

You(th) & FOSS



Introducing Nigerian Youths to the Potentials
of Free and Open Source Software

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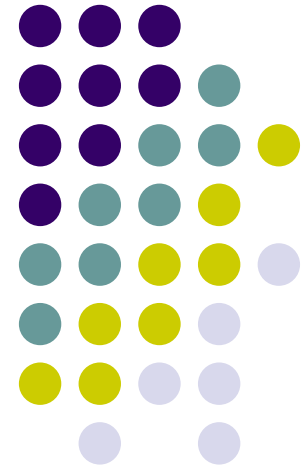
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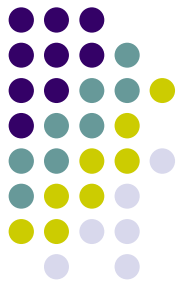
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What on Earth is FOSS?



- **FOSS: Free and Open Source Software**
- **Software development could be placed on two platforms or models:**
 - Proprietary
 - Free & Open Source
- **Proprietary software works with Intellectual Property (IP) protection (trademarks, trade secrets, patents and copyrights) that will not allow anyone access to the code. It is assumed that this model is aimed at making profit**
- **Free & Open Source Software is built on communities. The code is available to anyone but must be distributed as is. You have broad user rights to use software and source code**
 - Right to use software freely
 - Right to modify the software
 - Right to access the source code
 - Right to distribute

FOSS for Africa: Why?



“Africa must get onboard... Right now! ... Africa will be either on to the Information Age or off to the dark Agricultural Age ... Africa is suffering from knowledge apartheid that forces its children to eat the crumbs from the dinner table of the information-affluent nations.”

- Philip Emeagwali

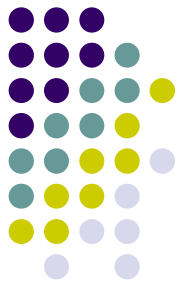
- When Africa cannot afford to keep going round in circles with piracy (you know *Otigba?*), we should look at options that won't lock us in. Freedom is a right in life!
- Free and Open Source Software Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA) promotes the virtues and ideals of FOSS, in order to save the continent from unnecessary clamps
- Visit FOSSFA.org and use the resources there. We can work together to build sensible and veritable projects – youth-led projects – across the continent
- Africa cannot afford to play games with freedom...

Youth and FOSS?



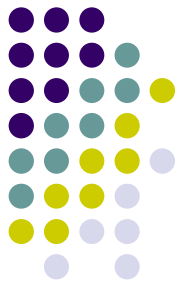
- Young people need a platform on which they can give expression to their potentials. FOSS presents an accessible
- Youth energy/dynamism is always a ready tool for progress, if well cultivated
- While the *steep* learning/transition/deployment curve of FOSS may be obvious, young people find this an interesting adventure – at least worth trying
- Many platforms – especially for web developers – reflect the role of FOSS in global trends
- Linux – Apache – MySQL – PHP (LAMP) have been described as a team to beat, or you break 😊
- The average age in the global FOSS community reveals that you(th) are the drivers of this change

Take Action



- All this talk would not be worth it if we talk, clap, shake hands and leave – without taking ANY action
- Youth-led projects need to understand global trends, and the *hand of the clock* tells me that your appreciation of FOSS holds a strong key in the days to come
- What do you do? Why are you doing it? How do you do it? What technology needs do you have?
- Would you want help from a community of young people who *know their way around* technology? Then you need to appreciate FOSS...
- Build **excitement** and **sustainability** into your projects
- **ngFOSSF** is an online community of FOSS enthusiasts. Lets discuss our needs and development opportunities for Nigeria: www.yahogroups.com/group/ngfossf

You Are Not Alone!



- The global FOSS community and growing FOSS community in Nigeria are with you...
- Look to your right and left... your neighbour is ready to network with you on your next project
- Together Each Achieves More: Let's TEAM up and change the face of whatever-you-do, through accessible tools such as FOSS
- The success of your initiative, project or job depends on your attitude towards available opportunities. FOSS is a great opportunity for youth to gain access to freedom – a true freedom of choice that is not haunted by “piracy issues”
- What's next? How will this discussion benefit you? Take Action... Keep walking, even if you will walk slowly

Thank You!

Got Questions?



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