



GNOME, a case of open source global software development

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Problem

- GNOME is a *free* desktop for UNIX
 - Composed of 2+ MLOCs
 - 6 years old
 - 500 regular contributors around the world
 - Many core contributors work for different companies
- How to organize themselves so they can accomplish the goals of the project?



Approach/Solution

- Dependency on F/OS tools
- Work modularized to minimize communication
- Communication: mailing lists, icq, Web sites
- CVS maintains code
- Organization
 - Foundation
 - Maintainers
 - Core developers
- Administrative tasks assigned to volunteer committees