It’s a strange thing to spend a number of years honing your craft only to develop and distribute a product and expect nothing in return. Even more so to allow your consumers to alter and redistribute your creation… but in essence this is the logic behind open-source technology-an often free product developed and improved upon by multiple members of a community. These days’ acquiring anything for free is often considered theft of property or intelligence, so when I began to learn of open-sourced technology it had certainly captured my attention. But to me open-source software is about more than saving money, as a student of development and programming it is a chance to give something back, to learn, to build my resume, and also to hold true to my anti-consumer/capitalist youth and provide an alternative free product to consumers that may not be capable of legally obtaining the latest Adobe or Microsoft upgrade.