

LINUX WORLD NEWS

FOSS.IN TO FOSTER INDIAN OSS EVENTS

When FOSS.IN/2007 ended in early December at the National Science Symposium Centre at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, Atul Chitnis announced that financial and organizational support would be extended to similar events around the country.

In spite of a rigid focus on developers (see *Linux Magazine* issue 85), the event had a great turnout thanks to the wide variety and depth of talks. Eight projects used the four days for Project Day gatherings – namely, Debian-Ubuntu, Fedora, Mozilla, Gnome, KDE, OpenSolaris, OpenOffice.org, and IndLinux.

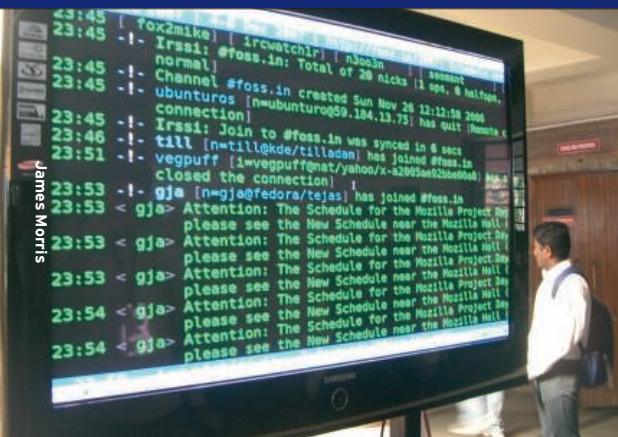
Naba Kumar, Anjuta lead developer and this year's keynote speaker, discussed his plans for the Anjuta IDE and how it has changed his life. Also, other standout talks were presented, such as "Community-led Open Source Art." The slides for all the conference talks were made available immediately after talks ended and were then

used by delegates to exchange notes with the speaker.

Popular tracks at the main conference covered the kernel, SELinux, localization, Mozilla, and related web technologies.

In the last event of this year, Rusty Russell illustrated delegate involvement when he demonstrated how easy it is to become a contributor to a project, such as the Linux kernel project, through his talk called "Rusty and Friends."

<http://foss.in/>
http://w3.linuxpromagazine.com/issue/85/Linux_World_News.pdf



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SELF OPEN DOCUMENTARY CONTEST

The EU-funded project "Science, Education, and Learning in Freedom" (SELF), run by the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) in Spain; Göteborg University (Sweden); the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education in Mumbai, India;

Foundation Europe, the Internet Society Bulgaria, and the Fundación Via Libre in Argentina), plans to organize a contest in early 2008.

The contest is for visual artists – amateurs as well as professionals. Contributors will produce short documentaries about free software and open standards.

The awarded works, assessed by a panel of prominent free software advocates and artists, will be available from the SELF platform as part of the SELF collection of educational materials on free software and open standards. See the project website for updates.

<http://selfproject.eu/>

and a bunch of free software-advocating non-governmental organizations (namely the Internet Society Netherlands, the Free Software



OSS GUIDE FOR SMES

OpenTTT and FLOSSMetrics, two EU-funded projects, published a FOSS guide for small- and medium-sized enterprises. The guide explains the nature of FOSS in general and its current position in the IT sector and also contains detailed guide-



lines and suggestions for the use of and migration to FOSS. Moreover, the guide contains a section about FOSS-based business models.

http://flossmetrics.org/sections/deliverables/docs/deliverables/WP8/D8.1.1-SMEs_Guide.pdf
<http://www.openttt.eu/>
<http://www.flossmetrics.org/>

SWEDEN FREE SOFTWARE CONFERENCE

In early December, Gothenburg's IT University hosted a new conference on FOSS focusing on Scandinavia. No participants found or claimed the free entry ticket that was hidden within the FSCONS logo on the website.

Also, the Free Software Foundation Europe introduced a new Scandinavian Free Software Award, which was presented to the Skolelinux project.

Nominees included the usual suspects, such as Gnus newsreader project leader Lars Magne Ingebrigtsen and companies such as Trolltech and eZ Publish. Alas, despite all Nordic advances in the field of gender equality, not a single woman.



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<http://www.skolelinux.org/>