

PeerCorps and open standards

The files which are available for download on the PeerCorps website are readable using a PDF reader or are available in the OpenDocument Format. PeerCorps makes every effort to utilize free and open source software (FOSS) in its communications, collaboration and for archival purposes. Open standards are very important in that they reduce our reliance on proprietary software (also called vendor lock-in), are less costly and are by design more secure. The permissible nature of FOSS software licenses allows for greater participation by members of our community in that they are free to use, modify and redistribute.

Some of the free and open source software packages that we actively use and promote include:

Libre Office: text documents, spreadsheets and presentation software
<http://www.libreoffice.org/>

R: Statistical analysis
<http://www.r-project.org/>

InkScape: Vector graphic drawing
<http://inkscape.org/>

GIMP: Image manipulation
<http://www.gimp.org/>

Jitsi: a secure replacement for Skype
<https://jitsi.org/>

Linux Mint: a modern customizable operating system for both older and newer PCs
<http://www.linuxmint.com/>

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