

# Open Source Lab Introduction

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# **Important Information**



- **Website:** https://www.ce.cit.tum.de/cm/teaching/winter-term-2024-25/open-source-lab/
- **Registration:** 12.07.–16.07.2024 using matching.in.tum.de
- Duration:
  - Weekly theory lectures at the beginning.
  - Later biweekly meetings to check students' practical progress.
  - ☐ Time slots will be decided in cooperation with the participants (at least one session takes place in the evening (6 8 pm).
  - □ All lectures and meetings will be held online (virtual) using BBB, attendance is mandatory!
- Module ID: IN0012 / IN2106 (Bachelor and Master practical course)
- ECTS: 10
- Capacity: 11 students
- Language: English

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- Misc
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Have fun contributing to your favorite Open Source project while getting paid for it with 10 ECTS:)



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**Note:** Spamming or creating other unnecessary burdens to the community will result in failing the course immediately. Remember, **you are representing TUM.** 



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	Do you react to suggestions/reviews in time?					

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# **Project Requirements**



- Open Source (must be open-contribution)
- No "personal" projects
- Active user base
- At least 10 active users (1000+ recommended)
- Contributions can be new features, bug fixes, or performance improvements (PRs fixing typos are not accepted by us)
- Without previous experience working on extremely large and complex projects, such as GCC, Linux Kernel, Postgres, etc. is not recommended.
- We recommend picking one of the projects listed below since these projects are in widespread use and we can help you in case of problems.

Project suggestions: https://www.moodle.tum.de/mod/page/view.php?id=2984043

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# **Idea of Open Source**



The term open source refers to something people can modify and share because its design is publicly accessible.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://opensource.com/resources/what-open-source

### Is It Just Software?



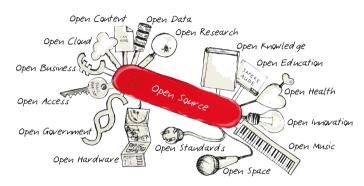


Figure 1 Open Source Swiss Knife<sup>3</sup>

³https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c7/121212\_2\_OpenSwissKnife.png

### **OSS in a Nutshell**



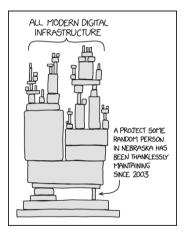


Figure 2 Cartoon about OSS4

<sup>4</sup>https://xkcd.com/2347/

# **Role of Open Source in Industry**



RANK	ORGANIZATION	ACTIVE CONTRIBUTO	RS 7 TOTAL COMMUNITY 7
1	Google	<b>6220</b> +99	11280 +162 >
2	Microsoft	4649 +122	8957 +160 >
3	Red Hat	<b>3394</b> +37	4956 +36 >
4	Intel	2224 +47	4529 +77 >
5	Amazon	1820 +33	3921 +83 >
6	IBM	<b>1651</b> +38	3486 +61 >
7	Oracle	<b>896</b> +13	1537 +23 >
8	VMware	856 +11	1436 +18 >
9	SAP	816 +14	1385 +26 >
10	GitHub	753 +14	1551 +22 >

Figure 3 Statistic about OSS GitHub contributions by big companies (Dec 2023) $^a$ 

ahttps://opensourceindex.io/

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# Origins of the "Open Source Idea"



- Patent for Two-Stroke-Engines by George B. Selden in the 19th century
- Emergence of a monopoly
- 1911 Henry Ford challenged the patent successfully
- Foundation of the Automobile Manufacturers
  Association
- Members agreed to share patents from now on

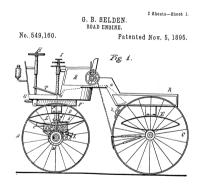


Figure 4 Road Engine Patent

## **Computer Age**



- Software and hardware was primarily developed by research facilities (strong emphasis of Openness und Exchange)
- Hacker and DIY scene (users were also developers)
- Milestone: First operating systems, e.g., UNIX



Figure 5
Brian Kernighan demonstrates UNIX

source: https://youtu.be/tc4ROCJYbm0

#### **Commercialization of Software**



Who can afford to do professional work for nothing? 5

- Bill Gates

- **Emergence of a software industry** due to cheaper and more flexible hardware
- An open letter to hobbyists: Altair BASIC was copied (1975)
- Different concepts emerged:
  - □ Proprietary Software: property of a company, source code not publicly available, distribution and modification is prohibited, e.g., EULA license for Microsoft XP
  - Open Source Software: property of the community, source code is publicly available, distribution and modification is allowed, e.g.,
     GPL license for Linux

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>http://www.blinkenlights.com/classiccmp/gateswhine.html