For Open Source, the Future is Now.

[RED HAT](#) - Making predictions about the future - especially now - would seem like a fool's errand, but it's easier when considering what the future holds for open source software, because the answer is quite simply… Yes.

Almost 40 years after the principles of open source were outlined in a brief blog post, open source is everywhere. Linux runs the world's supercomputers, your smart TV, air traffic control, **[NASA](#)**, the New York Stock Exchange, and it's a reasonable bet that this article you're reading is hosted on Linux too.

Open source software has been quietly humming away underneath our business decisions and consumer activity for years, but awareness of open source and its benefits has recently moved beyond the conversations being had among developers or in company IT departments. As end-users become increasingly aware of the ubiquity of open source software - whether as part of their business plans, or in the apps on their smartphone's home screen - they will want a say in how that software works.