Open Source- My view

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It is just in this field (Computer Science) that you get people so many crazy about the work they do. The best thing about Computers is that it’s a resource which is cheap and you can still do large miracles on it. It is open to everyone. Around 20 Ks and a descent internet connection can make you level to the most resourceful person in this field. That is how unbiased this field can be. That is how open this field is. That is how open it is meant to be.

It’s the time I entered into engineering in first year, (we didn’t have any computer subjects then (such a shame!) the whole year though I was admitted into CSE branch) that I first came to know about this term “Open Source”. That time it was just some pages I read and some things I got to know about what Open Source is. But then I was truly inspired and instigated by some of the seminars held by our seniors who had already formed an Open Source Club in our department.

What strikes me most about the Open Source organizations and communities is about their selflessness and dedication towards growth and development of technology. When most of the global heavyweights were cashing their work by licensing their products and selling them, Open source organizations were still firm about their approach to development. It is just mind- boggling how an organization can stand and deliver the most useful and efficient products and still maintain their revenues without imposing on the user any insistence to buy their products at high prices.

Personally, I can relate more to such an ideology. Though I am not against closed source organizations and I know they are doing great work and deserve appreciation too, getting your hard worked hours so little or no money, really needs a big heart. Open Source technologies have moral and technical support from users, from programmer’s and freelancers community. Open Source products have proved themselves successful in business domain too where they are against the highly priced closed source products. This shows how powerful they are.

The future of Open Source technologies and organizations which are based on them cannot be predicted, because at competition level it is a cruel world in computers field. But I am really impressed by how well Open Source had sustained the pressure and has still maintained the quality of their products in past. Many of the widely used software, Mozilla Firefox, Oracle Virtual machine, Netbeans, Android and most of the Linux flavors and Solaris Oss are all Open Source. So next time when you use these products, you know that these are not just products of codes but of “passion” of programmers around the globe.