



Let Open Source set us Free

A Call to Action for a Better Digital World

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Successful Projects

- Linux
- Drupal
- Kubernetes
- Nextcloud
- Mozilla Firefox
- LibreOffice
- Git
- Apache HTTP Server
- MySQL
- GitLab
- Docker
- VLC Media Player
- Blender
- GIMP
- Redis
- OpenStreetMap
- Mastodon
- Jitsi
- Prometheus
- Home Assistant
- Remark-js
- ...

The Power of Open Source

- **Freedom:** Control your software, data, and digital future
- **Data Sovereignty:** Own and control your data, not big tech
- **Transparency:** Open code means trust and security
- **Ethical AI:** Open models promote transparency and help prevent biased, proprietary systems
- **Innovation:** Faster progress through shared knowledge
- **Impact:** From personal projects to enterprise solutions
- **Collaboration:** Global communities building together

But Open Source is Getting Broken

- **Corporate Control:** Corporations steering projects for profit
- **Sustainability Challenges:** Funding and resource scarcity
- **Fragmentation:** Lack of unified direction in some projects
- **Lack of Governance:** Inconsistent decision-making processes
- **Contributor Burnout:** Volunteers overwhelmed and under-supported
- **Abandonment:** Key projects being neglected or discontinued

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- **Empowering People:** Open Source empowers individuals, not just technology
- **Community and Collaboration:** It creates a sense of belonging, connecting people
- **Self-Determination:** It lets communities shape their own digital future, free from control
- **Personal Growth:** Contributing helps build meaningful skills and fosters learning
- **Giving Back:** It's a chance to contribute to something larger than yourself
- **Fostering Innovation through People:** Technology can't replace human empathy
- **Collective Responsibility:** Open Source ensures everyone has a voice in shaping the future

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What's in for US?

- Shared Knowledge
- Lower Costs
- Faster Innovation
- Better Security
- Inclusive Community
- Customization
- Sustainability

Don't Wait for Change!

Be the Catalyst for Open Source Progress

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What Not to Do:

- Don't exclude anyone — Open Source is for all, regardless of background
- Don't focus only on technical aspects — embrace the cultural and social impact
- Don't fall into fundamentalism — be open to different approaches and solutions

"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone*, person to person."

Mother Teresa

* Alone means to start acting without waiting for others, not doing it apart from others.

Thank you

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