

GNOME special Dutch summer Session: Everything you've always wanted to know about Gnome

14:00-15:00	Getting to know Gnome: In this session there will be 2 or three presentations about the GNOME project, it's history, it's organisation structure, it's projects, it's goals, it's successes, etc.
15:00-16:00	GNOME usability issues: GNOME has extensive experience with usability and user interfaces. A special sideproject has focused on the usability for disabled people. The bottom-up development of Gnome is a very good way to connect directely to those who are challenged in some way. This will be proven with several cases.
16:00-17.00	Support. contribution and development: In case a government or business organisation starts using GNOME, there are a range of possibilities for their involvement with GNOME. For example, help-desk employees can have access to a lot of structured information, but there are also other possibilities like the mailinglists, chat facilities, manuals etc. Besides this, organisations can also contribute code to the project, in case they might need custom made software, or add ons to GNOME. Some examplary cases of organisations using and adding software to GNOME can have a presentation in this slot. Another possibility is a pressentation of the Dutch Government, that can present their needs and challenges regarding user interfaces, and
17:00-18:00	Governments and Gnome: challenges and opportunities for the future. At the end of the day, there will a panel discussion that will be about the opportunities and challenges of the the deployment of GNOME within big organisations like public administrations and governments. Some subjects of discssion can be: -"It's impossible to manage a community and the future direction of software development, as this is like 'hurding cats'" is there truth in this populair saying? In what regard is a community different than a big software company in this respect? -Is there software currently being used by governments that does not have a mature open source alternative, or that doesn't have enough companies and professionals supporting the software? Where does GNOME 'fit in the stack?