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About Software Freedom Day

Software Freedom Day (SFD) is a global, grassroots effort to educate the public about the availability and benefits of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS). Local teams around the world organise events on the third Saturday in September. In 2009, Software Freedom Day will be on September 19th.

In 2007 and 2008, the TTCS held SFD events and submitted reports to the Software Freedom Day organisation ; our reports for 2007 and 2008 both received "**highly commended**" awards from the Software Freedom Day organisation.

If you are a person who uses and enjoys open source, we need your help for this event!

Meetings (including Online)

To co-ordinate SFD 2009 planning, TTCS will hold several online meetings via Skype. The Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society skype account is "trinidadtobagocomputersociety". Those with Skype accounts who wish to participate, add your Skype contact to the "trinidadtobagocomputersociety" Skype account or email admin at ttcsweb d.ot org with your Skype ID.

First online meeting was held on July 29th, 2009
Second meeting was held on August 19th, 2009
Third meeting held on Tuesday 25th August 2009

Planned TTCS activities for Software Freedom Day in September 2009

The plan is to have five events during the September month and the first week of October :

Booth Displays on
- Saturday September 5th, 2009 - outreach meeting at Gulf City, Lowlands Mall, Tobago

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Articles

Here are several miscellaneous computer related articles, opinions and essays by fellow TTCS members.

MeetingNotes

Summary of past TTCS meetings.

About the TTCS

About the Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society, what we do and how to join!

TTCS website

TTCS blog

SoftwareLinks

Collection of software links. Now kept at del.icio.us

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- Saturday September 12th, 2009 - outreach meeting at Long Circular Mall, Trinidad

Information Sessions on
- Saturday September 19th, 2009 - "**Open Minds, Open Source: For Beginners**" at St Mary's College, Port of Spain
- Saturday September 26th, 2009 - "**Exploring Open Source Possibilities: For Intermediates**" session at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain
- Saturday October 3rd, 2009 - "**Building with FLOS: Open Source for Developers**" session geared for OSS developers

Booth Displays/Outreach meetings

Venue for Tobago : Gulf City, Lowlands Mall, Tobago on Sept 5th)
Venue for Trinidad : Long Circular Mall (available Sept 12th)

A booth/table would have a computer or two at a table to demonstrate some aspect of open source. Min 3 tables but cater for up to 5 tables

Outcome from Aug 19th, 2009 meeting - reduce tables to minimise number of people needed to cover outreach. Reduce to 2 tables to have 6 persons minimum needed for outreach

- one table geared to TTCS and to fill out membership form (http://ttcsweb.org/jointtcs) online ; OSSWIN DVD and OSSMAC DVD
- one table for Ubuntu, netbooks, OLPC

The outreach sessions should promote the begineer/intermediate/oss dev "class" sessions
Persons visiting the tables/booths will get CDs, leaflets about TTCS and upcoming sessions for new users, schools, OSS developers

Booth Display/Outreach meeting, Tobago from 11am to 6pm

Where, When, Who
Venue : Gulf City, Lowlands Mall, Tobago
Time : **11am to 6pm** (will need to be there **10am to 7pm** to cater for setup and takedown)
Who's helping with the booth : DevT, AnilR, CintraS, KurtC, MikeT, Zeik

Booth Display/Outreach meeting, Trinidad from 11am to 6pm

Venue : Long Circular Mall, Trinidad
Time : **11am to 6pm** (will need to be there **10am to 7pm** to cater for setup and takedown)
Who's helping with the booth : DevT, AnilR, CintraS, KurtC, MikeT, DuclieF

Stuff needed for booth
- 2 tables
- tablecloths
- 4 chairs
- computer with speakers with large flat screen to demo osswin
- computer with speakers with large flat screen to demo ubuntu
- computer with speakers to show TTCS website, and to register attendees
- Double sided printed handout with "About TTCS" on one side ; other side with schedule of upcoming september presentations
- Double sided printed handout about SFD and open source on one side ; descriptions of OSSWIN, OSSMAC, and Ubuntu on other side
- security locks for computers and monitors

Information Sessions

"Open Minds, Open Source: For Beginners"
similiar in concept to SFD2007, with scheduled presentations, demos and Q and A sessions.
When : To be held on Saturday September 19th, 2009

Where : Centenary Hall, St. Mary's College, Port of Spain.

Suggested Presentations :

Introduction to the Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society
About Software Freedom Day, Introduction to Free and Open Source Software
Introduction to FOSS tools to replace proprietary (and expensive) apps
Better web surfing with Mozilla Firefox (demo Firefox and several extensions)
Introduction to Ubuntu
Where is open source used? Letting persons know that you are all open source users

Suggested Presentations : Check the SFD2009schedule for the official schedule including times and presenters

"Exploring Open Source Possibilities: For Intermediates"

At 19th August 2009 meeting, it was recommended to rebrand this session as a "exploring free and open source possibilities". This way, more intermediate topics can be presented and that it is not specifally directed at schools or students per se, but would appeal to familiar computer users who are not aware of the variety of open source software out there.

To be held on Saturday September 26th, 2009
Venue : Centenary Hall, St. Mary's College, Port of Spain

Suggested presentations :
Introduction to the Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society
About Software Freedom Day, Introduction to Free and Open Source Software
how to run many guest operating systems with Virtualisation
MythTV or other media center
running PBX with Asterisk
better documents and projects with the use of OpenOffice.org
Hacking the Nintendo Wii Remote
FOSS applications used in Education (Secondary or Primary?)
FOSS software for kids (primary school level)

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"Building with FLOS: Open Source for Developers"

When : Saturday October 5th, 2009
Venue : Handarnold
Audience: FOSS Developers (or all developers, incl. those new to FOSS?)
Suggested presentations :

Current Sessions:

1. How to start and Open Source Projecy: Using Sourceforge, Bugtracking and Version Control - Anil Ramnanan
2. Drupal - Shivan Jaikaran
Call for developers to show off their projects or projects they contribute code to.
howto run an OS project - covers aspects of hosting, etc
creating faster web applications using Ruby on Rails
a project in OpenStreetMap

Check the SFD2009schedule for the official schedule including times oand presenters

Material to be produced for TTCS SFD2009

- newspaper ads since these worked well for for SFD2008
- leaflets about TTCS / Open Source / - can reuse material from SFD2008
- leaflet showing schedule of sessions to be given out at outreach sessions

Action Items/Ideas to do

- ~~confirm MovieTowne Tobago (awaiting response)~~
- need to call and confirm volunteers from Tobago to assist (e.g tables)
- contact Tobago House of Assembly re: Tobago to promote to schools
- ~~confirm either MovieTowne POS or Long Circular Mall (LCM responded 12 Sept 2009 available, awaiting response from MovieTowne)~~
- contact IT firms, software development firms for event promotion, Trinidad Tobago govt (MPA)
- Garth, Anil to cordinate develop talks at OSS developers
- contact UWI CS to get material for SFD by student orientation week - also in case attendee venue is oversubscribed, may have to use UWI as venue for sessions (also UTT campuses, USC campus, and other educational institutions, such as COSTAAT) UWI is not the only university in Trinidad and Tobago.
- call for volunteers for SFD
- - ~~get office stamp of TTCS logo~~ and other stamps as way to label CDs - done by MikeT ; stamp works on DVDs
- need more than one person needed to properly document event
- Develop schedule and workplan with dates
- Volunteer schedule
- Sponsorship
  - Venue
  - Hotel - Tobago
  - Water/food for volunteers
  - Tshirts
  - CDs/DVDs
  - Newspaper adverts
- Venues
  - Confirm venues
  - Location visits or photos to plan venue layout ASAP!!
  - Infrastructure
    - Tables
    - Tablecloths
    - Chairs
    - Electrical outlets and extension cords (need to measure lengths) as well as power strips
    - Screens (LCD and/or projection)
    - Water, food for volunteers
    - Bathroom access?
    - Security for laptops and other equipment
- Press and marketing -
  - Letters to all schools including posters and flyers - by first week of September
  - Ad on large daylight screens in downtown POS and San Fernando - JAM
  - Movie Towne ad? Could see if they will sponsor it.
  - Newspaper adverts - need sponsors
  - Press releases and background information sheets - can edit/reuse those from last year
  - Press/media list - JAM
  - Email documents to press/media list
  - Radio and TV appearances (would need sufficient lead time) - TV morning shows, radio, Synergy and other TV w/ Tech shows - JAM +???
  - Series of newspaper articles - FOSS in Education, FOSS in general (Mark L. might be able to help here) etc
  - Direct mail/email
  - Social networking tools (Facebook, twitter)

Comments (2)

Tariq Khan said
at 11:00 pm on Aug 6, 2009

cool site. i'm willing to help.

Morten Lindstrom said
at 3:21 pm on Aug 15, 2009

Count me inn for helping out in Tobago!

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