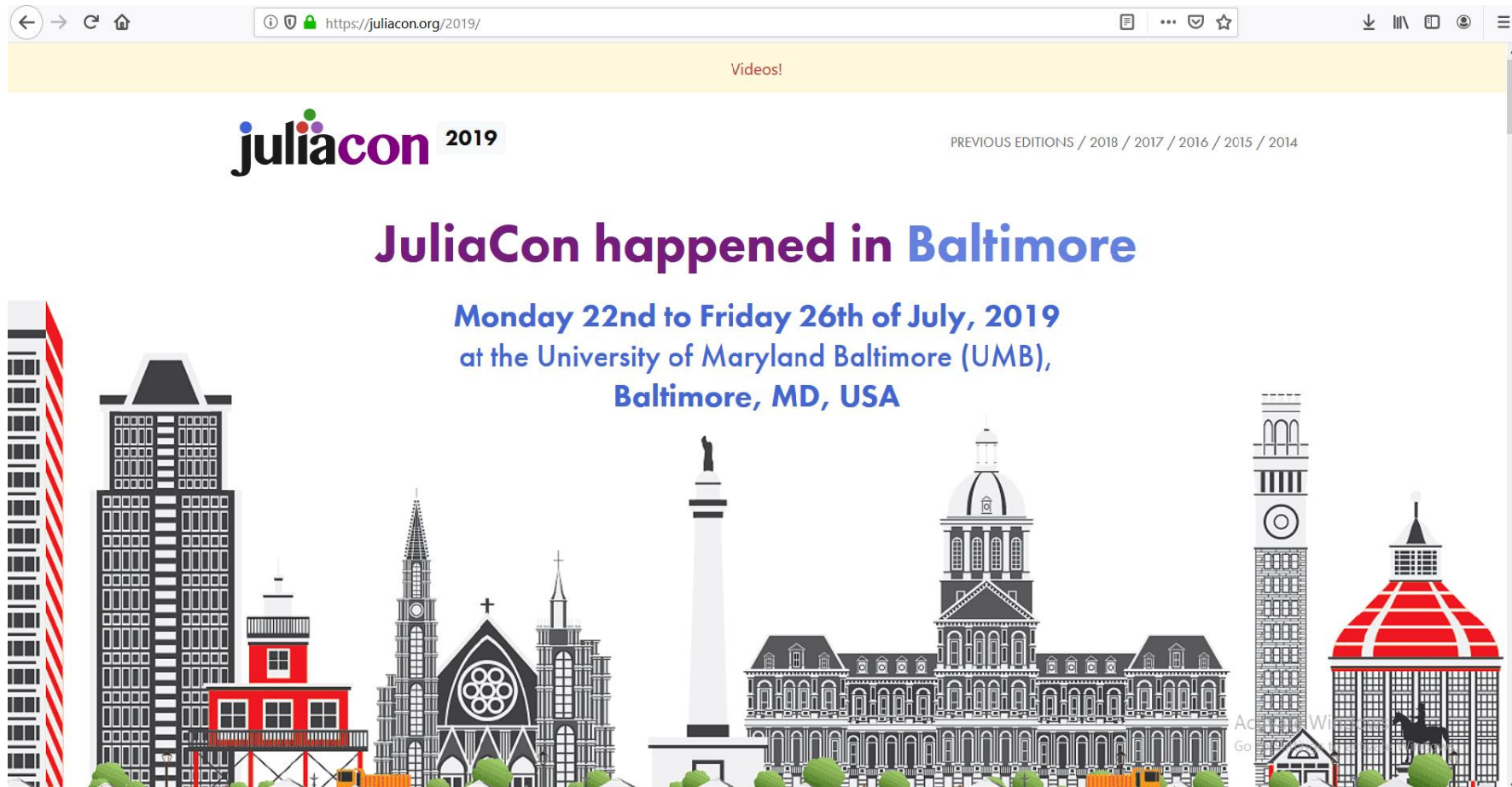
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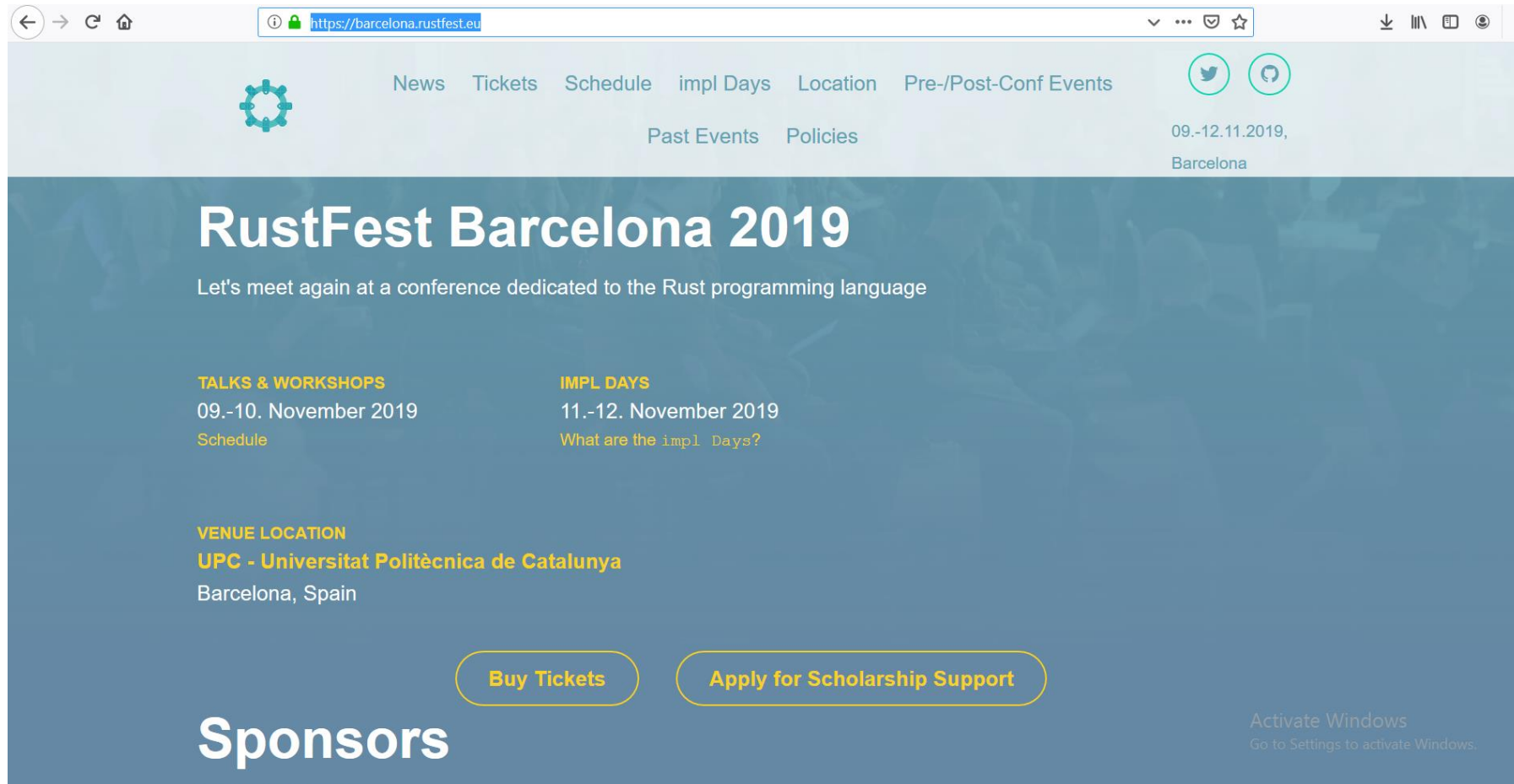
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The screenshot shows the website for RustFest Barcelona 2019. The browser's address bar displays the URL <https://barcelona.rustfest.eu>. The website's header includes a navigation menu with links for News, Tickets, Schedule, impl Days, Location, and Pre-/Post-Conf Events. Social media icons for Twitter and GitHub are also present. The main content area features a large title "RustFest Barcelona 2019" and a subtitle "Let's meet again at a conference dedicated to the Rust programming language". Below this, there are sections for "TALKS & WORKSHOPS" (09.-10. November 2019), "IMPL DAYS" (11.-12. November 2019), and "VENUE LOCATION" (UPC - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain). At the bottom, there are two prominent buttons: "Buy Tickets" and "Apply for Scholarship Support". The word "Sponsors" is visible at the very bottom left. A Windows watermark is visible in the bottom right corner of the browser window.

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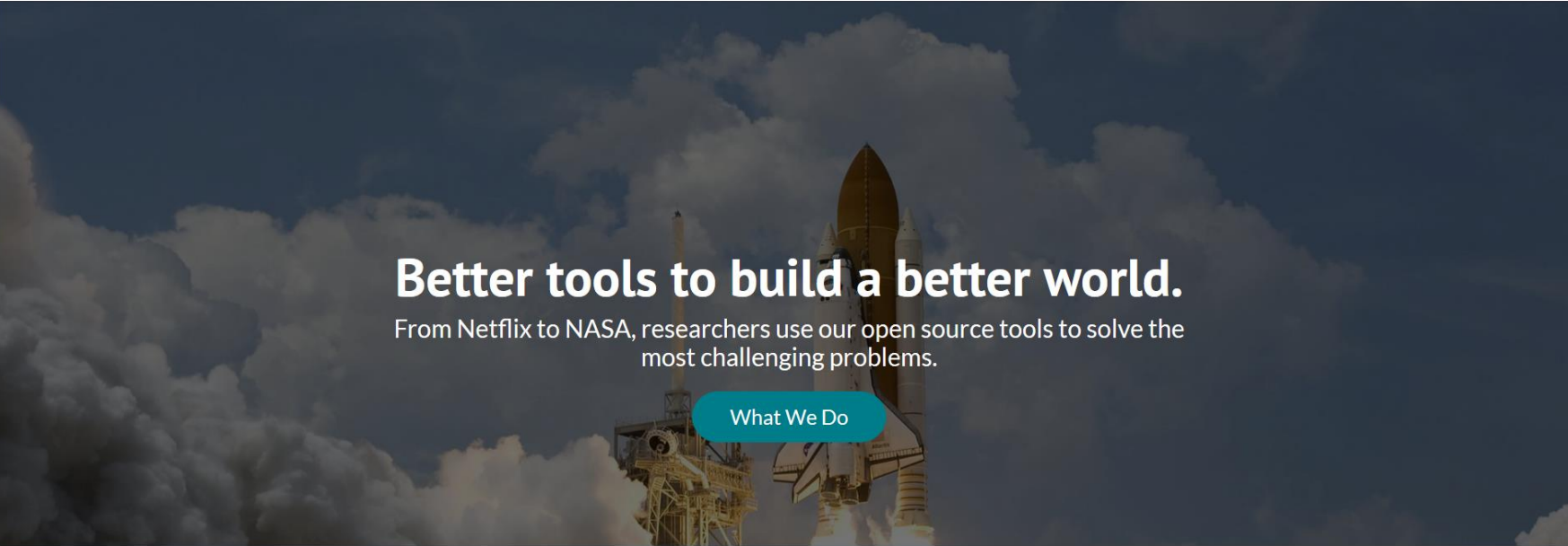
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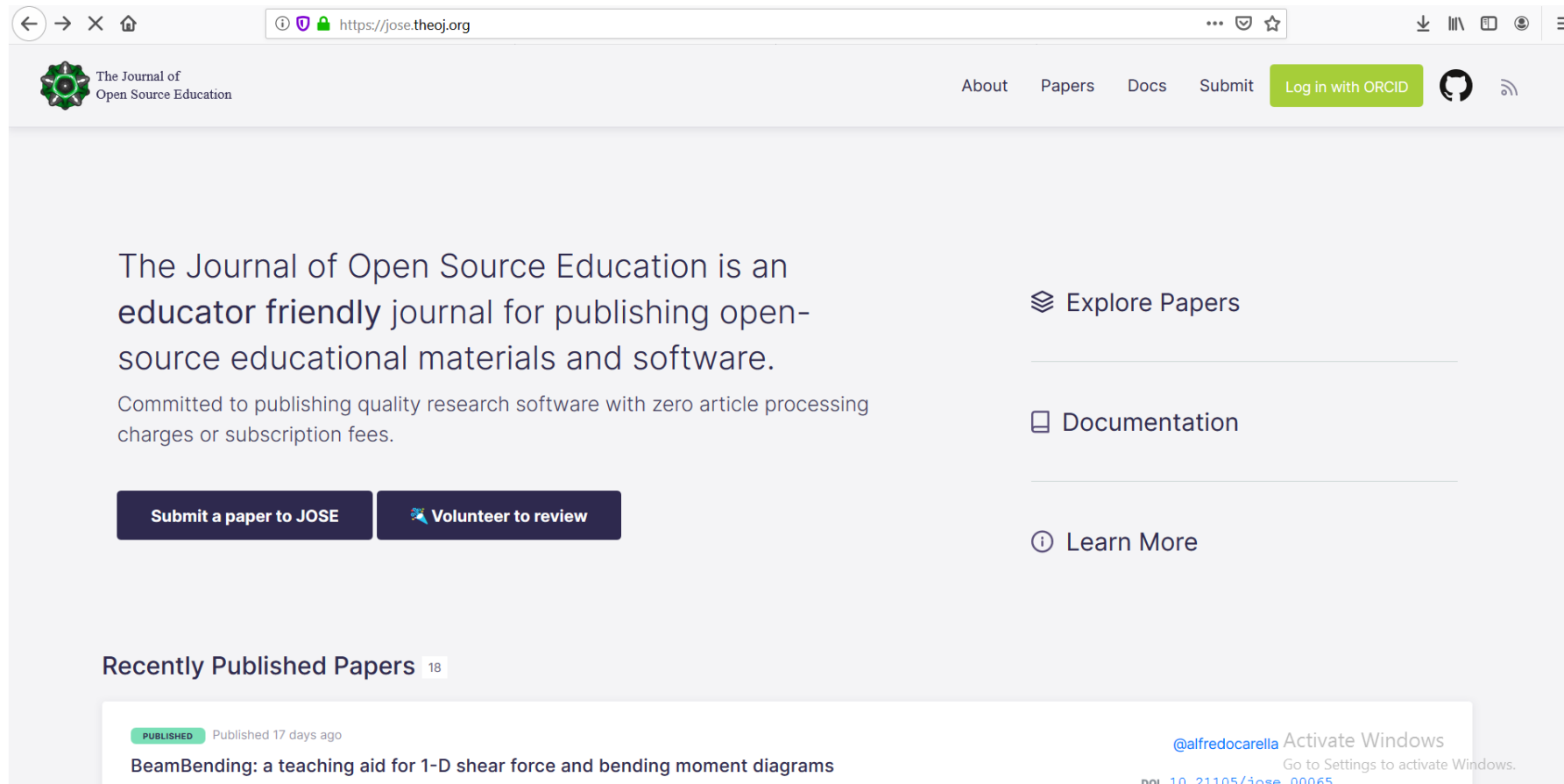
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
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