



Is your career ready for Free and Open Source Software?

As conscientious software users, the Linux User's Group at UIC, and the Association for Computer Machinery at UIC would like to invite you to come join us April 6-7 to Flourish!: a two-day conference reflecting on the impact of Free/Libre/Open-Source Software (FLOSS) on our future. We are extending this open invitation to academia, to industry members, and to the community, so that together we can explore FLOSS and address some of the following topics:

- Will FLOSS tools expertise increase my marketability after graduation?
- Is FLOSS suited for the professional environment?
- Has the time finally come for companies to set up shop around FLOSS? (Reflections on the impact of SCO, GPL v3, etc)
- Does FLOSS generate new business synergies?
- Does FLOSS generate new academic opportunities?
- What is the key to a successful open project? (Classic Myths in Open Source and Free Software development)
- Is there a business model for non-commercial licenses?
- Can the Free and Open Source models be applied to more areas than software?
- Women and FLOSS: contributions, opportunities, and the community.

It is our belief that the prospective answers to most of these questions are positive, and with that in mind, it is our ultimate goal to provide a platform for triggering new ideas and encouraging ongoing innovation. In light of this, we are honored to announce the participation as keynote speaker of Mr. Chris DiBona, Open Source Programs Manager for Google, renowned Open Source evangelist, and co-host of the podcast "Floss weekly."

Please join us in this endeavor, whether by lending your support in the form of active participation as a panelist, providing some of the much-needed funding, or simply by contributing with your presence. Visit <http://www.flourishconf.com/> for more info. We welcome any and all support from the community!

Our gratitude extends to those who join us in this intent to Flourish.

Respectfully,

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