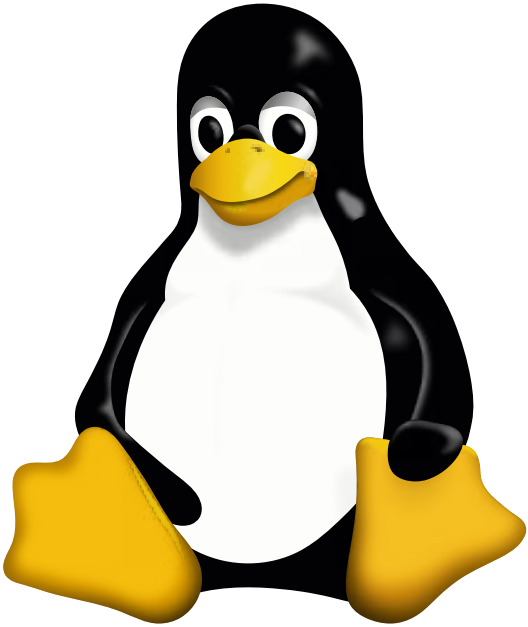
Linux



01 – Linux is an open-source operating system created by Linus Torvalds in 1991. It's one of the pioneers of free and open-source software. In a large, ongoing collaboration involving many developers and major players in the technology field, it has been adapted for numerous platforms and devices.

Source: Torvalds, L. (1991). Linux kernel [Computer software]. The Linux Kernel Archives. https://www.kernel.org
Image: Ewing, L. (1996). Tux [Image]. Wikimedia Commons. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Tux.svg

2 Projects outside of product design
Blender

01 – Blender is a free and open-source 3D software. It supports the entire 3D pipeline, from modelling, shading, and animation to rendering and cutting. It runs on Windows, macOS, and Linux, among others.

Source: Blender Foundation. (n.d.). Blender (Version 4.3) [Computer software]. https://www.blender.org
Image: Blender Foundation. (n.d.). Blender logo [Image]. https://www.blender.org/about/logo/

Firefox

01 – Firefox is a free, open-source web browser developed by the Mozilla Foundation. It focuses on user privacy and security. The browser runs on a wide range of devices and operating systems, including Windows, macOS, Linux, Android, and iOS.

Source: Mozilla. (n.d.). Firefox [Computer software]. https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/
Image: Mozilla. (2019). Firefox browser logo [Image]. https://blog.mozilla.org/opendesign/firefox-the-evolution-of-a-brand/

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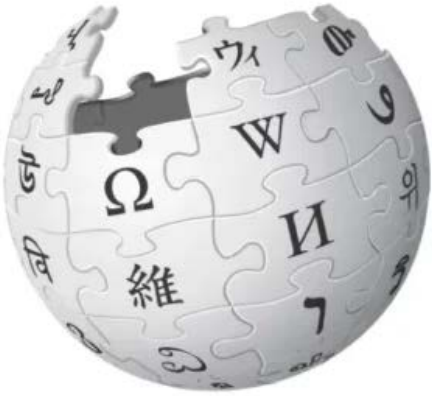
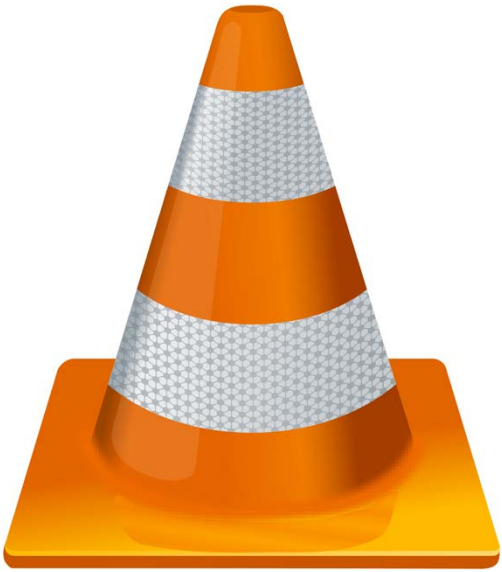


WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

01 – Wikipedia is a free, open, collaborative online encyclopedia. It is t edited and maintained by a community of volunteer editors.
Wikipedia illustrates the power of community and knowledge sharing in a powerful way.

Source: Wikipedia. (2025, February 8). In Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia
Image: Wikimedia Foundation. (2010). Wikipedia puzzle globe logo [Image]. https://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Wikipedia_trademarks

VLC Media Player



01 – VLC Media Player is a free, open-source media player developed by the VideoLAN project. It can play most multimedia files, discs, and streaming protocols.

Source: VideoLAN. (n.d.). VLC media player [Computer software]. https://www.videolan.org/vlc/
Image: VideoLAN. (n.d.). VLC cone logo [Image]. https://images.videolan.org/vlc/

6 Projects outside of product design
Wordpress

01 – WordPress is the open source content management system powering over 43% of all websites.

Source: WordPress Foundation. (n.d.). WordPress [Computer software]. https://wordpress.org
Image: WordPress. (n.d.). WordPress logo [Image]. https://wordpress.com

Open Street Map

01 – OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a free, open-source, and collaboratively built map of the world. It was created and is maintained by a global community of volunteer mappers.

Source: OpenStreetMap contributors. (2026). OpenStreetMap [Map]. Retrieved February 9, 2026, from https://www.openstreetmap.org
Image: OpenStreetMap Foundation. (2011). OpenStreetMap logo [Image]. https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Logos

Libre Office

01 – LibreOffice is a free and open-source office productivity software suite. It offers programs similar to the closed-source Microsoft Office Suite. It was created in 2010 as a fork of OpenOffice.org, itself a successor to StarOffice.

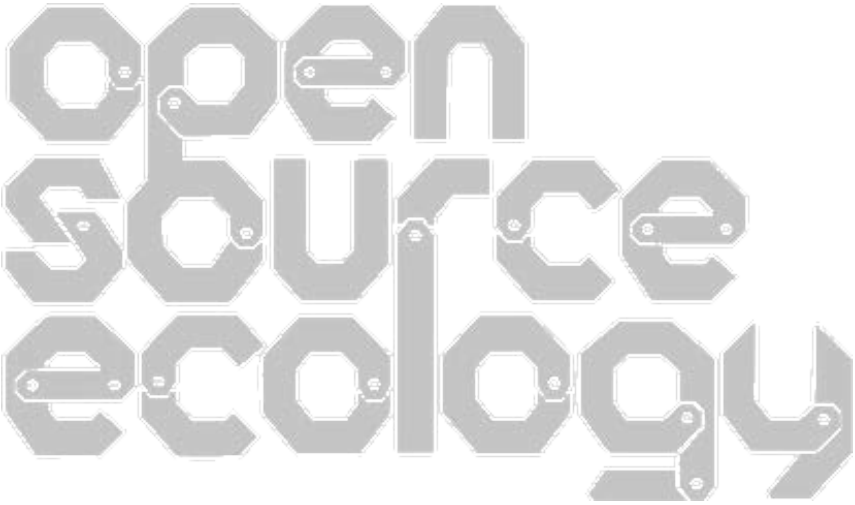
Sources: The Document Foundation. (n.d.). LibreOffice [Computer software]. https://www.libreoffice.org
Image: The Document Foundation. (n.d.). LibreOffice logo [Image]. https://www.libreoffice.org

Arduino

01 – Arduino is an open-source ecosystem for prototyping programmable electronic circuits. It exemplifies approachability made possible by open source and design. Before 2005, microcontrollers were the exclusive domain of engineers. Arduino did not just open the source code; it designed a physical language, the friendly blue boards with intuitive connectors, a comprehensive reciprocity that allowed designers to prototype without an engineering degree.

Source: Arduino SA. (n.d.). Arduino [Open-source hardware and software platform]. https://www.arduino.cc
Image: Arduino SA. (n.d.). Arduino community logo [Image]. https://www.arduino.cc/en/trademark/community-logo

Open Source Ecology



01 – Open Source Ecology (OSE) is a project to design a self-sufficient modern civilisation. It‘s made up of a network of farmers, engineers, and supporters dedicated to creating and freely sharing blueprints for the Global Village Construction Set (GVCS). At this stage, the GVCS comprises 50 production and farming machines.

Source: Open Source Ecology. (n.d.). About. https://www.opensourceecology.org/about-overview/

Image: Marcin Jakubowski, Open Source Ecology Logo, n.d., digital graphic © Open Source Ecology / CC BY-SA 4.0

Slic3r

01 – Slic3r is a free, open-source 3D slicing engine that converts digital 3D models into G-code instructions for 3D printers. Launched in 2011 by Alessandro Ranellucci, it became the foundation of domestic 3D-printing. It is the basis of PrusaSlicer and many more.

Source: Slic3r. (n.d.). About. https://slic3r.org/about/
Image: Slic3r. (n.d.). Slic3r logo [Image]. https://slic3r.org/

Prusa Slicer

01 – PrusaSlicer is a popular free, open-source 3D slicing software developed by Prusa Research. It is a derivative of the Slic3r software.

Source: PrusaSlicer. (2026, January 14). In Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PrusaSlicer (Retrieved February 9, 2026)
Image: Prusa Research. (2019). PrusaSlicer logo [Image]. https://www.prusa3d.com/page/prusaslicer_424/

Bambu Studio

01 – Bambu Studio is a free, open-source 3D slicing software developed by Bambu Lab, based on PrusaSlicer and Slic3r. It mainly differentiates itself from PrusaSlicer by its user-friendly interface and multi-colour printing with the proprietary Automatic Material System by Bambulab.

Source: Bambu Lab. (2026, February 3). In Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bambu_Lab (Retrieved February 9, 2026)
Image: Bambu Lab. (2022). Bambu Studio logo [Image]. https://bambulab.com/en/download/studio

Orca Slicer

ORCA SLICER

01 – Orca Slicer is a free, open-source slicer developed by SoftFever and is a direct fork of Bambu Studio, which is based on PrusaSlicer. Orca slicer and all the other slicers are based on, showing the power of open source and the power of shared R&D and shared knowledge.

Source: SoftFever. (2025). OrcaSlicer. https://www.orcaslicer.com
Image: SoftFever. (n.d.). OrcaSlicer logo [Image]. Orca slicer. https://www.orcaslicer.com/