

Discussion

free culture, free software:  
making free software work for  
cultural heritage organizations

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why listen to me?



**this is not a talk  
about "how can I  
bring linux to my  
public library?"**

(but I am happy to discuss this later)

**What is a cultural  
heritage  
organization?**

cultural heritage  
institutions use a lot  
of closed source  
products for their  
systems and patrons

These projects are cool!  
Why aren't all cultural  
heritage organizations  
using them?

## Factors to consider:

- How good is the documentation?
- How are changes or new code committed?
- Does this project meet my institution's needs?
- How much does this project cost in the short and the long run?
- How strong is this community?
- Can non-coders submit bugs?
- What other institutions are participating in this project?

**Audience  
participation time!**



**What are some ways  
that FLOSS and  
GLAM can support  
each other?**

Case study: Kualii's  
"community source"  
model...

bringing it all back  
home...