

# Release Early, Release Often

COMP8440: FOSSD  
Lecture 14



# What have we learned?

- FOSS is big ...
  - It's a huge FOSS world out there
  - With a strong culture
  - A wide range of views and motivations
- FOSS and you
  - How can you use FOSS?
  - Maybe in your business?
  - Or as a contributor?
  - Or as a user?

# Where to from here?

- Participation
  - The key to understanding FOSS is to participate!
  - Keep working on projects you enjoy
  - ... but also step back and enjoy the big picture
- Be patient
  - It takes years to master the FOSS world
  - ... though you should be better prepared now than you were!

# Community Interaction

- **Join a LUG**
  - Linux User Groups are a great way to get involved
  - see <http://clug.org.au/> for the Canberra LUG
    - Held right here at DCS!
  - The PSIG is also very worthwhile
    - join the CLUG mailing list for details
- **Conferences**
  - So many conferences, so little time!
  - For FOSS in Australia, the key one is LCA
    - See <http://linux.org.au/LCA>
  - OSDC is also excellent
    - See <http://www.osdc.com.au/>

# The Future of FOSS

- FOSS is here to stay
  - Likely to continue to dominate in embedded and HPC computing
  - May gain wide use on the desktop?
  - Starting to be adopted by Microsoft too, in a small way

# FOSS quiz!

What are the key differences between the BSD and GPL licenses?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a distributed SCM?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is a BDFL?



# FOSS quiz! ....

What is the difference between a branch and a fork?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is the FOSS community?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What should a submitted patch contain?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is a derivative work?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is the purpose of the signed-off system?

# FOSS quiz! ....

How can patents harm FOSS projects?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is tivoisation?

# FOSS quiz! ....

How are FOSS licenses enforced?



# FOSS quiz! ....

What are the common types of FOSS business model?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What are the differences between cathedral and bazaar development?

# FOSS quiz! ....

What is a hacker?

# Thank you!

- We hope you've enjoyed the course
- We'll be available to help on 30 April, 7 May and 14 May, between 2pm and 5pm
- Good luck with the presentation and reports!