

Karl Fogel: Curriculum Vitae

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Books and Articles

- *Producing Open Source Software: How to Run a Successful Free Software Project*
Book, 272 pages, published 2005, O'Reilly Media, ISBN 0-596-00759-0.
Also available online under an open copyright: www.producingoss.com
Translated into: German, Japanese, French
- *The Promise of a Post-Copyright World*
A widely-read (55,000+) article about the universal applicability of open source principles.
Online under an open copyright: questioncopyright.org/promise
Translated into: Chinese, Italian, Polish
- *Open Source Development With CVS*
Book, 315 pages, published 1999, Coriolis, ISBN 1-57610-490-7.
Also available online under an open copyright: cvsbook.red-bean.com
Translated into: Korean, Chinese, Japanese, German
- *What is Free Software?*
An article at O'ReillyNet that explains free software to the general reader. Published 2005.
Online under an open copyright:
onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2005/09/29/what-is-free-software.html
- *Teams and Tools (chapter in Beautiful Teams, O'Reilly Media, 2009)*
A chapter about techniques for choosing appropriate technologies to enable collaboration.
Also available online under an open copyright: producingoss.com/bt-chapter-21.html

Work and Non-Profit Experience

- **QuestionCopyright.org** Feb 2007 – present

Director and editor, part-time (unpaid). Overseeing projects and coordinating volunteers (e.g., the Sita Distribution Project, the Creator-Endorsed Mark initiative, the Public Perception of Copyright video project); writing, soliciting, and editing articles; circulating policy proposals; processing donations and handling donor relations; giving conference presentations; managing 501(c)3 tax-exemption application process to successful completion; etc.

- **Canonical Ltd.** *Dec 2008 – present*

"Launchpad Ombudsman": helping with the open-source release of the Launchpad project collaboration platform, and with strategic planning related to Canonical's collaboration tools. (Canonical Ltd. is the company behind Ubuntu Linux).

- **Subversion Corporation** *March 2007 – March 2009*

President (unpaid). The Subversion Corporation is a non-profit organization that provides stewardship for the open-source software Subversion. I helped to create and enforce Subversion's trademark policy, managed the acquisition (by donation from its former owner) of the subversion.com domain, and helped negotiate our corporate contributor agreements.

- **Independent consulting** *Jan 2007 – Dec 2008*

Independent consulting on open source technologies and processes.

- **Google, Inc** *May 2006 – Oct 2006*

Open Source Program Specialist. Open source training and education, helping open source internal code, helping fund open source organizations. Resigned due to long commute; parted on amicable terms and happy to provide references.

- **CollabNet, Inc** *Feb 2000 – Apr 2006*

Managed creation and development of *Subversion*, an open source version control system that is now probably the most widely-deployed open-source version control system in the world. My work involved both programming and coordinating the worldwide group of programmers (mostly volunteer) who contributed to the project.

- **OnShore, Inc** *Dec 1997 – Jan 2000*

Programmer, release manager, resident version control expert.

- **Yunnan University, Kunming, PR China** *Sep1996 – Jul 1997*

Taught English and general computing at the undergraduate level: Unix system administration, user-level applications, programming.

- **Cyclic Software** *May 1995 – Jan 1996*

Co-founder and General Partner, with Jim Blandy; business included selling technical support and custom development for the CVS version control system. Implemented anonymous, read-only repository access for CVS, thus enabling open source projects to offer universal access to the latest development versions of code for the first time.

- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Jan 1994 – May 1995

Programmer in the microbiology department, laboratory of Carl Woese. Developed a gene sequence alignment editor (ALE) for microbiologists at UIUC and the University of Indiana.

Education

- **B.A. Oberlin College, 1994.** East Asian Studies major, Chinese language concentration.

Awards

- **2007 Google–O'Reilly Open Source Award** for Best Community Builder.
google-code-updates.blogspot.com/2007/07/drum-roll-winners-of-2007-google.html
- **2006 Jolt Productivity Award** for the book *Producing Open Source Software*.
www.ddj.com/architect/187900423?pgno=3

Free Software / Open Source Projects

(For many years I worked as a computer programmer in free software projects. The relevance of this to the proposed OSI Fellowship is that these projects involved motivating and coordinating volunteers over the Internet, and provided real-world training in how to handle attribution and endorsement issues in an essentially copyright-free zone – experiences that are now an invaluable touchstone when working on copyright reform.)

- **Bazaar** (bazaar-vcs.org)

Patch contributor and web-site / documentation contributor, since December 2008.

- **Subversion** (subversion.tigris.org)

Founding maintainer, active in both code and community development, 2000-2009.

- **GNU Emacs** (gnu.org/software/emacs)

Maintainer of several packages in core distribution, earliest since 1993.

- **CVS** (cvs.nongnu.org)

Former maintainer (1994-1995) and developer (1994-1998); no longer active.