

## 25 years and counting

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When the late Ian Murdock announced 25 years ago in `comp.os.linux.development`, *"the imminent completion of a brand-new Linux release, [...] the Debian Linux Release"*, nobody would have expected the "Debian Linux Release" to become what's nowadays known as the Debian Project, one of the largest and most influential free software projects. Its primary product is Debian, a free operating system (OS) for your computer, as well as for plenty of other systems which enhance your life. From the inner workings of your nearby airport to your car entertainment system, and from cloud servers hosting your favorite websites to the IoT devices that communicate with them, Debian can power it all.

Today, the Debian project is a large and thriving organization with countless self-organized teams comprised of volunteers. While it often looks chaotic from the outside, the project is sustained by its two main organizational documents: the [Debian Social Contract](#), which provides a vision of improving society, and the [Debian Free Software Guidelines](#), which provide an indication of what software is considered usable. They are supplemented by the project's [Constitution](#) which lays down the project structure, and the [Code of Conduct](#), which sets the tone for interactions within the project.

Every day over the last 25 years, people have sent bug reports and patches, uploaded packages, updated translations, created artwork, organized events about Debian, updated the website, taught others how to use Debian, and created hundreds of derivatives.

Here's to another 25 years - and hopefully many, many more!

## DebConf18 closes in Hsinchu and DebConf19 dates announced

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Today, Sunday 5 August 2018, the annual Debian Developers and Contributors Conference came to a close. With over 306 people attending from all over the world, and 137 events including 100 talks, 25 discussion sessions or BoFs, 5 workshops and 7 other activities, [DebConf18](#) has been hailed as a success.

Highlights included DebCamp with more than 90 participants, the [Open Day](#), where events of interest to a broader audience were offered, plenaries like the traditional Bits from the DPL, a Questions and Answers session with Minister Audrey Tang, a panel discussion about "Ignoring negativity" with Bdale Garbee, Chris Lamb, Enrico Zini and Steve McIntyre, the talk "That's a free software issue!" given by Molly de Blanc and Karen Sandler, lightning talks and live demos and the announcement of next year's DebConf ([DebConf19](#) in Curitiba, Brazil).

The [schedule](#) has been updated every day, including 27 ad-hoc new activities, planned by attendees during the whole conference.

For those not able to attend, most talks and sessions were recorded and live streamed, and videos are being made available at the [Debian meetings archive website](#). Many sessions also facilitated remote participation via IRC or a collaborative text document.

The [DebConf18](#) website will remain active for archive purposes, and will continue to offer links to the presentations and videos of talks and events.

Next year, [DebConf19](#) will be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 21 July to 28 July, 2019. It will be the second DebConf held in Brazil (first one was DebConf4 in Porto Alegre. For the days before DebConf the local organisers will again set up DebCamp (13 July – 19 July), a session for some intense work on improving the distribution, and organise the Open Day on 20 July 2019, open to the general public.

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### About Debian

The Debian Project was founded in 1993 by Ian Murdock to be a truly free community project. Since then the project has grown to be one of the largest and most influential open source projects. Thousands of volunteers from all over the world work together to create and maintain Debian software. Available in 70 languages, and supporting a huge range of computer types, Debian calls itself the *universal operating system*.

### About DebConf

DebConf is the Debian Project's developer conference. In addition to a full schedule of technical, social and policy talks, DebConf provides an opportunity for developers, contributors and other interested people to meet in person and work together more closely. It has taken place annually since 2000 in locations as varied as Scotland, Argentina, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. More information about DebConf is available from <https://debconf.org/>.

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### Contact Information

For further information, please visit the DebConf18 web page at <https://debconf18.debconf.org/> or send mail to [press@debian.org](mailto:press@debian.org).

## DebConf18 thanks its sponsors!

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DebConf18 is taking place in Hsinchu, Taiwan, from July 29th to August 5th, 2018. It is the first Debian Annual Conference in Asia, with over 300 attendees and major advances for Debian and for Free Software in general.

Thirty-two companies have committed to sponsor DebConf18! With a warm "thank you", we'd like to introduce them to you.

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Thanks to all our sponsors for their support! Their contributions made possible that a large number of Debian contributors from all over the globe work together, help and learn from each other in DebConf18.

## New Debian Developers and Maintainers (May and June 2018)

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The following contributors were added as Debian Maintainers in the last two months:

- Andre Bianchi
- Simon Quigley
- Andrius Merkys
- Tong Su
- James Lu
- Raphaël Halimi
- Paul Seyfert
- Dustin Kirkland
- Yanhao Mo
- Paride Legovini

Congratulations!

Application managers are needed to help contributors get their Debian Developer accounts. See the [call from New Member Front Desk](#) for details.

## DebConf18 starts today in Hsinchu

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[DebConf18](#), the 19th annual Debian Conference, is taking place in Hsinchu, Taiwan from July 29th to August 5th, 2018.

Debian contributors from all over the world have come together at [National Chiao Tung University](#), [Microelectronics and Information Research Center](#) (NCTU MIRC) during the preceding week for DebCamp (focused on individual work and team sprints for in-person collaboration developing Debian), and the Open Day on July 28th (with presentations and workshops of interest to a wide audience).

Today the main conference starts with over 300 attendants and 118 activities scheduled, including 45- and 20-minute talks and team meetings, workshops, a job fair, talks from invited speakers, as well as a variety of other events.

The full schedule at <https://debconf18.debconf.org/schedule/> is updated every day, including activities planned ad-hoc by attendees during the whole conference.

If you want to engage remotely, you can follow the [video streaming](#) available from the [DebConf18 website](#) of the events happening in the three talk rooms: Yushan (玉山) (the main auditorium), Xueshan (雪山), and Zhongyangjianshan (中央尖山), or join the conversation about what is happening in the talk rooms: [#debconf18-y](#), [#debconf18-x](#) and [#debconf18-z](#) (all those channels in the OFTC IRC network).

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