

# Free Software in the Real World

## A Developer Speaks

So you've heard about free software, and you know Google, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and Flickr built their systems on it. But what if you're not working at a high-tech startup company? How does free software work in a small business? Does it improve productivity? Do you need a Google-sized budget for free software to be feasible? What is it like to create and maintain free software yourself? Bring your questions for the Q&A afterward!

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### **Links:**

- Rimm-Kaufman Group – [www.rimmkaufman.com](http://www.rimmkaufman.com)
- Baron's Blog – [www.xaprb.com](http://www.xaprb.com)
- Innotop homepage – <http://innotop.sourceforge.net>
- Maatkit homepage – <http://maatkit.sourceforge.net>

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