



<p>Open Source Technology</p> <p>Article written by Gregory L. Burrus</p>	<p>Need training? contact us</p>
<p>What is Open Source Technology?</p> <p>In my travels as a Technology Consultant, people often ask me what I do. If I answer with "I help small business people use their technology better and enable them to cut their software and licensing cost by installing open source solutions". Usually the person's eyes glazed over. Being a corporate information technology specialist for over 20 years, I have seen and validated the benefits of this open source technology. I also am well aware that small and medium businesses do not have access to the resources of a larger company; hence they would not understand a word I said and would not be aware of this technology or its benefits. Since I feel obligated to reconnect with those I have met and those I will meet here, rather than a two minute elevator speech I will supply a few more details and benefits.</p> <p>This educational overview of open source technology will help improve your chances of gaining the benefits of this not so emerging technology and improve your understanding of how open source technology can benefit you and your business.</p> <p>Open Source Technology</p> <p>The basic idea behind open source is simple: people around the world believe software should be free to use and modify at will. They believe in participating in a group effort to develop parts of a software package because they want to, not because they have to. People actually volunteer to develop the software and others fulfill the role of project managers. This may be hard for some of us more capitalistic types to understand but think of the non- profit model. People come out and volunteer because they want to, feel obligated to and the result feels good. The open source community is a lot like the non-profit world. They do the work because they can.</p>	<p>For your convenience a list of TechOSS Services:</p> <p><i>Internet Products</i> Domain Search Domain Register Personal Email Business Email Traffic Statistics Build a Web Site E-Commerce store Fax Thru Email™ Corp. Templates Commerce Template Corp. Blog Corp. Identity Logos All Templates Menus on the Web Web Site Package Office Improvement VOIP Improvement <i>Personal Motivation</i> MAPP <i>How to: Training</i> Business on the Web Bus Process Open Source business. Emerging Comm Tech Improve Career <i>Consulting Services</i> Internet Consulting Process Consulting TechOSS Gear Store</p> <p>----- And remember TechOSS.com Situational Training will work for you.</p> <p>Situational Learning</p> <p>We provide step by step assistance in helping you understand the technical and professional needs of your organization. TechOSS Training programs produces results because it's based on a Situational Learning methodology.</p> 



As you go deeper into the physic of this technical community, the programmers can read, redistribute, and modify the source code. These people improve it; adapt it, fix bugs and are not paid a dime. And this can happen at a speed that, if one is use to the slow conventional vendor software development model, seems astonishing. This also means you can have free access to the software for zero costs if the developer wants it to cost zero. There are licensing issues but we will save that for later.

What Types of Office Support Applications are available?

For this series of articles, we will categorize this open source technology into a few areas that concern the small and medium business owner the most. Front office (customer facing) back office (desktop software) and infrastructure (communications support) software.

A summary of articles to come. As articles are added Monthly, the links will be come active. Click http://techoss.com/what_is_opensource.htm to learn more.

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