FLOSS IN YOUR LIBRARY

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Agenda

* What is OS/FLOSS?

* How Can FLOSS Benefit Your Library?
* How Can I make Use of FLOSS?
* Will It Make My Teeth Sparkle?



OPEN SOURCE

VS

FREE/LIBRE/OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

OED Definitions #1: OS

* open source adj. [first published, on the Internet on 8 February 1998, by E. S. Raymond in a revised version of his paper 'The Cathedral and the Bazaar'; '[the term] was invented by Christine Peterson of the Foresight institute at a private meeting I ran a few days earlier' (E. S. Raymond, private communication)] Computing (chiefly attrib.) designating software for which the original program files used to compile the applications are available to users to be modified and redistributed as they wish.

OED Definitions #2: Open

* Of a space: Not shut in or confined, not surrounded by barriers; to which there is free access or passage on all or nearly all sides; unenclosed, unwalled, unconfined.

* Exposed to general view or knowledge; existing, performed or carried on without concealment or so that all may see, hear, or take cognizance; public; also, declared in public or by public authority.

* Free in giving or communicating; liberal, generous, bounteous.

OSF Definition

* Free Redistribution
* Source Code Included
* Derived Works Allowed
* Integrity of Author's Code
* No Discrimination: Person or Endeavor



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* License: Distribution/Not Product Specific/Technology-Neutral

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Free As in Beer or...

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Free as in Kitten?

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One and The Same To Me :-)



AFEW WARNINGS...

Beware the "Goat Guy"...





Beware the "Movie Guy"...



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Beware the "DC Gang".



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Create

BENEFITS TO YOU?

Pros

* Leading edge with latest features * More flexible, facilitating innovation and functionality * Generally more stable than equivalent commercial * Loyal and responsive user community * Insulated from commercial stupidity (Blackboard syndrome) * Low cost of entry, especially when combined with Linux OS

Cons

- * Smaller projects may lack documentation and testing (also ✓)
 * Need experienced local staff (also ✓)
- * Requires control mechanisms to maintain community (also \checkmark)
- * Projects can see forks, or divisions (also \checkmark)
- ★ Lack of clear business/support models can make it hard to squeeze into traditional models, such as RFP (also ✓)

What is it REALLY all about?

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Staff Capacity

* Why send \$ to CA? * Build local for the long-term * Staff feel empowered * Skills development is not just technical/software * Staff learn to play, make mistakes and innovate



WHAT CANIDO WITH IT?

CMS

- * Maintaining website
 * Options to fit any environment/language
- * Many with advanced functions and modules
- * Drupal/Plone/Joomla
- * Wordpress

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LMS

* Traditionally a "campus system" but key for Library

* Easy to install/maintain

* Some advanced features: ePortfolios

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Library in the LMS

- * Library can benefit from LMS
 * Course-grained delivery of library resources
- * Good container for Web 2.0 delivery of resources and widgets
- * Encourages faculty & library collaboration

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ILS

* More on this later (BC Pines)
* Good options for basic backroom functions

* Allows support of standard workflow while moving to newer features

* Removes a major expense* PEI's Island Libraries

Skoha

koha v.2.2

Koha is a full-featured open-source ILS. Developed in New Zealand by Katipo Communications Ltd and first in January of 2000 for Horowhenua Library Trust, it is maintained by a team of software providers and libra technology staff from around the globe.

Koha Version 3 Beta Released

Koha 3 Beta is a pre release version of Koh recommended for production systems. Plea to <u>bugs.koha.org</u>.

Download. Read the Release Notes

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BREAK OUTSIDE THE BOX



Link Resolver

***** More on this later...

* Many libraries looking to implement link resolver

* No longer an academic tool
* Best tool is OS: CUFTS
* Linker, Db of Dbs, ILL, A-Z list, ERM

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Digital Library Collections

- More libraries are digitizing
 Add collections to remote system or create local
- * Support for standards key
- * Facilitates a key emerging role
- * Streetprint, Greenstone, Fedora



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REVOLUTION & Romanticism

Streetprint: Revolution and Romanticism is a private collection of street literature held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. It comprises a wide range of types, from street ballads through chapbooks and tracts to valentines, from Britain and mostly from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

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WELCOME TO STREETPRINT 3! by Matthew Ogle on 2004-09-24

Revolution & Romanticism is now powered by a prerelease version of the <u>Streetprint Engine 3.0</u>, featuring improved support for web standards, metadata, new sections and other features.

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Virtual Reference

* A number of options:

* dedicated system

* IM clients

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* Crafty Syntax is a fullfeatured dedicated system

* Very stable, can buy support



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Citation Management

- * Many academic institutions use Refworks
- * Options like Zotero provide strong alternatives
 - * Firefox plugin
 - * Access when not online
 - * Capture any citation



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