# Building Careers with Free/Libre and Open Source Software

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Why me?

- **Free Software enthusiast**
- **Book: "i want 2 do project. tell me wat 2 do."** **http://shakthimaan.com/what-to-do.html**
- **Gallery https://gallery.shakthimaan.com**
  - Conferences, events, meet-ups, workshops, talks
- **Volunteer and Mentor**
  - ILUG-C, dgplug, Summer of Code programs
- **Writer**
  - OSFY, EFY
- **Blog: http://www.shakthimaan.com/news.xml**
- **Community: linuxforums, Fedora project, GNU Emacs etc.**
- **MS (IT), Rochester Institute of Technology**
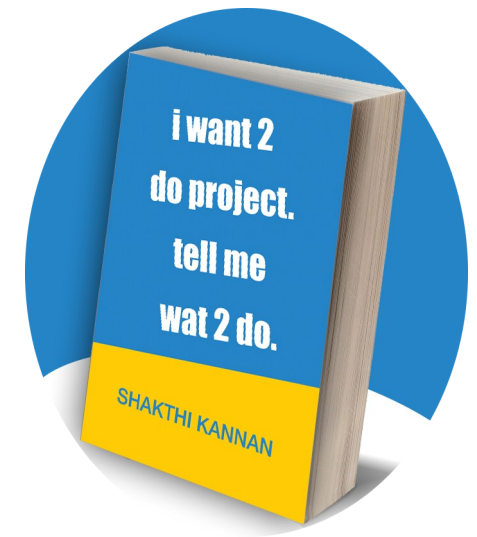
Why?

- **Recognition**
- **Open communication**
- **Feedback**
- **Continuous learning**
- **Improve skills**
- **Career growth**
- **Diversity**
- **Network**
- **Perks: Fame, money, travel etc.**

Source: http://planet.gnome.org/heads/

Who?

- **Academia**
  - Students
    - School: https://opensource.com/article/18/3/linux-forward-schools
    - College: GSoC, Mozilla, KDE etc.
  - Faculty
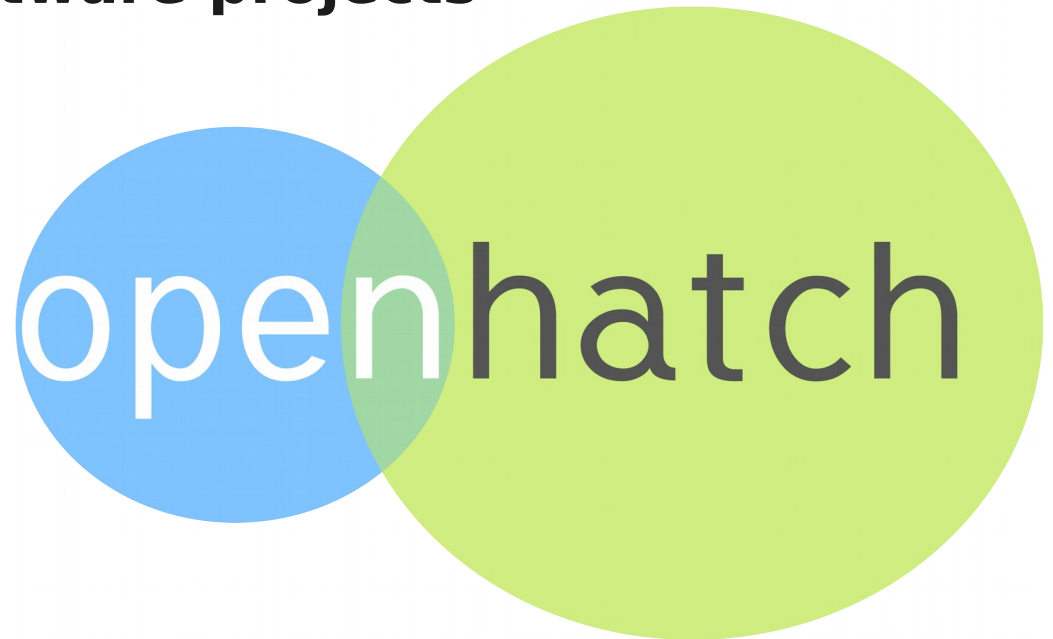 - Management
- **Industry**
- **Government**
- **NGO**
- **Hobby**

Source: Science Hack Day, Belgaum 2017

Now!

What?

- **Free/Libre Open Source Software projects**
- **Source Control Account**
  - GitLab, GitHub, Bitbucket etc.
- **Blog**
- **Social media**
- **Communication channels**
  - Internet Relay Chat, Gitter etc.
- **Conferences**
  - PyCon, RubyConfIndia, GopherCon, FunctionalConf, HasGeek
- **Meet-ups**
- **User Group meetings**

Project Areas

- **Documentation**
- **Translation**
- **Marketing**
- **Artwork**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Websites**
- **Internationalization**
- **News**
- **Packaging**
- **Development**
- **Testing**

Source: https://xkcd.com/371/
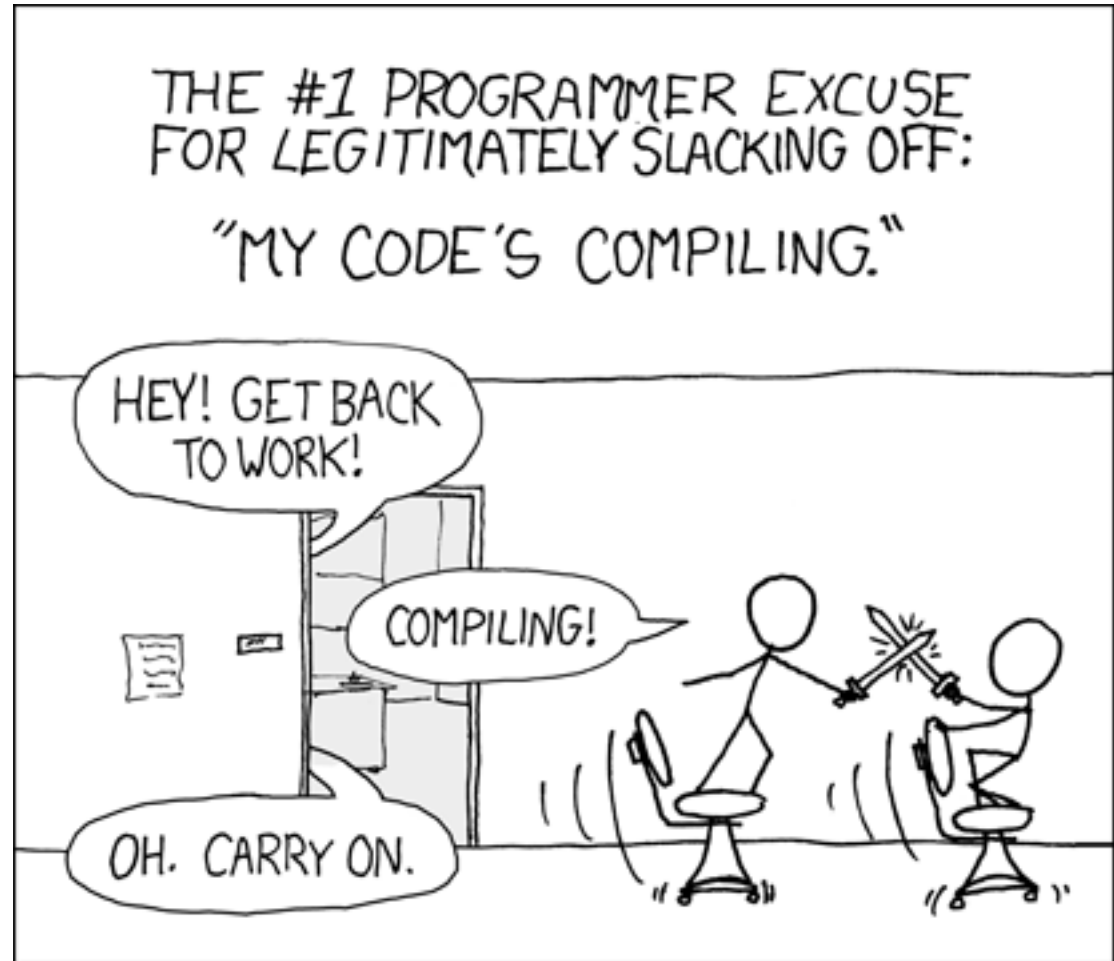
Domain and Job Designation

DevSecOps

Gaming

Computer networks

Telecommunications

Research

Service industry

Embedded systems/VLSI

Teaching

Operating Systems

Systems development

Bioinformatics

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DevOps engineer

Freelance writer

Embedded Systems engineer

Application developer

Database administrator

Professor/researcher

Web developer
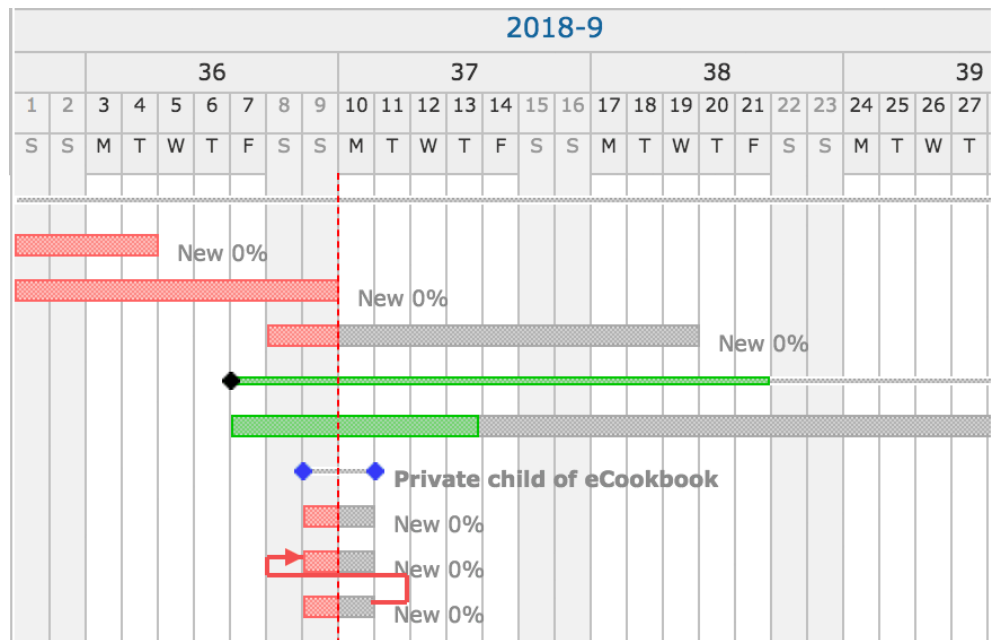
Graphics designer

Consultant

Data Scientist

UI/UX designer

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Where?

- **Forums**
- **Mailing list**
- **Internet Relay Chat (IRC)**
  - irc.freenode.node (##linux-india, #dgplug, #emacs etc.)
- **Bugs tracker**
  - Bugzilla, MantisBT, Trac, Fossil etc.
- **Project task management:**
  - Redmine, OpenProject, TaskJuggler etc.
- **Wiki**
  - Mediawiki, DokuWiki, MoinMoin etc.
- **Source control**
  - Gitlab, GitHub, Bitbucket etc.

Internet Relay Chat

How?

- **Use the software**
- **Understand project tools used**
- **Join communication channels**
- **Read project documentation**
- **Use and test the software**
- **Find a mentor**
- **Fix bugs, documentation**
- **Participate in team meetings**
- **Peer reviews**
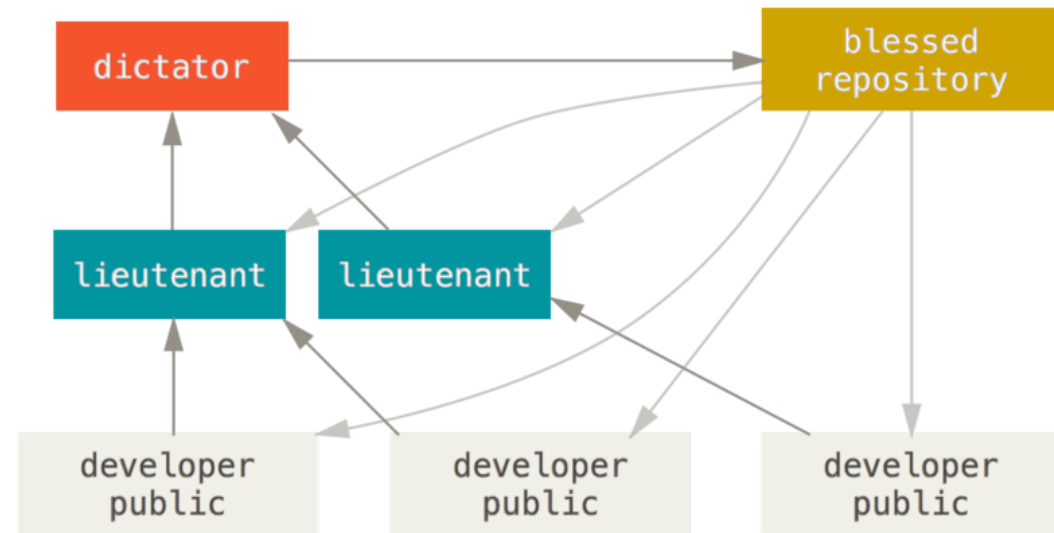
Source: Git SCM book

Example: Operation Blue Moon

https://gitlab.com/shakthimaan/operation-blue-moon

Bugzilla

Change Request

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Assessment

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

~ Matty Mullins

Further Reading

- **Free as in Freedom – Richard Stallman's Crusade for Free Software**
  https://www.oreilly.com/openbook/freedom/

- **"The Cathedral and the Bazaar"**
  http://www.catb.org/esr/writings/cathedral-bazaar/

- **Revolution OS http://revolution-os.com/**

- **Hackers & Painters: Big Ideas from the Computer Age. Paul Graham.**

- **How to Become a Hacker. Eric Steven Raymond.**

- **The Architecture of Open Source Applications**

- **Linux and the Unix Philosophy. Mike Gancarz.**

- **Presentations**
  http://www.shakthimaan.com/downloads.html

- **Book: "i want 2 do project. tell me wat 2 do."**
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- **Careers with GNU/Linux**

Thank You

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