

# Interview with Open Source Advocate Keith Curtis on Software Wars

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The impact of software has changed our lives. But the average technology consumer doesn't realize how important having access to source code and an open development process is to our overall freedom. Keith Curtis, a University of Michigan dropout turned decade-long programmer at Microsoft turned open source advocate, wants to change that.

On his website, Curtis says, "We need to pool our collective intelligence and get to work on fixing our most serious threats?and in today's society that begins with having great software." In his book, *After the Software Wars*, Curtis exploits the flaws in the proprietary software development model. And today, he's taking the whole thing mainstream by making a film.

"If you can control the software, its like controlling the flow of oil," says Linux creator Linus Torvalds in a trailer promoting *Software Wars*. Other free software advocates are also featured in the promo.

We caught up with Curtis during the final days of his Indiegogo campaign to discuss the hopes for the new film.

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