

# The 10 oldest, significant open-source programs

By *srlinuxx*

Created *14/01/2013 - 6:40am*

Submitted by srlinuxx on Monday 14th of January 2013 06:40:40 AM Filed under [Software](#) [1]

Today, open-source software is everywhere but many people still think of it as being relatively new. It's not. Open-source software actually goes back decades.

So, with no further adieu, from the most recent to the oldest, here's my list of older significant open-source projects.

1) Linux: August 25, 1991

There were thousands of open-source programs before Linus Torvalds wrote "I'm doing a (free) operating system (just a hobby, won't be big and professional like gnu) for 386(486) AT clones." to the Minix Usenet group and unknowingly started the operating system juggernaut that became Linux. That said, Linux has also become the most successful of open-source programs.

[rest here](#) [2]

---

---

[Software](#)

---

**Source URL:** <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/59381>

**Links:**

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/38>

[2] <http://www.zdnet.com/the-10-oldest-significant-open-source-programs-7000009735/>