

Free Software in Startups

why you should!

What is free Software?

Keys

- The Right to use
- The Right to modify
- The Right to redistribute
- Obligation to follow the licence (which you need to do with proprietary Software, too)

Examples for Free Software

Sun



- Opensolaris
- MySQL
- OpenOffice
- Gnome Support (Desktop Environment)
- Java



Canonical

- Widespread used Desktop called Ubuntu
- Just reached rentability level



Other wide known

- Firefox, Thunderbird, Sunbird
- Posgresql Database
- M0n0wall, Askozia, FreeNAS, miru
- Alfresco

Why free Software

- Locked in Proprietary Software
- Licence Fees
- Limitations / Scalability
- Freedom / Vendor Independent
- Portability
- Interesting Business Model

Reallive Examples

- Radio Streaming Archiving Solution
- My own consulting / system engineering company
- Adito

Business Model

- Release Software as Free Software
- Sell Support contract
- Make custom extensions for money, release them to the public again. Everybody wins.

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- if you are interested and need advice, contact me
- question round?

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