

Cost-effective ICT

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Most important part of the day!

- We learn how to reduce costs
- How to win with less
- How to customize to our needs

Open source is becoming bigger

- Dozens of new projects every day
- We need not start from scratch
- Pick the one based on familiarity
- Contribute back if we can

Coimbatore – always ahead

- 20+ years of IT usage and education
- Early adopters of Unix technologies
- Easy adoption of Linux, very similar
- Lots of education opportunities
- IBM offers PoC centers

The dynamics are changing

- No more licensing costs – consultancy, customization and services
- Subscriptions rather than licenses
- Server licenses, rather than user or processor licenses

One size does not fit all!

- User needs vary widely
- Customization is a must
- Everything's FOSSible!

Corporate backing

- IBM has been the biggest champion of Open Source
- Adobe's PDF is now an ISO standard
- SUN Microsystems is becoming Open Source
- Companies like Google and Yahoo built entirely on top of Open Source

Thank you!

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- QUESTIONS?