

Learn About Open Source Software

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The meme “GitHub is the new resume” describes a modern expectation for competitiveness in tech coding jobs where GitHub serves as a repository for Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) projects. However, higher education computer science departments have been slow to adapt their curriculum to include FOSS principles and skills. Come to this BoF with your questions about open source software. What skills and applications do you need to know? How do you select an FOSS project and then where do you start? Is coding the only way to be an FOSS contributor? Importantly, learn about activities that are diversifying FOSS such as EquitableTech workshops and paid internships from Outreachy and Google Summer of Code. We will also describe open source college classes that are being taught by faculty members of the POSSE and Humanitarian HFOSS communities.