

Open Source for Cooperatives



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So what is Open Source?

“Free” Software?

Collaborative pool

No single point of ownership – or failure

Global software, global community

Short Demo...



The Business Case for Open Source?

Economic and strategic freedom

Extremely scalable - Google/phones

Low cost and low risk

No yearly licensing fees!



The Open Source negotiation magic

Socially Responsible Software

The Community

Why is it relevant?

- Open Source is being used around the world to solve real-world challenges:
 - Technical – software devel, infrastructure
 - Economic – cutting business costs, driving national economy, lowering trade deficit
 - Social – Digital Inclusion, education, the language divide, endangered cultures, environmental waste
- Main world players – China, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Malaysia, many many more!
- Australia is very strong in this space

Open Source for Coops

- Coops can reduce their running costs
- Reuse second hand computers to increase capacity
- You broaden the services offered:
 - Public access labs
 - Free Software, and lots of it!
 - Culturally relevant languages, tools, creativity
 - Accessibility
- Community Centres
 - Riverwood Community Centre
 - Miwatj Centre in Nhulunbuy & Health App



Some Community Initiatives

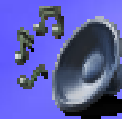
- Digital Bus for remote education



Aboriginal languages into



- Empower communities to create their own stories and identity



Cater to many audiences

- Multi-lingual approach

Using IT to help our Communities

Empower your communities:

express themselves and share their stories

learn skills, share, and gain knowledge (youth)

Sharing software, means sharing tools for personal growth and development

Open knowledge -> A better world, what can you share today?

We have an opportunity to be solving real social and economic issues locally!

Thankyou

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