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Thread: [Passionate About Open Source? Share Your Stories and Motivations!](#)

flyingduck - June 9, 2024, 3:56 pm

Hello everyone,

I'm reaching out to all the open source enthusiasts in our community! Whether you're a seasoned contributor or have just dipped your toes into the world of open source, I'd love to hear your experiences.

Who's contributed to open source projects? It would be great to know the different projects you've worked on.

Why do you love open source? Is it the collaborative nature, the learning opportunities, the joy of giving back, or something else that drives your passion?

Challenges and Triumphs: What have been some of your biggest challenges and successes in the open source realm? Any particular moments of frustration or triumph?

Advice for Newcomers: What advice would you give to someone who is considering making their first open source contribution?

Feel free to share any tools, resources, or communities that have helped you along the way. Your stories could inspire and guide newcomers and help strengthen our community's engagement with open source projects.

Looking forward to reading about your journeys!

#TR0J4N - June 9, 2024, 4:16 pm

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Awesome I'm glad you found something interesting to work on keep contributions coming make that github grid green

Betty Blue - June 9, 2024, 5:47 pm

Imagine SSH not being open source, and it's various dependencies. The xz-utils disaster would have probably been found too late

Stanley - June 10, 2024, 2:57 am

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If you haven't already read the first post of this thread we encourage you to do so.

Thanks,
Stanley

cr0malware - January 29, 2026, 11:51 am

From my perspective, open source has been key to the evolution of many hacking tools, both offensive and defensive. Many frameworks, libraries, and concepts used today in penetration testing, red teaming, and malware analysis originated as open source projects.

In areas like C2, malware research, and tools, open source allowed people to study architectures, understand how implants communicate, how controls are bypassed, and how loaders are designed, without relying on proprietary software. This greatly accelerated learning and innovation, but also forced improvements in defenses.

The interesting thing is that it's not just about "using tools," but about reading the code, modifying it, breaking it, and adapting it—that's where you truly learn. Many modern techniques come from forks, public proofs of concept (PoCs), or projects that someone uploaded simply to experiment.

Terry A. Davis - January 29, 2026, 1:19 pm

I used to use a Mac Mini as a server running Arch because I'm a wanker hipster that knows he's better than everyone.

Funny bit is, I also used a thunderbolt NAS for storage, the story gets fun where every boot there was a chance of RAM exhaustion in Linux trying to map the HDDs through the driver, so I had to find the bug, tried to patch it, but ended up submitting it to the OEM only to be told they don't support it as they stopped around Linux 2.6, and no longer cared, so I went to all this effort for something that wasn't worth, and I couldn't ever be bothered going upstream back to the Kernel.

It was certainly something. Also, I used to email Richard Stallman with random nonsense about how I saw non-free software and shit.

Maybe not passionate about it, but more so autistic.