

Soaring to Excellence – “The Best from the Web” Open Source Software Segment

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Suggested Reading:

Raymond, Eric S. “The Cathedral and the Bazaar.” *First Monday*
http://www.firstmonday.org/issues/issue3_3/raymond/

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux>

Questions:

- What is Linux?
- What are some differences between commercial software and open source software?
- Linux is just one example of an open source product. What are a few other examples of software that the open source community creates? (see: sourceforge.net)
- Why are open source software tools generally more secure than commercially available programs?
- Who is “Tux”?

Computer Dictionaries on the Web:

FOLDOC (Free Online Dictionary of Computing): www.foldoc.org

Computer Hope Dictionary: <http://www.computerhope.com/jargon.htm>

Define:

Source Code

Linus Torvalds

L.A.M.P. (Software Bundle) stands for what?

Exercises:

Download, install and play with the following open source products (look for a “download windows binaries” link):

- “Celestia” <http://www.shatters.net/celestia/>
- “xaos” <http://xaos.sourceforge.net>
- “Firefox 2” <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>