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**Linux Spirit: Rockin' in the
Open Source Community**

Who is talking?

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What is this all about?

Why does FLOSS rock and who makes it rock?

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

How can I help make FLOSS rock even more?

Why does FLOSS rock?

...because it is about:

freedom

better software

visions and dreams

taking risks

taking and giving back to others

and **a lot** more

Change the world and make it a better place!

Who makes FLOSS rock?

People like you and me!

They help because they...

- like teamwork and friendship
- want to learn and experience
- see career opportunities
- need something
- want to give something back
- and **a lot** more

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

small project

- family like with a bdfi

- little bureaucracy

- highly motivated

- in their free time

- few problems

and then it gets bigger...

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

...project starts to make less fun

Dunbar's Number

...and problems arise

responsibility

trust

criticism

information flow

credit

high fluctuation of contributors

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

What to do about it?

Communicate!

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get a stable group of responsible people

form subprojects

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

communication

IRC

Blogs and Planets

mailinglists

Mumble/Skype

Commit Digest, Ubuntu Weekly News, ...

dot.kde.org, Amarok Weekly News, ...

Meetings!!!

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stable group of responsible people

KDE eV, Gnome Foundation, Gentoo Foundation (?!), ...

stability

important decisions on the future of the project

direction and vision

representation and communication (law, business, ...)

infrastructure

finances

meetings

How does FLOSS rock and what keeps it rocking?

essence of all this:

- make it fun to contribute

- stick to your roots

- have a reasonable bdfi/board/...

- keep teams relatively small

- do your work and trust the others to do theirs

- get to know each other

How can I help make FLOSS rock even more?

Help is always needed...

Project?!

Skills?!

Ask!

Learn!

Have a lot of fun!

Questions...?!

First they ignore you,
then they laugh at you,
then they fight you,
then you win.

- Ghandi

