

OPENCLASSROOM™

Bringing the power of Open Source to Education.

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About OpenClassroom™

OpenClassroom™ offers schools worldwide a Linux-based free alternative to expensive commercial software.

Schools worldwide are under severe budgetary pressure to educate more students with less resources to do so. Commercial software vendors charge high usage fees for their software. OpenClassroom™ gives schools a free, customizable, flexible alternative.

OpenClassroom™'s package of software allows schools to create a community of knowledge by connecting existing PCs (old or new) into a network, both local and worldwide, such as the Internet.

Linux has brought power to software developers worldwide. OpenClassroom™ brings the power of Linux to your school, in a simple package, and with clear manuals.

The software and manuals for the preliminary version are freely available at OpenClassroom™'s website (www.openclassroom.org).

"Digital Press"

The OpenClassroom™ toolset allows organizations and citizens to own and operate their own "digital printing press." Our toolset lowers the cost of entry into the media industry by allowing schools to become their own publishers and knowledge distributors.

Call us

OpenClassroom™ offers a cost-effective, flexible, state-of-the-art solution that gives you the power to tailor our software to your specific needs without licensing fees.

Please contact Brendon Grunewald, Chief Rainmaker, at +49 (173) 4077745 for more information. He can show you how the OpenClassroom™ solution can greatly benefit your school and your students.

Features of an OpenClassroom™ network

The network diagram below shows a sample of an OpenClassroom™ network.

Functionality

The OpenClassroom™ software will include all the components needed for a full, web-based course development, deployment, and management system. Also included will be these features:

- Secure Intranet
- Filtered Internet access

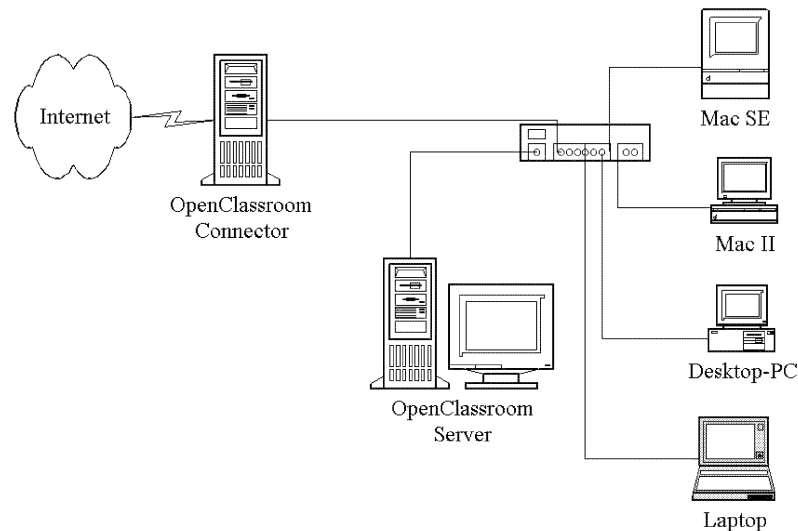
- School administration
- File and print sharing
- Multimedia streaming server ("Internet radio, TV station")
- Centralized database
- E-mail server, mailing lists
- Productivity software (office suites, general application)
- Software development tools
- TCP/IP, SMB and AppleTalk networking protocols
- Team collaboration and remote work / learning environment

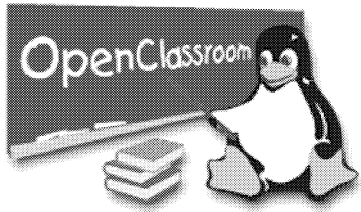
Multiple clients

PCs running DOS, Windows 3.x, MacOS, or Windows 95 to NT can access files in the OpenClassroom™ server.

Extend PCs' life

Schools are forced to upgrade to new equipment to run the latest commercial operating systems (Windows 98, NT). Using OpenClassroom™, schools can easily continue to utilize their existing PCs.





FREE SOFTWARE FOR SCHOOLS

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About Linux, Open Source

Software programs are written in programming languages (Basic, C, Java). Each program is a text file with instructions on how to perform a particular task. Those files ("source code") are then processed with a "compiler" to create the program you PC runs.

Commercial software does not come with its source code. You can not modify those programs to fit your needs. You also pay a license fee for each copy of the program you use.

"Open Source" is software freely distributed along with its source code. You are able to modify the software to fit your needs. You can also install as many copies of this software as you wish, without license fees.

Linux is a popular example of Open Source software.

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Who Needs OpenClassroom™?

The requirement

Educational institutions and governments worldwide must offer their constituents access to current ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in order to make education and governance relevant in today's Digital Economy.

The problem

The relentlessly escalating costs of keeping ICT up to date

in the face of ever-dwindling educational budgets and ever-growing student populations. These issues are specially critical in both inner cities and LDC (Less Developed Countries).

Our solution

OpenClassroom™ harnesses the Open Source community and its resources to address the challenge via state-of-the-art, license-free, fully customizable software.

Looking for Financial Support

OpenClassroom™ is currently looking for sources of long-term financial support. We are open to consider:

- grants
- direct investment
- consulting arrangements

More details

Please contact Brendon Grunewald, Chief Rainmaker, at +49 (173) 4077745 for specific details on OpenClassroom™'s innovative business model. Thank you for your support.

The Importance of Source Code

It might not be clear why OpenClassroom™ considers access to the source code as an important benefit of our solution. Allow us to explain this point further.

Become involved

Having the source code not only empowers students and users alike to use software but it actually empowers them to better understand and become involved in the software development process itself.

Even if they never became anything like a hacker guru, their professional future will be much better than a life making low-grade wing nuts by hand, or cooking hamburgers.

Speed of Education

An additional benefit of Open Source software is the increase in the speed of education. Students will avoid reinventing the wheel several

times, and they can also study that wheel and learn how it works for themselves. Students can eventually build better, faster, smoother-running wheels and sharing the resultant technological growth with the rest of the world.

The very nature of the Open Source movement allows students everywhere to enter the software arena without a heavy initial investment in software tools (they are free).

Not just better

Having the source code available doesn't just mean students will have better software than Microsoft's. It means students will actually understand software development and usage better.

Open Source software is the best way for students worldwide to claim a share of the future. Knowledge is power. Let's give students the power.

The OpenClassroom philosophy:

To bring the revolutionary power and global reach of the Internet; the cost-effective, high-quality technology of the OpenSource community; and the transparency of open information standards; affordably, to the global educational community.