

Open Source

We promote and talk about "open", but are we actually -doing- it enough?

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Question? At the end or after the talk

Got an insight?

- Do share!
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- Yes, will be published
- Feel free to make photos of my presentation
- Respect the privacy of other attendees

Today's talk



Characters

Characters

Belle

- Open source
- Beautiful
- Knowledgeable
- Also has her flaws



Characters

Maurice

- Developers and Creators
- Creative
- Sacrifices



Characters

Beast

- The FOSS community
- We need **Belle**
- Good and bad
- Sometimes not visible
- Risks and threats



Characters

Cogsworth

- In charge
- Loyal, but strict
- Controlling
- Bossy



Characters

Lumière

- The helpful one
- Well-liked and respected
- Friendly, yet rebellious
- First impression



Characters

There are also bad characters...

Characters

Gaston



Characters

Gaston

- Wants one thing, whatever it takes
- Applies pressure
- Annoying and unhealthy

Question: Is this you?



Characters

Wolves

- Consume
- Don't add
- Only subtract



Characters

Wolves

- Serious risks
 - Developer burn-out
 - Security flaws
 - AI slop
- Fight them?
- Don't get harmed



Less talk, do more?

Talk less, do more?

The alternative

- Talk less → talk more
- Also, **show** more
- Also, **document** more

But why ...?

Why?

The time is now

- Developers quit
 - Vulnerabilities
 - AI finds crap
 - ... and it creates it
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- **Timing**
 - Big Tech
 - Geopolitics

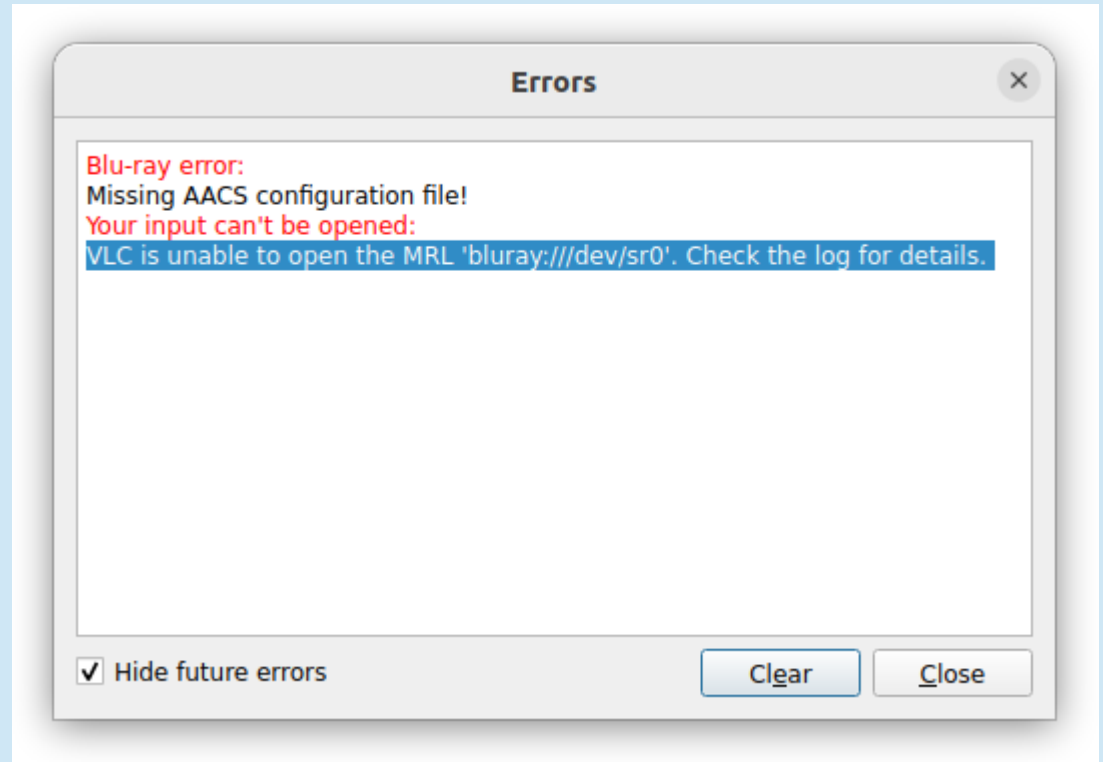


What can YOU do?

Developers and Creators

Become the user

- First-timers
- Guidance
- Errors



As open source user

Write, write, write, and pay

- Create a blog
- Answer questions
- Documentation suggestions
- Journey of a beginner
 - Questions
 - Problems
- Share examples
- Support (human) developers

My secret* recipe

Focus on:

- First impression
- Next step
- Simplicity

* not anymore now

Conclusion

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1. Don't be a Gaston

- It's annoying



Conclusion

2. Invest

- Write and share
- Help the developer and others
- Pay (if you can)

Conclusion

3. Finish

- First impression
- Next step
- Simplicity



Questions?



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