

Open source and open source programs

*“In real open source, you have the right to control your own destiny” - Linus Torvalds
(Creator of Linux)*

On 3rd March 2022, Saransh Chopra, a second-year student at CIC, conducted a workshop/talk on open-source and open-source programs, for the first-year students. Open-source software is a project with publicly available source code. The workshop was conducted in the classroom itself, and it included an introduction to open-source, a how-to guide for open-source contributions, and some amazing open-source programs.

The workshop started with a brief introduction to open-source, and then it went over the question of “Why open-source?”. The next question that the discussion tackled was “How open-source?”, or how does one get started with open-source contributions. The students were then introduced to some very famous open-source repositories and software like Firefox, Linux, Elasticsearch, and VSCode.

Next, the students were introduced to beginner-friendly open-source programs, which included Google Summer of Code, Major League Hacking Fellowship, Institute for Research and Innovation in Software for High Energy Physics (IRIS-HEP) Fellowship, and LFX Mentorship, etc. We then discussed some myths about these open-source programs, and open-source in general, and how to reach out to mentors in the world of open-source.

While ending the workshop, the students discussed their doubts and requested a hands-on workshop.



