Open Source

Websites:

* <http://opensource.org/>
* <http://sourceforge.net/>
* <http://www.schoolforge.net/>
* <http://opensourcewindows.org/>
* <http://opensourcemac.org/>
* <http://www.osalt.com/>
* <http://www.openoffice.org/>

Open Source Software is software developed with full disclosure of the “source code” and it is typically a collaboration of teams of programmers. Some of the Open Source projects have been ongoing for many years and development lead by different teams over time.

Open Source software is often a “work alike” for common commercial software. Being developed under the Open Source “license” the software is free. There is no hidden code since everyone can see the raw program instructions.

Assigment

**Part 1**

Install Open Office 3.30 on some computer and use it to create a STORY. The Story is If You Gave a Teacher a Computer” The story does not need to be long but it should be at least 2 pages . The content of the story needs to include at least 10 classroom technology devices. The story should be modeled after the Children’s Book If You Gave a Mouse a Cookie. The plot will lead from one device to another with a cause and effect relationship and end with a final line “Then the teacher would want another computer” (or substitute laptop). The finished story needs to be saved as an Open Office Writer document and submitted as an attachment.

**Part 2**

Sign up for one of the Open Source Programs on the list. You need to download and install the software on some computer. Then use the research and use the software enough to be able to describe what it does. Write a brief abstract of the software and save that as a document, which you can then attach to your submitted assignment.

**Part 3**

If you have a gmail account, submit your username and e-mail address. If you do not have a gmail account (<http://gmail.com>) you need to sign up for an account, activate it, and submit your username and e-mail address