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Charting the Course

**Should developers get paid for
their work?**



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Who pays for software development?

Software is traditionally built when paid for by a client.



How Do We Switch to Free Software?

Software has terms of service and a privacy policy that should tell you how your data is shared and used by the software provider.

The software license is what determines how ethical the software is. Although licenses are written for lawyers, there are a few things to look for when choosing software or an app.

<https://switching.software>

<https://framasoftware.org>

<https://degooglisons-internet.org/en/>

<https://agaric.coop/blog/daily-business-operations-using-free-software>

Where to Get Support for Free Software?



Tech support for free software comes in different flavors.

Online Forums

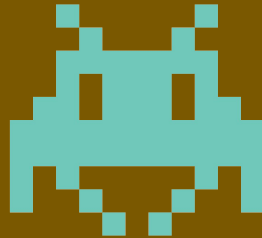
Email Lists

The Software Website

Search Engine Results

Free Software Communities

There are also some Corporate options



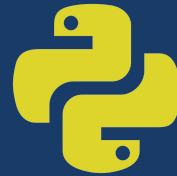
Development Strategies

- Cooperative Building
- Shared Resources
- Customization of Code
- Combined Billing of Clients
- Group Planning of Features
- Identifying Similar Client Needs

Each choice has Pros and Cons, but we will not be covering this in-depth. It is difficult to generalize on strategies because each client has specific and different needs, but sometimes these overlap or are the same. Let's discuss...



Funding Strategies



Take a look at some Free Software projects that achieved funding, and analyze the implications of their financial models:

Signal

Godot

Blender

Inkscape

Drupal/Wordpress

BigBlueButton

There are plenty of other great examples.





Is OpenCollective an Option?

Could OpenCollective be a path for sponsoring multiple development projects for teams of developers?



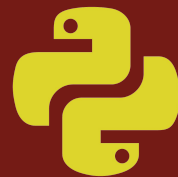
What Is OpenCollective?

Open Collective is a legal and financial toolbox for grassroots groups. It is a fundraising + legal status + money management platform for your community.

<https://opencollective.com>



Ideas and Suggestions



- **Gusaus** - Integrating OpenCollective with free software sites like [Drupal.org](https://drupal.org) (Make it easier to pay developers and automate the acknowledgement of contributors, transparently.)
- **Doctormo** - <https://media.libreplanet.org/u/libreplanet/m/empower-users-by-asking-them-for-money/>
- **Organizing contribution events**
- **Coop Guide** - helpful developer directory under construction
- **Quadratic funding (FundOSS)** - Large organizations sponsor funding for Free Software projects, which is allocated in accordance with the contributions of smaller, independent, donors

Add your ideas to the pad - <https://agaric.coop/devpaid>





Resources and Links

<https://agaric.coop/devpaid> - Living Document

<https://opencollective.com>

<https://platform.coop>

<https://usworker.coop>

<https://agaric.coop/ethics>

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