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FOSDEM 是歐洲最大的開放原始碼研討會，這個活動是由 15 個企業和組織資助，並且由超過 300 位志工籌畫舉辦。每一年，來自全球數千名自由軟體和開源軟體開發者都會聚集到布魯塞爾參加盛會，今年 2020 年，FOSDEM 共安排了 818 位講者，850 個活動，71 個議程軌，63 個攤位在會場，會場就在 ULB 大學的 Solbosch 校區。FOSDEM 作為知名老牌開源研討會，其中一個特色包括他不用門票不用預先註冊，到現場就可自由參加。

今年是第一次 OCF 正式派員參加，未來也希望能持續參與國際上重要的開源盛會。

議程分享

今年 FOSDEM 共有 7 個主要議程軌和 55 個開發者空間，主要議程是由大會工作人員負責，開發者空間則是由開放原始碼社群組織並主持。

[主要議程]

Community and Ethics
Containers and Security
Databases

Freedom
History

Internet
Miscellaneous

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能夠邀請社群來負責規劃和運作開發者空間是一個很棒且聰明的方案，不但可以提升社群能量和參與度，大會主辦方也可以邀請更多社群實際投入大會活動。

FOSDEM 是個多元多面向的大會，不管是新手或老鳥，或關心議題初階或進階，都可以找到適合自己的議程。其中令人驚訝的是關於軟體自由核心價值的分享，雖然簡單基礎，但是位於開源新手來說十分有幫助，對於參與開源一陣子的人來說，也可以藉由這樣的基礎分享，重新思考開源定義，並有個全面的開源發展總回顧。

FOSDEM 另一個特點是不但有直播，直播系統經過設計和分享成為系統化的 Video Box¹，可以讓不會錄影的人也能快速上手協助直播。OCF 出訪成員有幸能夠在他們工作人員同意下進入錄影室，並且展示他們如何遠端操作 Video Box，藉由這個機會，OCF 也向 FOSDEM 人員分享臺灣開源社群及推動現況。



參與串聯

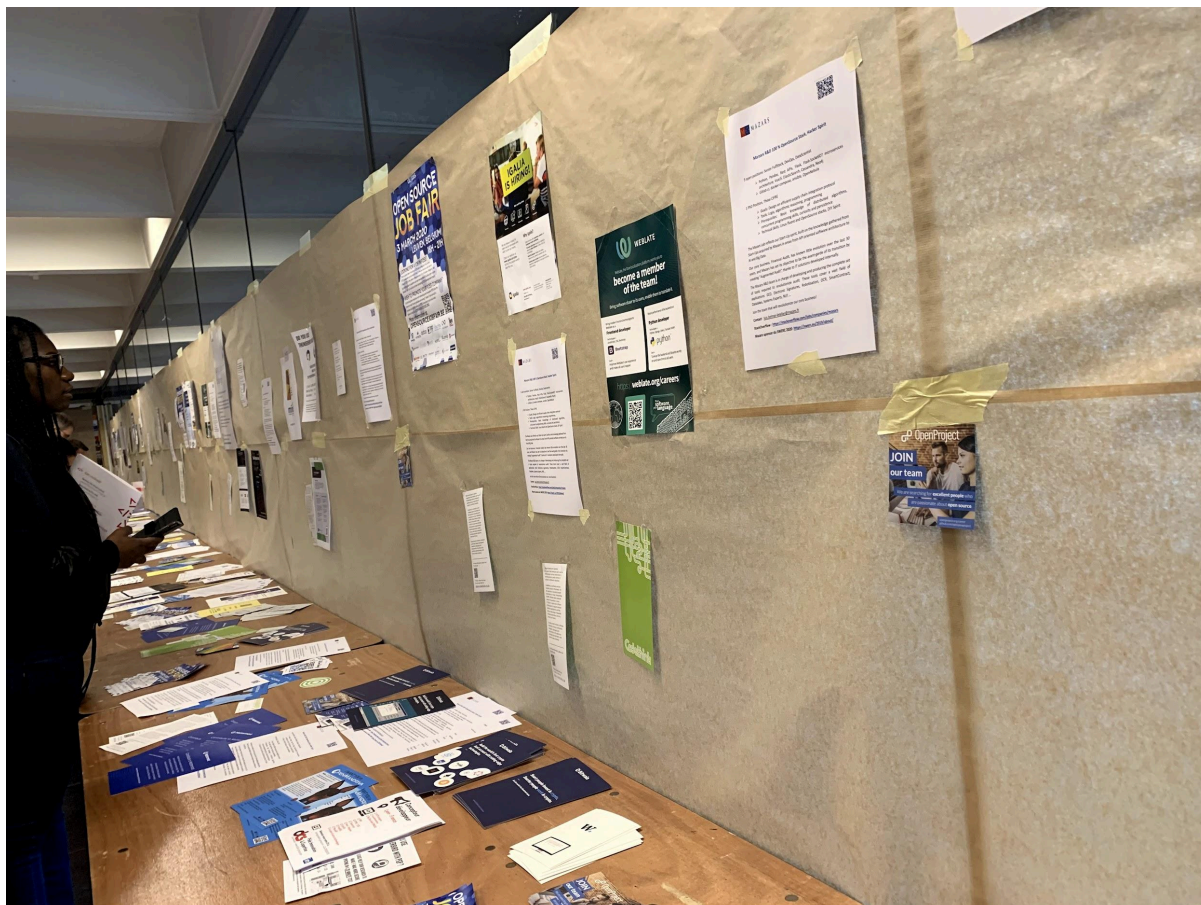
FOSDEM 是個很棒的場合，有機會跟世界各地的開源人一同交流相處，不論是在咖啡吧、攤位、餐車或是啤酒趴，都會見到各式各樣的人，有些人看起來像是來大學上課的學生、有些人看起來似乎根本不來參加會議，但最終都發現他們都在某些議程裡出沒，或是跟其他人討論開源。

FOSDEM 最嗨的應該就是活動前一晚的週五啤酒趴，啤酒趴是在一個酒吧舉辦，大會工作人員會在門口確定你的 geek belongings 或是問你開源相關問題，已確定要進去酒吧的是 FOSDEM 參與者，現場人非常的多，不論站或坐，大家都人手一瓶啤酒跟新朋友或舊朋友一起聊天。

¹ <https://fosdem.org/2020/schedule/event/videobox/>

大會特色

FOSDEM 是直接在大學校園舉辦，但是仍然發揮自身特色，將會場融入各樣技術精神，像是藉由紙張覆蓋著牆面、窗戶、販賣機製造了更多空間，讓來自各地的開源人張貼自己的文宣和貼紙。另外，它們並不會特別感謝贊助者，只有兩個地方出現贊助商 logo，一個是大會手冊，另一個是詢問處有一張 A4 的紙有印出贊助商。



總觀察

這次除了 OCF，臺灣也有 COSCUP 成員、MozTW 成員一同前往 FOSDEM，雖然都已經是開源信仰者，但是能夠跟世界各地的開源人一起重新討論、辯論開源的大小事和不同觀點，是個很有收穫的體驗，這樣面對面的辯論探討，比單方面接收關於開源的宣傳式演講更有幫助。

最後，在 FOSDEM 的經驗，我們感受到審視基礎仍然非常重要，雖然開源技術不斷改變、提升，並且有更多運用，但常常會忘記開放、自由的起始精神是什麼，甚至在衝太快的途中忘記基礎的重點。連在 FOSDEM 這樣的大會都重視基礎精神，或許在臺灣我們也可以規劃更多這樣的開源討論。

FOSDEM, the largest open source conference in Europe, was hosted over 300 volunteers and sponsored by 15 companies and organizations. Every year, thousands of developers of free and open source from all over the world gather at the event in Brussels. There were 818 speakers, 850 events, 71 tracks, 63 booths at the ULB Solbosch Campus in 2020. The attendees don't have to register for the ticket to attend the conference as well as can freely join the events.

OCF sent the representative to FOSDEM first time this year.

Talk Sharing

According to the online schedule of FOSDEM, it has 7 main tracks and 55 developer rooms. The talks of main tracks are organized by FOSDEM staffs and the others of developer rooms are organized by open source communities. I think inviting open source communities to host the developer rooms is a good and smart way to leverage the power of communities. Therefore, the conference organizer can invite more communities to join the event.

FOSDEM is for everyone, no matter you are beginners or experienced open-sources contributors, no matter which topic you interest at, variety of attendees can find a session or event to join. It is surprised that FOSDEM has the session only talked about core values of software freedom. It is simple and basic, however, it is so effective when we talk about the original spirit with the communities again. It reminds us why we are here? Where we want to head to in open-source field?

FOSDEM not only provide the live streaming for who can't attend the conference, it also made the "Video Box" to allow recording easier, smoother and systematically. How to use video box was also a sharing talk to share the knowledge of video box. OCF representative was allowed to visit the video recording room and take a look after sharing. FOSDEM staff also demonstrated how to control the video box remotely.

Gathering

FOSDEM is a huge conference you will see and meet all kind of different people. Some of them looked like the students in this campus, some of them didn't look like

the one will attend the technological events. However, they were all participants seen in the session or interacted with others. It was easy to meet people in the cafeteria, stands, dining cars and even the beer party . It was also a great opportunity for people all over the Europe and the word to hang out and change thoughts.

The pre-night beer party on Friday night is a huge event of FOSDEM. It was held on a local beer bar. So many people attended the party which made the bar so crowded. the volunteers standing in front of the door would check your geek belongings or ask you a question related to open source to make sure you're coming to FOSDEM beer party. People in the bar stood together to have beers with their old and new friends all the night.

Conference arrangement: Geek Style

FOSDEM not only practice the open/free spirit in the agenda, it also show geek style in the venue setting. They used many poster papers to cover the wall, the window, and even the vending machines to make more blank spaces for people to post their flyers and their stickers.

Also, it is hard to see sponsor's logos in FOSDEM, they didn't have sponsor talk either. ONLY two places where you can see sponsor's logos: FOSDEM brochure and one A4 page on the desk of the information center.

Overall Observation

Besides OCF representative, there were other Taiwan communities members from COSCUP and MozTW attend 2020 FOSDEM together. Although most of us are open source enthusiast, having a value debate in the room made our believe more clear and made us know what others think about open-source. It was very inspired to have a real debate competition in the conference, and listen about the different points of views rather than having more talks continuously promoting the core value of open source in many cases.

Overall, although FOSDEM is a mega conference and held for years, it still reflects the spirit of open-sources everywhere and has strong connection with communities. Back to Taiwan, we should also consider to build a community style conference which fits and touch what communities care and think about. The value of the conference should be how to create an interacting spaces and allow people freely gather and share.