Steve Holden

President at The Open Bastion

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Experienced technology speaker with the ability to relate technology to the wider world

Biography

Born and brought up in Yorkshire, England, Steve has a lifetime's experience in the technical side of the computer business. He has expertise in electronic publishing, databases, information security, programming and related technologies. His worldwide reputation in the Python programming world and his work as a corporate technical trainer allow him to relate to audiences of many different kinds.

Availability

Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Corporate Training

Industry Expertise

Information Technology and Services, Computer Software, Corporate Training, Internet

Areas of Expertise

The Internet, Open Source, Community, Information Security

Sample Talks

Harnessing Open Source

One of the ways open source is different is that if you do it right other people solve your problems "for nothing." Of course there is no such thing as a free lunch, and so to get the most out of open source you need to put something in even though its economy is not principally financial. Why? Your payback is more affordable, more responsive and better-supported information systems.

How the Internet Works

Suitable for audiences from fifteen to eighty-five explaining the technicalities of the Internet in a way that most people will understand, this presentation can be adapted for specific audiences and durations by adjusting the level of detail and including topical comments.

Building a Technical Community

Whether you are putting a new team together or starting a worldwide movement there are some timeless truths about building communities that can help you build good morale and effective group cohesion. Suitable primarily for technical audiences.

Keeping Your Information Safe

It isn't just the NSA who are after your personal data. Criminal and corporate players are also planning to build a dossier of information about you to their eventual profit. This talk, suitable for lay audiences, explains some of the simpler ways you can improve the security of your personal information and some of the darker implications of 21st-century data collection practices.

Education

Leeds University

B. Sc. Hons (I) Computational Science

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