

# Martin Michlmayr

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**January 2004 – July 2007**

**PhD in Technology Management**

King's College, University of Cambridge

I completed PhD at the Centre for Technology Management, University of Cambridge. My research focused on quality management in volunteer Free Software projects, with a strong emphasis on release management.

**March 2003 – November 2003**

**MSSE in Software Engineering**

University of Melbourne

I completed a Master's degree in Software Systems Engineering (MSSE) with distinction. In addition to attending and completing a number of courses, I performed elaborate research into the software engineering aspects of Free Software projects.

**October 1998 – February 2003**

**MSc in Psychology**

Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck

I completed an MSc in Psychology with distinction. In my thesis I covered the question of whether object enumeration is implemented as one or two processes in the brain. The thesis consists of a theoretical part discussing various theories and an empirical investigation of data from over 18,500 subjects.

**October 1998 – June 2002**

**MPhil in Philosophy**

Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck

I completed an MPhil in Philosophy with distinction. In my thesis I compared two views of Theory of Mind. The folk psychological theory maintains that intentional understanding is made possible through the use of a framework of concepts while simulation theory argues that we use the resources of our own minds to simulate others.

**September 2000 – June 2001**

**Socrates Exchange Student**

University College London

I attended University College London (UCL) for a year as a student of Psychology on the Socrates exchange programme.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Remunerated

**December 2007 – present**

**Open Source Community Expert**

Hewlett-Packard

I am a member of HP's Open Source and Linux Organization (OSLO). In my position at HP, I act as the community manager for FOSSBazaar, a working group of the Linux Foundation.

**October 2001 – December 2002**

**System Administrator**

Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck

I took care of the e-learning environment of the University of Innsbruck on a part-time basis. The work mainly involved Apache, MySQL, Oracle and Perl on Solaris and Linux.

**July – August 1999**

**Software Developer**

WEKA Zeitschriften Verlag

I developed a customized Linux distribution based on Linux-Mandrake, which was distributed as a supplement to PC Magazin Spezial Linux.

**June – July 1997 / August – October 1998**

**Editor**

WEKA Zeitschriften Verlag

I twice planned and organized the publication of PC Magazin Spezial Linux, a 100-page magazine about Linux with a circulation of 30,000.

### Voluntary

**April 2008 – present**

**Director**

Open Source Initiative

I'm a member of the Board of Directors of the Open Source Initiative (OSI), the non-profit organization that maintains the Open Source Definition for the good of the community.

**July 2006 – present****Tester**

GNU Compiler Collection

I regularly test development versions of the GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) on several hardware platforms using the entire Debian archive as a real-world regression test suite. I also help with incoming bug reports.

**October 2000 – present****Developer**

Debian

I am part of a team of about 950 developers working on a freely available operating system. I am a senior member of the Quality Assurance effort, member of the ARM and MIPS porting teams, and acted as a member of the New Maintainer Committee. Finally, I acted as the leader of the project for two years. During this time, I represented Debian and performed important organizational and coordination tasks.

**January 2006 – October 2007****Core Member**

NSLU2-Linux

I was a member of the core team of the NSLU2-Linux project, an effort to port Linux to the Linksys NSLU2 and other embedded devices. My role was to act as a bridge between the NSLU2-Linux project and Debian.

**August 2001 – June 2005****Advisor**

Software in the Public Interest

I worked with the Board of Directors to define the future direction of Software in the Public Interest (SPI). I also acted as the chair of the Membership Committee, ensuring that SPI remains open to the community.

**June 1996 – February 1999****Author**

Linux Documentation Project

As part of the Linux Documentation Project, I maintained the Commercial HOWTO, Consultants HOWTO and the VAR HOWTO.

**March 1996 – May 1999****Publicity Director**

Linux International

As the Publicity Director of Linux International, I worked with journalists to spread the word about Linux and Free Software. I also maintained the web site and acted as Membership Secretary.

**October 1994 – February 1996****Volunteer Coordinator**

GNUSTep

I coordinated the volunteers interested in GNUSTep, a free implementation of NeXT's object-oriented development environment OpenStep. I also wrote documentation and maintained the project's web site.

## RESEARCH VISITS

**April 2006 – June 2006****Visiting Researcher**

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

I visited the Libre Software Engineering group in Spain to work on quantitative measurement of Free Software projects, in particularly focusing on aspects of volunteer involvement.

**November 2000 – June 2001****Visiting Researcher**

Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience

I spent 320 hours in the Numeracy and Literacy Group of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience working on an experiment about the psychology of mathematics involving roughly 7,000 subjects.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**September 2005****Guest Lecturer**

University of Oslo

I gave a guest lecture on project management and one on quality assurance and management in Free Software projects as part of the computer science Master's at the University of Oslo.

**July 2005****Lecturer**

Libre Software Summer School

I gave lectures on project management in Free Software projects and on Debian at the Libre Software Summer School in Castellón, Spain.

**June 2005****Guest Lecturer**

Alma Graduate School

I gave a two-hour guest lecture on quality assurance and management in Free Software projects as part of the Master of Technology in Free Software and Open Source.

## March 2003 – November 2003

### Tutor

International House, University of Melbourne

I gave supervisions and tutorials for the undergraduate courses *Introductory Experimental Psychology* and *Introductory Social, Developmental and Clinical Psychology*.

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

Research grants from Google, Intel, Fotango and the NUUG Foundation. 2004–2007.

EPSRC Doctoral Training Account, University of Cambridge. 2004–2006.

Scholarship for postgraduate study in a foreign country, Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture, Austria. 2003.

Award for excellent academic achievement, Faculty of Science, University of Innsbruck. 2001 and 2002.

Award for excellent academic achievement, Faculty of Humanities, University of Innsbruck. 2001 and 2002.

### SKILLS

I taught myself various computer skills since I first had access to a computer in 1989. I started using the Internet in 1993 and since then have used it to share my knowledge and to learn from others.

Programming languages: Python, Perl, Shell, C

Applications: vim, SVN, CVS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Apache, Postfix

Databases: SQL (PostgreSQL, MySQL)

Internet: CGI scripting, HTML, XHTML, CSS

Business: Marketing, Public Relations

Languages: English, German

### PUBLICATIONS

2007

Martin Michlmayr, Gregorio Robles and Jesus M. Gonzalez-Barahona (2007). *Volunteers in Large Libre Software Projects: A Quantitative Analysis Over Time*. In: Sowe, S. K., Stamelos, I. G., Samoladas, I. (Eds.), *Emerging Free and Open Source Software Practices*. 1–24.

Martin Michlmayr, Francis Hunt and David Probert (2007). *Release Management in Free Software Projects: Practices and Problems*. In: Feller, J., Fitzgerald, B., Scacchi, W., Silitti, A. (Eds.), *Open Source Development, Adoption and Innovation*. 295–300.

Andrea Capiluppi and Martin Michlmayr (2007). *From the Cathedral to the Bazaar: An Empirical Study of the Lifecycle of Volunteer Community Projects*. In: Feller, J., Fitzgerald, B., Scacchi, W., Silitti, A. (Eds.), *Open Source Development, Adoption and Innovation*. 31–44.

2006

Martin Michlmayr and Anthony Senyard (2006). *A Statistical Analysis of Defects in Debian and Strategies for Improving Quality in Free Software Projects*. In: Bitzer, J., Schröder, P. J. H. (Eds.), *The Economics of Open Source Software Development*. 131–148.

Gregorio Robles, Jesus M. Gonzalez-Barahona, Martin Michlmayr and Juan J. Amor (2006). *Mining Large Software Compilations over Time: Another Perspective of Software Evolution*. In: *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Mining Software Repositories*. 3–9.

2005

Martin Michlmayr (2005). *Software Process Maturity and the Success of Free Software Projects*. In: Zieliński, K., Szmuc, T. (Eds.), *Software Engineering: Evolution and Emerging Technologies*. 3–14.

Martin Michlmayr (2005). *Quality Improvement in Volunteer Free Software Projects: Exploring the Impact of Release Management*. In: *Proceedings of the First International Conference on Open Source Systems*. 309–310.

Gregorio Robles, Jesus M. Gonzalez-Barahona and Martin Michlmayr (2005). *Evolution of Volunteer Participation in Libre Software Projects: Evidence from Debian*. In: *Proceedings of the First International Conference on Open Source Systems*. 100–107.

Martin Michlmayr, Francis Hunt and David Probert (2005). *Quality Practices and Problems in Free Software Projects*. In: *Proceedings of the First International Conference on Open Source Systems*. 24–28.

2004

Anthony Senyard and Martin Michlmayr (2004). *How to Have a Successful Free Software Project*. In: *Proceedings of the 11th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference*. 84–91.

Martin Michlmayr (2004). *Managing Volunteer Activity in Free Software Projects*. In: *Proceedings of the 2004 Usenix Annual Technical Conference, Freenix Track*. 93–102.

- 2003 Martin Michlmayr and Benjamin Mako Hill (2003). *Quality and the Reliance on Individuals in Free Software Projects*. In: *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Open Source Software Engineering*. 105–109.
- 1999 Martin Michlmayr (1999). *Linux Consultants HOWTO*. In: Marcus Goncalves: *Linux at Work*. New York: Wiley. 239–351.
- 1998 Martin Michlmayr (1998). *Linux Commercial HOWTO*. In: Eric S. Raymond (Ed.): *Linux Undercover*. Research Triangle Park: Red Hat Software. 1645–1766.  
Martin Michlmayr, October 1998, *Editorial*, PC Magazin Spezial Linux 8/98, 3.
- 1997 Martin Michlmayr, August 1997, *Mehrköpfige Drachen*, PC Magazin Spezial Linux 4/97, 44–46.  
Martin Michlmayr, August 1997, *Editorial*, PC Magazin Spezial Linux 4/97, 3.  
Martin Michlmayr, March 1997, *Le marché commercial de Linux*, Dream (Linux Zone), 62.
- 1996 Martin Michlmayr and Jürgen Schmidt, January 1996, *Zukunftsmusik*, UNIXopen, 108–109.
- 1995 Martin Michlmayr and Jürgen Schmidt, November 1995, *Schritt für Schritt*, UNIXopen, 88–89.  
Martin Michlmayr, September 1995, *Rettung der Avantgarde*, iX, 173–175.
- TALKS I have given over 70 talks since 2001, including keynote and invited speeches in Brazil, Chile, China, Japan and other countries.
- PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Program Committee Member, Fourth International Conference on Open Source Systems. 2008.  
Program Committee Member, Libre Software as a Matter of Research, FOSDEM. 2008.  
Member, IFIP Working Group on Open Source Software. June 2006 to present.  
Program Committee Member, Libre Software as a Matter of Research, FOSDEM. 2007.  
Program Committee Member, Third International Conference on Open Source Systems. 2007.  
Member, Freespire Leadership Board. April to September 2006.  
Member, Government Open Source Advisory Committee (GOSAC). February 2004 to September 2006.  
Technical Reviewer, book *Debian GNU/Linux – Das Praxisbuch*, by Heike Jurzik. 2006.  
Program Committee Member, Second International Conference on Open Source Systems. 2006.  
Technical Reviewer, some chapters of the book *The Debian System – Concepts and Techniques*, by Martin F. Krafft. 2005.  
Program Committee Member, LinuxTag. 2004 and 2005.  
Award Committee Member, Linux New Media Awards. 2003 and 2004.  
Reviewer, one chapter of the book *Free/Open Source Software Development*, edited by Stefan Koch. 2003.
- MEMBERSHIPS Usenix, Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and Amnesty International.
- INTERESTS I enjoy reading, especially science fiction and popular science books. I am particularly interested in cognitive science, philosophy of mind, evolution, and history of science. I also like music and photography.
- REFERENCES Available on request.