

Building a sustainable community

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SITCON

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   Source Community

Basically these mean free labors





#### What this session is about

- Issues we face as an IT-interested student
- The founding of SITCON and how we are dealing with the problem
- What you could do to make impacts, either as a individual or as a club member
- Open Data, Open API, and how FLOSS spirit could change your campus (I'll try to cover this as much as possible in time)



## A few questions



How many of you have IT / Computer Science courses in middle school?

What is it about?

Does your school encourage indie projects?



#### Here's what occurs in Taiwan

- Computer courses from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Official course outline requires the coverage of:
  - the ability to operate and repair computer
  - image, document, and multimedia processing
  - the understanding of database and programming languages



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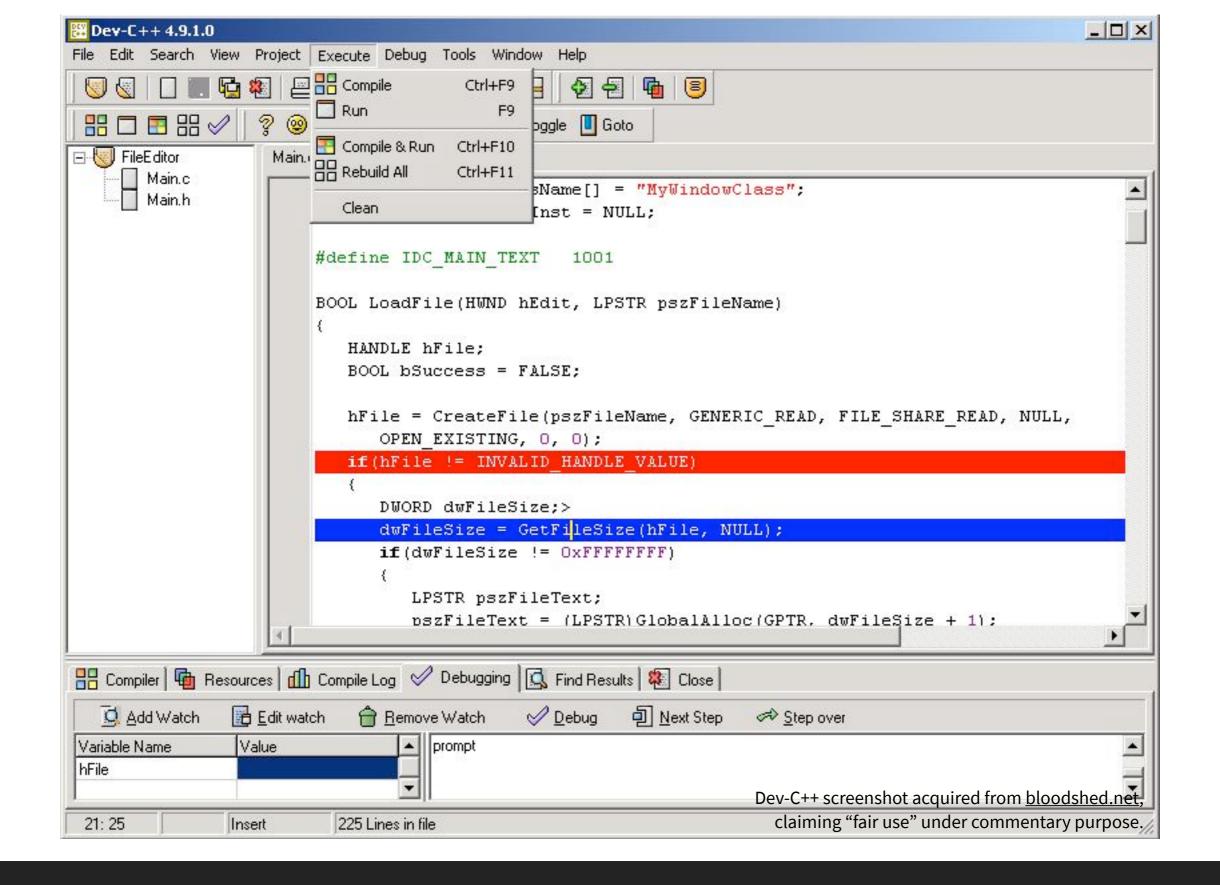
"That's what elementary schools supposed to do!

Things are WAY BETTER in secondary schools."



## Programming as seen by the ministry







- Ministry of Education in Taiwan strongly favors
   algorithm competitions, which suffers from
   decade-old rules and restrictions.
- Informatics Olympics and Science Fair are the two only ways that would benefit university applications.
- Vocational schools still teach VB6.
- Students interested in real-world technologies are virtually separated, discouraged, and isolated.



## The origin of SITCON

- In 2012, IT conferences in Taiwan coincidentally aligned in a monthly basis
- Tech communities called for volunteers, which many high school clubs and university students joined the effort
- Impressed by each others' projects, the concept of students' conference gradually matures



#### SITCON is about

a **stage**, where tech wizards could freely share their works and insights;

a **summit**, where clubs and societies can gather and meet new friends;

a **community**, where newcomers may be enlightened through their journey toward IT world



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August 24, 2012

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#### Stu[?]Conf 自我介紹表 ☆ ■

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#### Denny Huang asked a question.

August 24, 2012

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Student Information technology Conf(SITConf)









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Conference on Computer and Information for Students



Conference on Computer and Information for Students







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<sup>3 More...</sup> Finalize community name after initial physical meeting

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## Within two days,

**twelve** students gathered for the first meet up without knowing each other;

more than **a hundred** students introduced themselves and joined the Facebook group discussion;

website launched **a day after**; logo and mascot proposed on the following day.



#### **SITCON** aims

- To encourage indie projects and researches,
- To spread and support student communities,
- To promote FLOSS technologies and belief,
- To impact the education system, saving future students from misery and pain.



# "Educating your teachers has never been this important ever."

- Jim Huang (jserv)



### **Grass-root transparency**

- walk-ins are encouraged for all sorts of meetup
- discussion records are publicly available for community members
  - Quotes and punchlines welcomed
- Release early, release often
  - Bad communications cost





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#### SITCON 2013 第三次籌備會 預定討論事項

「這坑....似乎會長大阿......」 —— 莫風

「線路組:處理行政事項。行政組:處理行政事項。場務組:處理行政事項。總召組:處理行政事項。議程組:處理行政事項。 公關組:處理行政事項。網站組:處理行政事項。會眾組:處理 行政事項。餐飲組:處理行政事項。所有的事情當中,以人事最 為複雜;所有的事務當中,以行政最為繁瑣。都是行政,巧妙各 有不同。」 —— Rifur

「......萬惡之源。」 —— Denny

「人事的目的在於推坑 SITCON 繼起之人事。」 —— RS

「線路組難產。」

『要負責啥?』

「行政事務。」 —— from MouseMs

「把檔案丢進 SITCON 資料夾吧!」 —— 育慈

#### 各位, 別忘記 09/22 要提交行政規劃書!

"We founded SITCON community just in case you have no friends to eat late-night snacks together while discussing geeky stuff."

joked Rifur, Vice Organizer of SITCON 2013















Students' Information Technology Conference

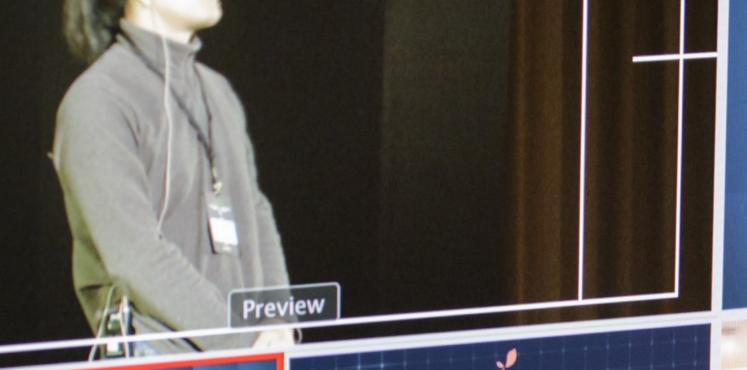
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## Network Era

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ATEM Software Control

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## **Extending influence**

- SITCON Conference
- HackGen Hackathon
- SITCON Camp
- The Open Source Way Workshop
- SITCON Hour of Code
- Regular meetups



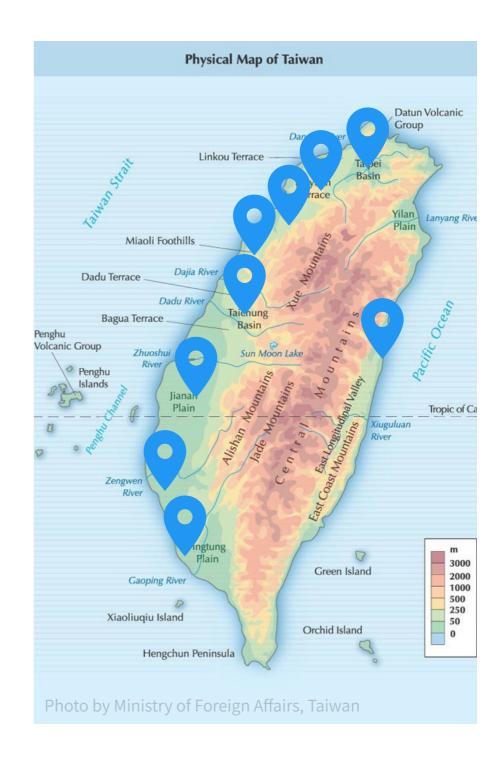






#### Regular meetups

- · 臺北 Taipei (Sunday)× NTUOSC
- 桃園 Taoyuan (Tuesday) × YZU ITAC
- 新竹 Hsinchu (Monday) × NCTU CCCA
- 苗栗 Miaoli (Wednesday)× NUU CSIE
- 臺中 Taichung (Saturday)
- · 雲林 Yunlin (Sunday)
- 臺南 Tainan (Monday) × NCKU C4Labs
- 高雄 Kaoshiung (Saturday)
- ・ 花蓮 Hualien (Saturday) × SOSCET





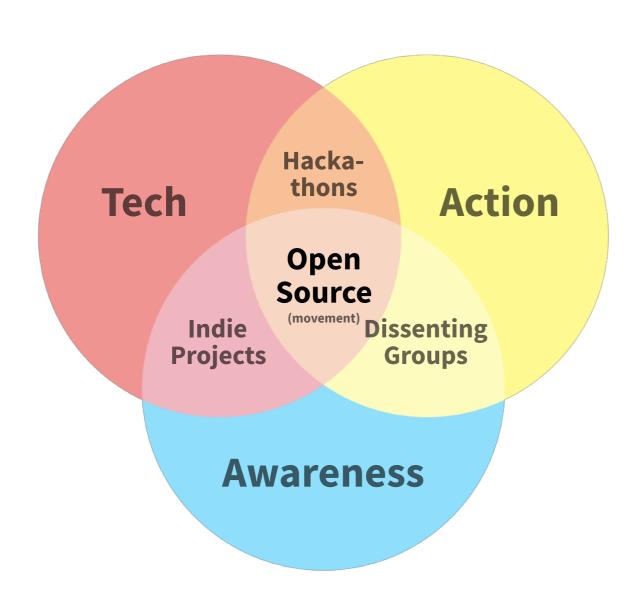
# Community sustainability: From top-down to bottom-up







### **NTU Open Source Community**







#### With a supporting club,

NTUOSC **complements** SITCON's emphasis on IT education, calling for "write code to change society" and encourage FLOSS contribution;

Co-host local meetups and lectures, facilitating the quasi-legal entity status to introduce great insights;

Bring mutual awareness and participation, guarding the community's future sustainability.





我們喜歡

忌作工

再研究如何改善 我們的日常生活

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開源社迎新茶會/晚上七點@法1402

臺大開源社 × 交大網路福利社 大開源計劃#1



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許邱翔 a.k.a. wdv 交大網路福利社 社長



## Tips on running a community

- Be transparent
- Be willing to share
- Hold training sessions
- Bond locally
- Collaborate with local groups

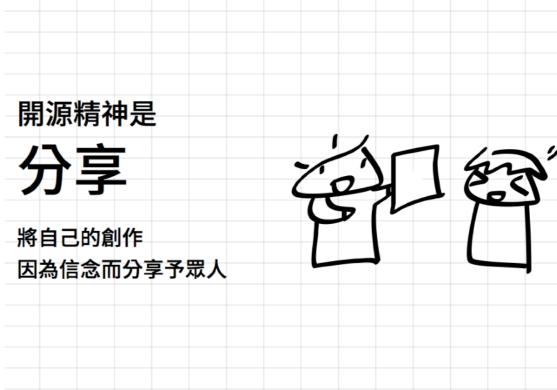














#### The core of a community is human.

- SITCON Community Guide (2015)



## Be kind, be open, be fun!





## Thanks!

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