

# Why is Open Source So Cool?

Open Source is cool because:

- ★It is like a car that you can get under the hood on.
- ★It is a shared effort.
- ★If you can't wait for an update, you do an update and it is done for everyone.
- ★People that have fun with code often flock around “new releases”. With Open Source there are always “new releases”, so it's always a party. As Open Source is free nobody gets left out.
- ★You own your data. Nobody has backdoors to your data hidden in code you cannot study. There are no Open Source police with a key to the back door.
- ★Because people can own “the whole collection”, they can afford to make distributed applications. As a result a large number of on and offline applications are entering the world of free.