

Announcing our 4th annual

Free Software and Open Source Symposium

Monday, October 24th, 2005, York University Campus, Toronto

Do you use - or have you considered using - free or open source software for educational, training or research purposes? If so, we invite you to join us at our 4th annual Free Software and Open Source Symposium.

The Symposium is a one-day event aimed at bringing together educators and other interested parties to discuss common free software and open source issues, learn new technologies and to promote the use of free and open source software in our classrooms, labs and educational infrastructure. At Seneca College, we think free and open source software are real alternatives.

For more information, or to register, please visit <http://cs.senecac.on.ca/sos>.

Call for Proposals

We are now accepting proposals for presentations at our Free Software and Open Source Symposium. We are looking for presentations that would be of interest to those who already use, or are thinking of using, open source for education/research/training. In particular, we are interested in presentations on

- current use of free or open source in curricula or educational infrastructure
- licensing/copyright issues for educators/educational institutions
- opportunities for student/faculty participation in free or open source development
- developing curricula that uses free or open source software
- costs and support required to use open source software
- free or open source software versus commercial software (Linux vs Windows, OpenOffice vs MS Office, etc)
- free software versus open source software
- the broader social, legal and political implications of the free software and open source movements on educators/educational institutions
- other related free software and open source initiatives, including such things as open learning objects, open texts, etc.

Although the focus of the symposium is on the use of free software and open source in education, the attendees may also be engaged in wider ranging research projects, and so we encourage proposals in other related areas. If you have a topic that might be of interest, please visit our website at <http://cs.senecac.on.ca/sos> to submit your proposal.