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LinuxFr.org joins the OSI: strengthening the francophone community

OSI keeps growing: **LinuxFr.org**, the largest French-speaking community of Linux users, has officially joined the Open Source Initiative (OSI) as an Affiliate organization. This marks an important step in deepening our engagement with francophone Open Source communities and highlighting the grassroots efforts that have long supported open collaboration around the world.

What Is LinuxFr.org?

Founded in 1998, the same year as the Open Source Initiative, LinuxFr.org is one of the most influential Francophone websites dedicated to Open Source software. LinuxFr.org is entirely community-driven and serves as a central hub for publishing news, opinion pieces, software releases, event announcements, and thoughtful commentary related to the Linux and Open Source communities.

In the course of its existence, over 50,000 users at LinuxFr.org have contributed to 120,000 articles (98% under the CC BY-SA license) and to nearly 2 million comments. The website receives 25 million visits per year.

LinuxFr.org has played and continues to play a crucial role in making Open Source accessible and relevant to French-speaking communities. It helped shape early Open Source discourse in France. At a time when global collaboration is more important than ever, platforms like LinuxFr.org help bridge cultural and linguistic gaps in the Open Source ecosystem.

A shared commitment to Openness

> *"After countless birthday celebrations alongside the Open Source Initiative, LinuxFr.org is proud to now join forces as an Affiliate organization. In a time when Open Source is facing challenges everyday, this partnership is essential to highlight shared values. Only by bringing our communities closer together can we safeguard and advance the freedoms we both champion." – Florent Zara, board member at LinuxFr*

We welcome LinuxFr.org as an OSI Affiliate and look forward to collaborating with them to support our shared commitment to Open Source. Their participation strengthens our international network and underscores the importance of nurturing Open Source cultures in all languages and regions.

Join OSI as an Affiliate organization.

LinuxFr and the Open Source Initiative celebrating their shared 25th Anniversary in 2023.

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