Insights on Open Source...what, how and why?

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What is open source?

- Anything with source that anyone can inspect, modify, and enhance.
- Promotes sharing, collaboration, communication and caring
- Something people can modify and share because it is publicly accessible.



Why open source?

- Of course, it's free and accessible
- Attracts like-minded people
- Exercise control over code that you like and you don't like
- Rapidly changing for the better
- Keep a record of what you've done
-It's fun!

How is open source software better?







Mac OS?

How is open source changing lives?

- People, irrespective of technical backgrounds unite to make software better
- No one judges you
- Web is more accessible
- It's everywhere (top 500 supercomputers run Linux)

How can it change yours?

- Helps create a portfolio
- Find mentors and peers
- Demonstrate collaboration
- Network and find jobs



What can you contribute?

- Code
- Tests
- Bug reports
- Answering questions
- Documentation and blog posts
- Graphics
- User interface and User experience
- Volunteering and marketing

How do you get started?

- Learn basics about open source platforms
- Find your passion
- Find a project associated with your passion
- Talk to volunteers and/or project maintainers
- Find newcomer-friendly issues
- Integrate into the community
- Pass it on

Tips for asking questions

- Go through the code of conduct
- Always prefer asking on public forums
- Do your research
- Keep account of where you looked
- Be concise and precise

Make the most of open source

- Don't code in a corner
- Ask for feedback
- Ask lots of questions but after doing your research
- Take small nibbles
- Keep a list of new terms

Opportunities

- Makes way for startups
- Internship opportunities
 - Google Summer of Code
 - Outreachy
 - Rails Girls Summer of Code
 - Girlscript Summer of Code
 -and lots more

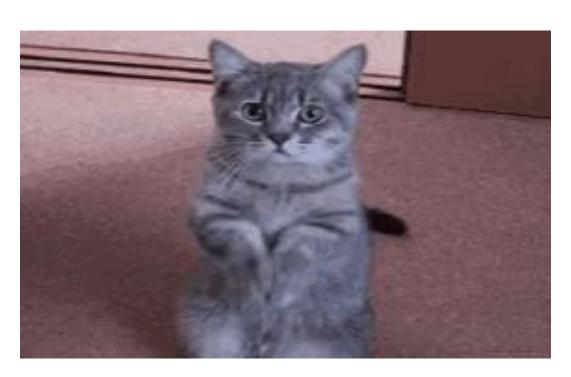
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