



Press release
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Two-day conference attracts biggest Open source and Free software developers to Belgium on February 23 & 24

FOSDEM biggest European conference for Open source and Free software developers with over 4000 visitors and 200 developers

Brussels - On February 23 and 24, FOSDEM, the biggest European conference for Open source and Free software developers, once again takes place for the 8th time. The speaker-list includes well-known developers from PHP, Mozilla, Xen and many other big Free and Open source projects.

FOSDEM (Free and Open Source Software Developers' European Meeting) on February 23 and 24 is a conference organised by enthusiasts which aims to attract Open source and Free software developers. It's this focus that makes it unique in Europe.

Open source software is software for which the source code is readily available, as opposed to software from companies such as Microsoft which only provide the binary code. Computers can execute this binary code, but no-one outside these companies can modify its behaviour.

Free software can be used, copied and modified without limitations.

The speaker-list includes well-known Open source and Free software developers. Ian Pratt is the founder of XenSource, the company behind the Xen virtualisation software. Andrei Zmievski, developer of the PHP language, will be talking about PHP 6 new features. Robert Watson will discuss the challenges in organising a large world-wide project such as FreeBSD.

For more information, please refer to www.fosdem.org.

FOSDEM takes place February 23 and 24 on the Solbosch Campus of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Franklin D. Rooseveltlaan 50, B-1050 Brussels. Free entrance, registration not required.

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