

Technology: the keys to the virtual kingdom



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What can technology solve?

- Lowers the barrier to youth
- Education opportunities
- Communications between peoples
- Cultural creativity
- Access to products and services
- Choice of anonymity - face to face barriers
- Violent communities
- Empowering individuals and communities

Some examples

- Community centres
- No electricity, no problem!
- Digital buses
- Retirees
- Cultural centres
- e-learning



Basic Message

Technology can help solve social
challenges

BUT

it has to be sustainable

So what is Open Source?

- “Free” Software
- Collaborative pool
- No single point of ownership – or failure
- No corporate control
- Global software, global community
- Transparent and accountable



The Business Case for Open Source?

- Economic and strategic freedom
- Extremely scalable - Google/phones
- Low cost and low risk
- No yearly licensing fees!
- Leverage old hardware

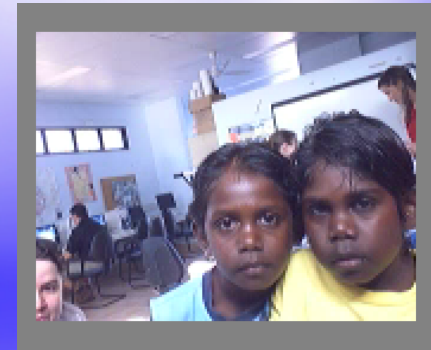


The Open Source negotiation magic

Socially Responsible Software

Open Source for NGOs

- ◆ NGOs can reduce their running costs
- ◆ Reuse second hand computers to increase capacity
- ◆ You broaden the services offered:
 - ◆ Public access labs
 - ◆ Free Software, and lots of it!
 - ◆ Culturally relevant languages, tools, creativity
 - ◆ Accessibility
- ◆ Community Centres
 - ◆ Riverwood Community Centre
 - ◆ Miwatj Centre in Nhulunbuy & Health App



Other Opportunities for NGOs

- ◆ Digital Bus for remote education



- ◆ Indigenous Aboriginal languages into the PC




- ◆ Empower communities to create their own stories and identity



- ◆ Multi-lingual approach

Cater to many audiences



Using ICT to help our Communities

- Empower your communities:
 - express themselves and share their stories
 - learn skills, share, and gain knowledge (youth)
- Sharing software, means sharing tools for personal growth and development
- Open knowledge -> A better world, what can you share today?

**We have an opportunity to be solving real
social and economic issues locally!**



Thankyou!

Technology can help you Learn, Share & Dare!

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