



Dear Sir/Madam,

Free Software Foundation Tamil Nadu (FSFTN) is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to promote free software – software whose source code is freely available in the public domain and which can be run for any purpose, distributed, modified and distributed in its modified form. Since 2008, FSFTN has been active in promoting the use of free software in the fields of education and has conducted numerous workshops in all parts of the State. FSFTN, which is associated with the Free Software Movement of India, comprises academicians and students from IIT-Madras, Anna University, many other prominent engineering colleges as well professionals from the IT industry and entrepreneurs.

At a time when the IT industry is facing a crisis, training in free software provides students a powerful edge in when it comes to the job market and the ability to learn new technology. For colleges too, free software offers the possibilities of staying up-to-date with the latest technology. To this end, FSFTN organises workshops for students and faculty training programmes.

Day 1

Philosophy of Free Software.

Installing a GNU/Linux distribution (mostly Ubuntu), File System

Hierarchy.

Introduction to command line

Installing packages and other general things which will help the students started with Ubuntu or any other GNU/Linux distribution.

Day 2

Any one of the following technologies with theory as well as hands-on session

Content Management System

Python

Ruby On Rails

Octave

Day 3

Any one more of the above-mentioned technologies

(or)

Creation of distro of their own

We normally prefer a 2 or 3 day-workshops , though it may also be scaled to 5 days depending upon the support from the institution and the number of participants .

The fees we charge from the students would be 200/2 day session and 300/3 day session.

GNU/Linux Users' Group

A GNU/Linux Users' Group (GLUG) is set up in every college. The GLUG will be affiliated to and certified by FSFTN. Among the activities of the GLUG, as recommended by the GLUG Manifesto, are spreading awareness of free software to other students in the college, organising installation fests and self-learning sessions for students in the latest fields of technology. GLUG members will also have an opportunity to participate in and organise a variety of activities conducted under the banner of FSFTN around the State such as Software Freedom Day, seminars, discussions etc and also participate in workshops in other States. Creating an environment of self-learning, and promoting cooperation and coordination with both other GLUGs and FSFTN to take the level of understanding in technology to the next level is the minimum expected from every GLUG.

Thanking you,

Executive Committee,
Free Software Foundation Tamil Nadu