

UAFOSS

Ukrainian Association of developers & users of Free / Open source software

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FOSS & Linux Solutions / OSDN Conference: Free/Open Software for Everyone

In 2007, UAFOSS takes the Open Source Development Network Conference (which is conducted in Kyiv for 6 years and in which 250 to 300 persons participate regularly) to a new organization level.

This initiative is related to a number of factors.

First – it is a rapid increase of the potential market around Free/Open Software services.

Second – it is the tightened position of proprietary companies (companies that produce “closed” software) which prosecute users of non-licensed software more and more actively on the local market.

Third – it is the work on structuring the UAFOSS network which plans to open representative offices in all regions of Ukraine in the nearest year or two, to establish a reliable network of support for FOSS (Free/OpenSource software) users, as well as to distribute FOSS products and services across the country.

Fourth – it is the catastrophic situation which last in the state sector of Ukraine where there is practically no information about the Free/Open Source software, but where “proprietary” programs of "informatization" are impossible to implement due to a number of reasons.

In 2007, beside the professional conference, we also plan to have a number of subject-matter actions with the purpose of popularization of the idea of wide use of FOSS in the state and educational sectors, as well as educational and explanatory actions designed for the widest range of informational service consumers.

It is the last aspect which is related to the fact that **we invite not only software developers, but also the leading suppliers of computer hardware to our FOSS-target exhibition.** (Note please that the exhibition with such theme is held in Ukraine FOR THE FIRST TIME, and we suppose that it would occupy a place of more formalized foreign Linux-exhibitions in the country by means of attracting the most trained and professional FOSS community inside the country). The only condition shall be operation and demonstration of **FOSS class software only.**

At that, we are especially interested in developing companies which may demonstrate subject-matter solutions (information systems and equipment for the governmental sector, business, civil services of the city, education, information privacy solutions etc.).

For distribution companies, UAFOSS is ready to provide both the Free Software which would demonstrate the full power of modern computer technology, and the business contacts for growing its regional distribution network over UAFOSS regional network, which is being developed actively and supports Free/Open source hardware and software solutions. The latter aspect shall be of especial interest for manufacturers of business class and professional equipment.

The list of offers and packs for exponents of the exhibition, members of the conference and participants of special actions of "Linux Days in Kyiv" which are held in the framework of the conference, may be obtained in Kyiv Central Office of UAFOSS at the address:

01133, office 1, Lesi Ukrainki boulevard 8, Kyiv, Ukraine (entrance from the yard, left wing),

by fax (044)2344119 (phone – (044)2347560)

or E-mail expo@uafoss.org.ua,

and starting from April 15, 2007, you may also obtain the above-mentioned documents after registering on the special website: <http://fossexpo.kiev.ua>

Feel free to discuss your wishes and conditions of your participation in our events!

Sincerely,

Organization Committee of OSDN Conference and exhibition "FOSS & Linux Solutions"

LIST OF SCHEDULED SUBJECT-MATTER EVENTS

-- **VI OSDN Conference** (*Open Source Developers Network*) – October 27 (11-00 - 18-00)

-- Exhibition "**Free/Open Source Software for Everyone**" – October 24-27 (opening – October 24, 13:00) — the Exhibition Hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine - Kyiv,

– Subject-matter conference "**Free/Open Source Software in the Governmental Sector**" (advance registration, access by invitation cards) – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine;

– Subject-matter conference "**Free/Open Source Software in Education**" (advance registration, access by invitation cards + free access for exhibition visitors if free places are available) – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine ;

– Presentation "**Free/Open Office Programs and Multimedia Software for Users**" (easy access for exhibition visitors) – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine;

– "**Linux Express Training Courses for Users**" (easy access for exhibition visitors) – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry

of Ukraine ;

– Seminar "**Data Safety on the basis of Free/Open Source Software**" – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine;

– **Presentations and press conferences of companies** participating in the exhibition – October 25 - 27, the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine;

– **Program "Introduction to UAFOSS_BIZ"** – the opportunity for exhibition participants for negotiations on interaction with the regional representatives network of UAFOSS and enterprises-corporate members of UAFOSS;

– Initiative of UAFOSS "**Licensed Free Software at Price of Pirate Copy**" – October 24-27, the exhibition hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine; October 24-27, companies of Kyiv which sell hardware and software.

– Initiative of UAFOSS "**Licensed Free Software on Equipment of Exhibition Participants** " (UAFOSS shall select OS-type, business and gaming software for each exhibition participant, which would demonstrate the abilities of hardware equipment in the best way, and help to install it on the exhibitors equipment. The installed software is granted to the exhibition participants free of charge).

– Initiative of UAFOSS "**Free Games and Open Three-Dimensional Interfaces**" – installation of 3-D games and user interfaces supporting OpenGL on the equipment of exhibition participants).

– Initiative of UAFOSS "**Support of Developers of Original Free Software in Ukraine** " – free provision of places on the UAFOSS exhibition stands and a competition among the Ukrainian developers of original software – private persons.

Internal Events of UAFOSS

– **Report and Election Conference of UAFOSS** – the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine, during the exhibition (event for Association members)

– **Formation of Primary Circle of Trust of UAFOSS** (exchange of the open digital keys) - the conference hall of the Chamber of Trade and Industry of Ukraine, during the exhibition (event for Association members)

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