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Empowering Nepali Students with Ubuntu: An Initiative by GNOME Nepal

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About Me

Hello, I am Aaditya Singh.

- Backend Python Software Developer
- Work on Government Projects
- Uses open source framework Odoo
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The Start

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- Lack of Open source urgency inside the valley
- Most of the students are unaware about the use of Open Source Technologies and Linux
- Very less people actually using Linux & Ubuntu
- Cannot directly dive into GNOME and related technologies
- Had to start right from the scratch
- Had to convince colleges for the sessions
- Had to make the sessions interactive and fun

The Initiative

- Decided for a Top Down Approach
- Start with introducing students right from the ‘ What/ Why is Open Source?’
- We needed a distro which is popular and beginner friendly
- Solution - “UBUNTU”

Why Ubuntu :

- Most of the beginners they start with Ubuntu in Nepal
- Ubuntu is synonymous to Linux
- Beginner friendly
- Easy Installation
- Uses GNOME as its Default Desktop Environment

Updates

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Training Session on
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The Challenges

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The Impact

- Completed sessions ranging from 2 hrs - 3 hrs in 1 university and 4 different colleges till now
- Made the sessions fully interactive with using different activities and games
- Helped people setup Ubuntu for the start
- Provided sessions to : 185 students
- Next session is this Wednesday
- Instructors count : 6 right now, started with just me
- Colleges and other communities has started to invite by themselves
- 3 months

The Newcomers

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- 2 of our recent training sessions were facilitated and led by the newcomers, who attended our previous sessions
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- The next session on the Wednesday is also being led by one of the newcomer
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- Newcomers has been given opportunities to lead events which involves GNOME Nepal collaborating with other OS communities

- Freedom to volunteer in any event or session
- Objective behind volunteering is to learn how to instruct in these training sessions
- Freedom to lead any session and events
- No boundary set for the exposure
- Community operates on meritocracy

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Community Platforms

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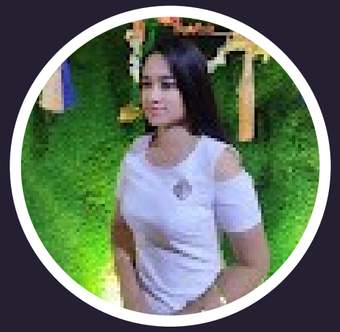
Testimonial



Tisa Manandhar

Was a really interactive session learning about Open Source and Linux. Thankful for being a part of the session.

Prakriti Acharya

It was a great learning experience with GNOME Nepal. Excited for the upcoming sessions !

Prapti Bajracharya

Had a great time learning through this session of Open source and Linux, grateful towards all the mentors. Looking forward to more sessions like this.