

10 FOSS Trivia You Likely Didn't Know

- A group of Open Source enthusiasts came up with a name for their community what we now know as **FOSS Nepal Community** while they had gathered to celebrate Software Freedom Day 2005. Interestingly, the community runs online and has no physical office space.
- Donald Knuth, a famous computer scientist, is known for his professional humor. Version numbers of his TEX software approach the number π , in that versions increment in the style 3, 3.1, 3.14, 3.141, and so on. Similarly, version numbers of his software Metafont approach the base of the natural logarithm, e .
- Hans Thomas Reiser, the primary developer of ReiserFS and Reiser4 filesystems faces 15 year jail imprisonment on charges of murder of his wife, Nina Reiser.
- Richard Stallman, founder of GNU, insists that his audio and video interviews be recorded using Open format-ogg. He doesn't use mobile phones as he believes the tracking of cell phones creates harmful privacy issues. He does not actively browse the web from his computer; rather, he uses wget and reads the fetched pages from his e-mail mailbox.
- The developer of Drupal, Dries Buytaert, wanted to name the project “dorp” (Dutch for “village”) for its community aspects, but made a typo when checking the domain name and thought it sounded better. Later, the project evolved as *Drupal* which is an English rendering of the Dutch word “druppel”, which means “drop” (as in “a water droplet”).
- Popular distributed revision control system GIT was originally written for Linux kernel development by none other than Linus Torvalds himself.
- R is a programming language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It is an implemented of S programming language and is also called GNU S.
- Django, an open source Web application framework written in Python, follows MVC architecture pattern but chooses a different naming convention – “MTV”. M for Model, T for Template and V for view. Roughly speaking, Django's View is equivalent to MVC's Controller whereas Django's Template is equivalent to MVC's View.
- Bug #1 in Ubuntu is - Microsoft has a majority market share. The bug description states, “Microsoft has a majority market share in the new desktop PC marketplace. This is a bug, which Ubuntu is designed to fix.”
- Mark Shuttleworth, founder of Ubuntu project, is the world's second self-funded space tourist. He launched aboard the Russian Soyuz TM-34 mission, paying approximately US \$20 million for the voyage.