

# What is Happening at the CentOS Project

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# Introductions

- Who am I?
- Who are you?
- Did we all hear what happened recently between the CentOS Project and Red Hat?

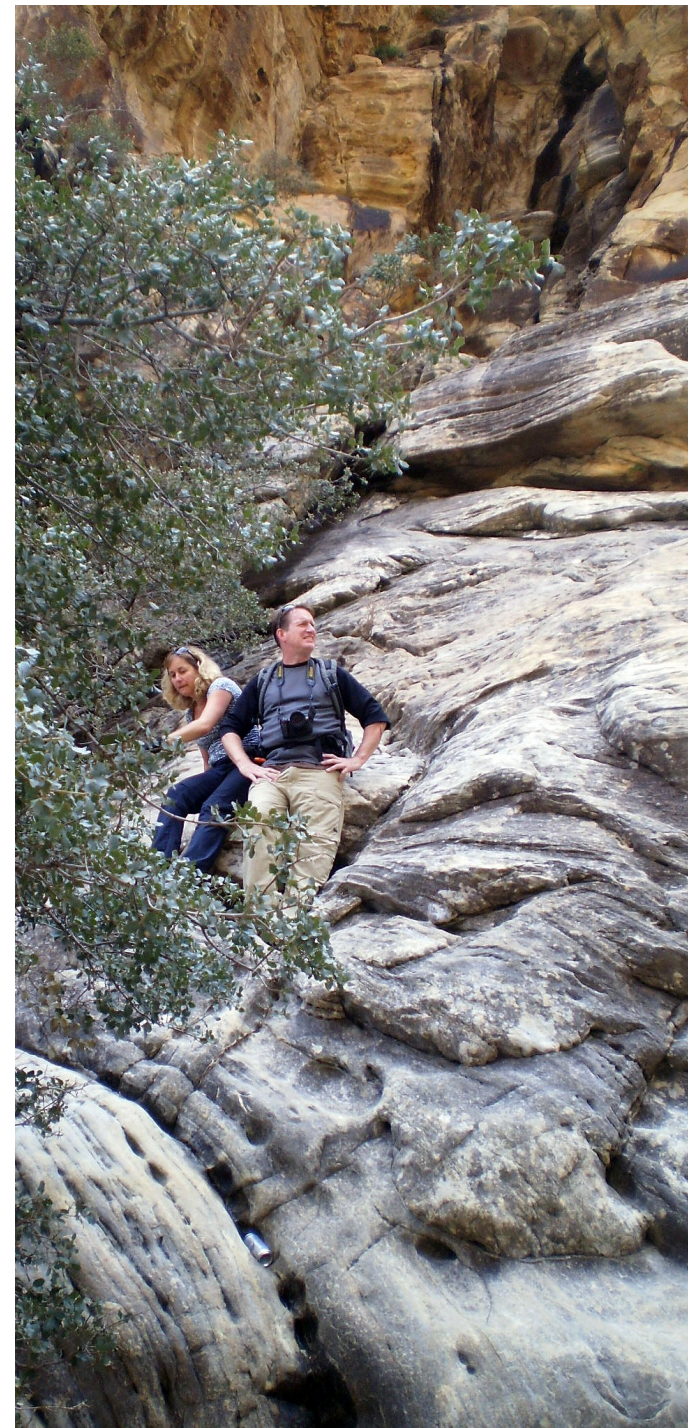
The screenshot shows the Red Hat website's navigation and content. At the top, a red banner reads "ABOUT RED HAT". Below it is a navigation bar with links for PRODUCTS, SOLUTIONS, SUPPORT, TRAINING, and CONSULTING. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "About Red Hat > News and press releases > Press Release January 2014 >". A sidebar on the left lists months from January to December for the year 2014. The main article is titled "Red Hat and the CentOS Project Join Forces to Speed Open Source Innovation" in red text, with a sub-headline "Raleigh". The article text begins with "January 7, 2014 The CentOS Project and Red Hat to accelerate community adoption and innovation for next-generation open source projects". A quote from RALEIGH, N.C. dated January 7, 2014, states: "Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, and the CentOS Project today announced they are joining forces to build a new CentOS, capable of driving forward development and adoption of next-generation open source technologies." The article continues: "This collaboration strengthens Red Hat's proven business model by extending the Red Hat open source development ecosystem. Red Hat anticipates that taking a role as a catalyst within the CentOS community will enable it to accelerate development of enterprise-grade subscription solutions for customers and partners, such as Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack Platform, Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure, Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization, Red Hat JBoss Middleware, OpenShift by Red Hat, and Red Hat Storage." On the right side of the page, there are several widgets: a "Share" button with a count of 94, a "CONTACT RED HAT PR" button, a "SEARCH NEWS" button, a "RED HAT NEWS" section with the text "Press, announcements, and more.", a "THE RED HAT WAY" section with the text "It's better to share. Watch now.", and an "ARE YOU RIGHT FOR RED HAT?" section with the text "Apply now."

# Agenda

- Check in on what we all know, don't know, and want to learn.
- The story of Red Hat Linux and it's children: Fedora, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS, et al.
- Why we went to all the effort of joining forces.
- Catch up to where we are today.
- What is coming soon down the road.

# How did we get here?

- Level setting:
  - How many know the history of Red Hat Linux and the relationship between Fedora and RHEL? RHEL and CentOS?
  - How many understand why CentOS was formed and became so successful?
  - How do you use the Red Hat family of Linuxes?
    - Want to hear my opinion of what's best? :)
- Any other questions?



# Why join efforts?

- Red Hat's challenge ... some projects need a slow-moving platform.
- The CentOS Project saw the same challenge from the opposite side ... cool-stuff wants a platform.



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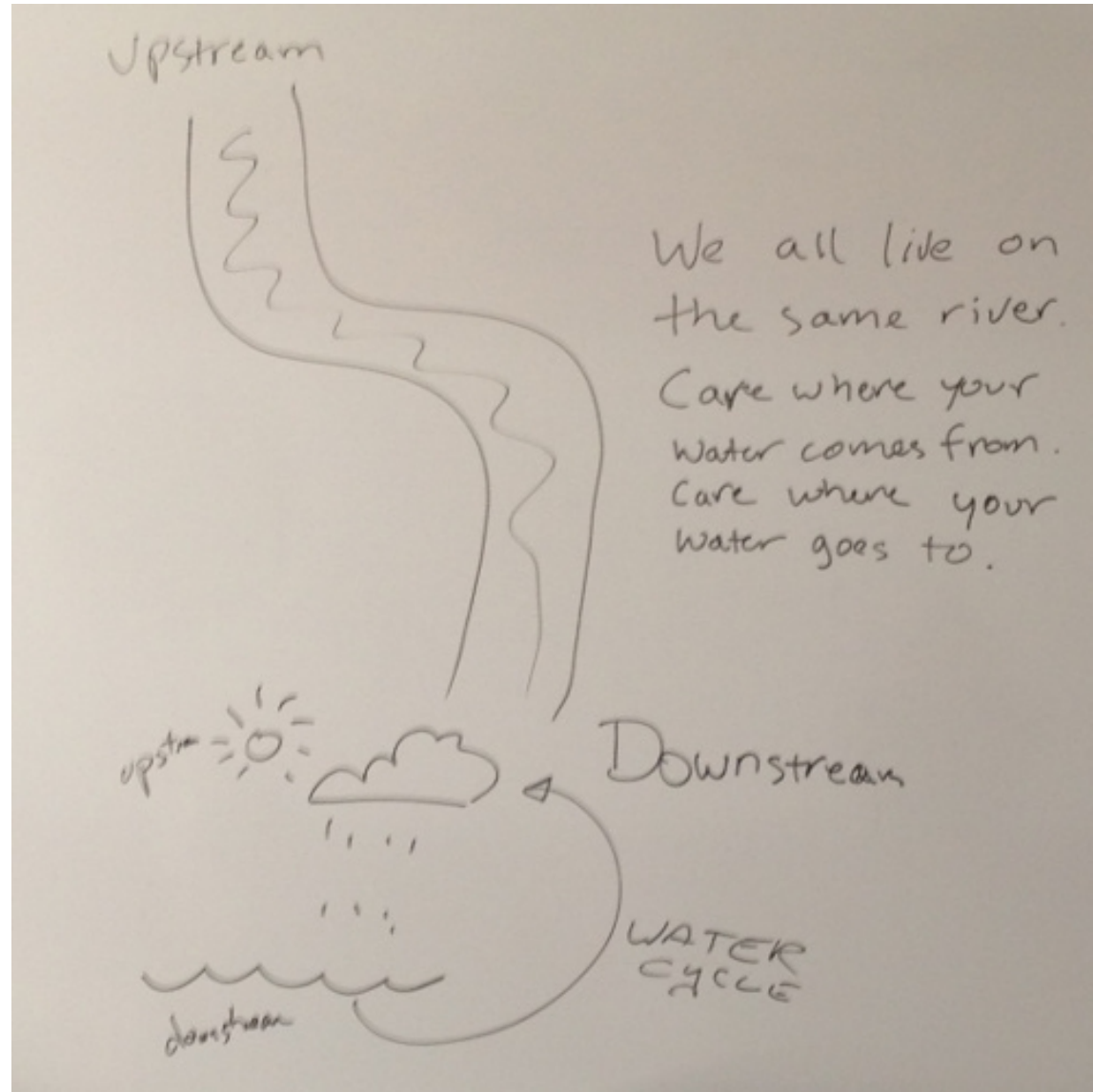
- Goal: Create the next generation platform for the next generation of FLOSS projects via:
  - SIG variants, e.g. CentOS Storage, CentOS Cloud, etc.
  - Gravity
  - The virtuous water cycle ...



# What is the virtuous water cycle?

Model to fix the problems of the upstream/downstream analogy.

- Contributing user-focused communities are not one-way.
- How do you flow upstream? What is that analogy?



# What has been happening so far?

- Interest in dozen+ SIGs.
  - Some variants: Desktop, web hosting, VoIP, server mgmt, etc.
  - Some functional (Docs, Promo, Infra, etc.)
- Four SIGs proposed and accepted
  - Core SIG
  - Virt SIG
  - Cloud Instance SIG
  - Storage SIG





# What has been happening so far? (cont'd)

- Many open discussions not really possible before:
  - Resources
  - Personal and organizational connections



# What is happening next?

- More variant SIGs: Cloud, server appliances, \$tech
- Lowering barriers to participation across the board, rise of meritocracy:
  - Historical challenges fueled changes
  - Future plans
- Gravity as more and more happens.
  - Keeping the balance with Fedora & RHEL



# What is next for you? & resources

**Use** CentOS Linux and variants, where appropriate:

[centos.org/download](http://centos.org/download)

**Get** involved in the community:

[centos.org/](http://centos.org/)

[wiki.centos.org/Contribute](http://wiki.centos.org/Contribute)

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