Open Source Software in Japan

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Abstract

This presentation aims to introduce about the open source software movement in Japan. Open Source Software like Linux has becomes new paradigm. Some Japanese Open Source system: Ruby programming language and TRON project will be discussed. Activities of the Open Source oriented users groups such as Linux, FreeBSD, Samba, Ruby and also intitiatives of some NPO (Non Profit Organization) that are involved
in promoting Open Source as a business model will be briefly discussed. Finally, the broad based annual Kansai Opensource Forum that held since 2002 will be introduced. This year we hold this Forum from October 22-23 in conjunction with the BSD Conference, Macintosh user group and many other software communities.