

Support To Improve GNOME These Ways During 2009 and Join Today

- Support the community in defining and executing a release plan for GNOME 3.0.
- Continue to provide a neutral, confidential place for our sponsors to discuss their GNOME-related plans.
- Maintain active dialogs between our sponsor companies and our developers through monthly advisory board meetings. This is one way to bring end user and distribution company needs to GNOME developers.
- Organize a usability study focused on GNOME technologies used by all people, including children, users in developing nations, and people with accessibility needs.
- Improve end-user-focused technology and features through technology-specific hackfests. Hackfests are events where a core team of project developers get together and spend a week in the same place, discussing plans and writing code. They are particularly useful for getting new projects or large features launched (like GTK+ 3.0) or getting a large amount of code written.
- Hold a joint GUADEC/Akademy conference, a Free Desktop Summit, in order to encourage collaboration and common specifications.
- Support local conferences such as GNOME.Asia, GUADLAC (Latin America), the Boston Summit, GNOME.conf.au (Australia), and Forum GNOME. Local conferences provide a forum for building community, sharing technology, and bringing developers, companies, and users closer together.
- Provide travel subsidies to bring our worldwide community of volunteer developers together. This enables them to work on existing projects, plan new projects, and work with partners and companies that use GNOME technologies.
- Hire a system administrator to manage the GNOME infrastructure. The GNOME community has thousands of volunteer contributors. The infrastructure to support them, from mailing lists to bug trackers to source code repositories, is all maintained by volunteers. A contracted system administrator could provide the on-call support that would give our volunteer developers and volunteer administrators the resources they need to keep the GNOME project moving forward on its mission of a free and open source desktop for all.
- Start an internship program aimed at exposing business students to the free and open source software world and bringing their expertise to some of the marketing and business challenges we have.
- Ensure that there is a free and open source stack for mobile devices by working with other mobile groups to define and produce GNOME Mobile.
- Ensure a free and secure desktop environment for everyone.

Here's Room for some Additional Text.

The women looked pretty, except when you got near them, but they were very clumsy about the waist. They had all full white sleeves of some kind or other, and most of them had big belts with a lot of strips of

something fluttering from them like the dresses in a ballet, but of course there were petticoats under them.

A Short Introduction to

Why You Should Become a GNOME Foundation Associate

Find Out How Companies such as Google, HP, IBM, Intel, Motorola, Nokia, Novell, RedHat, or Sun Leverage Worldwide Development Resources for a Fraction of the Costs.



Open Source Technologies are Forming the Building Blocks of Future Desktop and Mobile Computing Platforms.

Today, nearly everyone is already using Open Source technologies: Whenever you use the Internet, chances are, the services are build using Open Source. Serveral mobile provider and build their platforms on Open Source technology. (TODO: Add examples.) Throughout the world, government departments are considering a switch to Open Source desktops. (TODO: Add examples.)

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The Secret to Many Open Source Success Stories? The GNOME Environment

Started in 1997, the GNOME project was set up to provide a free and easy-to-use desktop environment accessible to all. Just ten years later, it's used by millions of people throughout the world.

Among the most popular Linux-based operating systems, many already use GNOME as their default desktop: Ubuntu, Fedora, and others. (TODO: Maybe add some more)

GNOME's underlying application development framework is used by many third-party developers and application suppliers. Over 1,500 applications were

build using technologies provided and maintained by GNOME, from Office to Multimedia applications for end users to development tools. Others use GNOME technologies as a backend for their Linux-based offerings, including Open Office, the Mozilla Firefox browser, and the Eclipse Java IDE. Also, third party additions such as wxWidgets, (TODO, etc. etc.) build on top of GNOME technologies.

Since 200(?), GNOME technologies are also used by many mobile providers (TODO: Add examples.)

Collaboration Made Easy: How the GNOME Foundation Helps You to Keep in Touch

The GNOME Foundation was started in 2001 to act as the official voice for the GNOME project, and provides a means of communication with the press and with commercial and noncommercial organizations interested in GNOME.

It sponsors GNOME-related technical conferences, represents GNOME elsewhere, helps create technical standards for the project and promotes the use and development of GNOME software. It also coordinates releases of GNOME and determines which projects are part of GNOME.

The Foundation has over 400 members, all contributors to GNOME, who vote once a year to elect the GNOME Board of Directors who run the Foundation.

Currently, 20 corporate sponsors help funding the activities and goals of GNOME and its Foundation, including Access, Canonical, Debian, Free Software Foundation, HP, Google, IBM, Igalia, Immendio, Intel, Motorola, Mozilla Foundation, Nokia, Novell, OLPC, OpenedHand, Red Hat, Software Freedom Law Center, Sugar Labs and Sun. They are represented in the Board of Advisors.

4 Reasons Why You Should Join the GNOME Foundation as an Associate Today

1. You'll get a communication channel to experienced developers, whether they work at large corporations, small consulting firms or as hobbyists.
2. You'll get a forum for collaboration on areas of common interest among foundation sponsors. Many of our members value the chance to speak and collaborate with partners and competitors about GNOME technologies.
3. You'll encourage trust and good will for your company in the Open Source community. The more awareness they have of your plans, the more supportive they will be when you need help.
4. You'll reach a large number of international press people, technologists and businesses. You participation will be covered in a press release unless you'd object. We would of course follow up with press coverage of GNOME related initiatives and announcements throughout the year.

As an associate, you'll also be invited to join the GNOME Foundation Board of Advisors. The advisory board meets in person annually at GUADEC and holds regular teleconference calls throughout the year. Most sponsors also provide additional funding for specific programs like events and programs targeted at specific technologies.

Join the GNOME Foundation today. Please follow up and contact:

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