MOZILLA, NOT JUST A WEB BROWSER…

The first thing that comes to mind when you hear ‘Mozilla’ is Mozilla Firefox. But Firefox is one of the ways chosen by Mozilla foundation to convey their principles of making the ideal web environment. Mozilla Firefox is a free and open source web browser from the Mozilla foundation. Free and open-source software (FOSS) is software which is liberally licensed to grant users the right to use, copy, study, change, and improve its design through the availability of its source code. This approach has gained both momentum and acceptance as the potential benefits have been increasingly recognized by both individuals and corporations. Mozilla Firefox is updated every 6 weeks. As of January 2012, Firefox has approximately 25% of worldwide usage share of web browsers, making it the second most widely used browser.



The Mozilla Foundation is a non-profit organization that exists to support and lead the open source Mozilla project.  The Mozilla Foundation was founded by the Netscape-affiliated Mozilla Organization, and was officially launched on July 15, 2003. The Mozilla Foundation describes itself as "a non-profit organization that promotes openness, innovation and participation on the Internet”. The Mozilla Foundation is guided by the Mozilla Manifesto, which lists 10 principles which Mozilla believes are critical for the Internet to continue to benefit the public good as well as commercial aspects of life. The Manifesto has been translated into over 30 languages. Mozilla is dedicated to preserving and promoting a healthy online space. As the community develops new versions of [Firefox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Firefox) and [Thunderbird](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Thunderbird), park names are chosen as the code names for each product release. Apart from Mozilla Firefox other products from Mozilla foundation which follow the same principles are:

[SeaMonkey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SeaMonkey) (formerly [Mozilla Application Suite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Application_Suite)) – An [Internet suite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_suite).

* + [Mozilla Mail & Newsgroups](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Mail_%26_Newsgroups) – The email and news component.
  + [Mozilla Composer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Composer) – The [HTML editor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTML_editor) component.
  + [ChatZilla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ChatZilla) – The [IRC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Relay_Chat) component, also available as a [Firefox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Firefox) [extension](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Add-on_(Mozilla)#Extensions).
  + [Mozilla Calendar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Calendar) – Originally planned to be a calendar component for the suite, it became the base of Mozilla Sunbird.
* [Camino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camino_(web_browser)) – a web browser intended for [Mac OS X](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mac_OS_X).
* [Mozilla Firefox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Firefox) – A [web browser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_browser).
* [Firefox for mobile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firefox_for_mobile) – A [web browser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_browser) for mobile phones and smaller non-PC devices.
* [Mozilla Thunderbird](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Thunderbird) – An [email](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Email_client) and [news client](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_client).
* [Mozilla Sunbird](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla_Sunbird) – A [calendar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calendar) client.
* [Minimo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimo) – A web browser for [handheld devices](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handheld_device).
* Drumbeat - a global community of Mozillians who \*use\* web technology in new ways to understand, participate and take control of their online lives.

People around the world are the builders of Mozilla products. You don’t have to be C++ guru (or even know what that means) to get involved in Mozilla products. Anyone can contribute to Mozilla you just need to be a web lover. You can join army of awesome to help users on twitter. Developers can help Mozilla by adding new features, making their technology smaller and faster and making development easier for others. You can find many developers on IRC (A protocol for real time internet text messaging) so stop by and ask questions to learn more. Mozilla’s websites are open to web ninjas to hack on too. Mozilla developer network (MDN) is an open community of developers building resources for better web, regardless of brand, browser or platform. You can help Mozilla by spreading the word about how Mozilla and other Mozilla projects are helping to build a better and open internet. Share Firefox with the world by becoming an Mozilla affiliate. Mozilla students’ reps are the college students who are passionate about Mozilla and raise awareness for the benefits of Firefox and other Mozilla products. Student reps are creative and resourceful, leading campaigns and projects in their colleges and in their communities. Mozilla student reps program exists to empower with the tools and resources needed to promote Firefox and educate others about Mozilla’s mission. Student reps are given opportunity to learn new skills, earn recognition and advance their leadership in Mozilla community.



Mozilla is not just a commercial web browser. It’s like an institution making the people learn or serve themselves. It’s the people who are building the products, it’s the people who are representing Mozilla and spreading awareness and it’s the people who are making use of products.