

Release Early, Release Often

COMP8440: FOSSD
Lecture 15



What have we learned?

- FOSS is big ...
 - It's a huge FOSS world out there
 - With a strong culture
 - A wide range of views and motivations
- FOSS and you
 - How can you use FOSS?
 - Maybe in your business?
 - Or as a contributor?
 - Or as a user?

Where to from here?

- Participation
 - The key to understanding FOSS is to participate!
 - Keep working on projects you enjoy
 - ... but also step back and enjoy the big picture
- Be patient
 - It takes years to master the FOSS world
 - ... though you should be better prepared now than you were!

Community Interaction

- Join a LUG
 - Linux User Groups are a great way to get involved
 - see <http://clug.org.au/> for the Canberra LUG
 - Held right here at DCS!
 - The PSIG is also very worthwhile
 - join the CLUG mailing list for details
- Conferences
 - So many conferences, so little time!
 - For FOSS in Australia, the key one is LCA
 - See <http://linux.org.au/LCA>
 - OSDC is also excellent
 - See <http://www.osdc.com.au/>

The Future of FOSS

- FOSS is here to stay
 - Likely to continue to dominate in embedded and HPC computing
 - May gain wide use on the desktop?
 - Starting to be adopted by Microsoft too, in a small way

FOSS quiz!

What are the key differences between the BSD and GPL licenses?

FOSS quiz!

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a distributed SCM?

FOSS quiz!

What is a BDFL?

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What is the difference between a branch and a fork?

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What is the FOSS community?

FOSS quiz!

What should a submitted patch contain?

FOSS quiz!

What is a derivative work?

FOSS quiz!

What is the purpose of the signed-off system?

FOSS quiz!

How can patents harm FOSS projects?

FOSS quiz!

What is tivoisation?

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How are FOSS licenses enforced?

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What are the common types of FOSS business model?

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What is egoboo?

FOSS quiz!

What are the differences between cathedral and bazaar development?

FOSS quiz!

What is a hacker?

Thank you!

- We hope you've enjoyed the course
 - Please fill in an evaluation form!