

# The Open Source Way: *Success, or Historical Blip*

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# Hacking



**We can hack anything!**

**Hacking:**

- Take what is.
- Learn & improve upon it!
- Share it!

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# Old Paradigm



Mine! – you can't have it!

(Innovation stifled)

# Possible New Paradigm



Yo', check it out!

(Innovation encouraged)

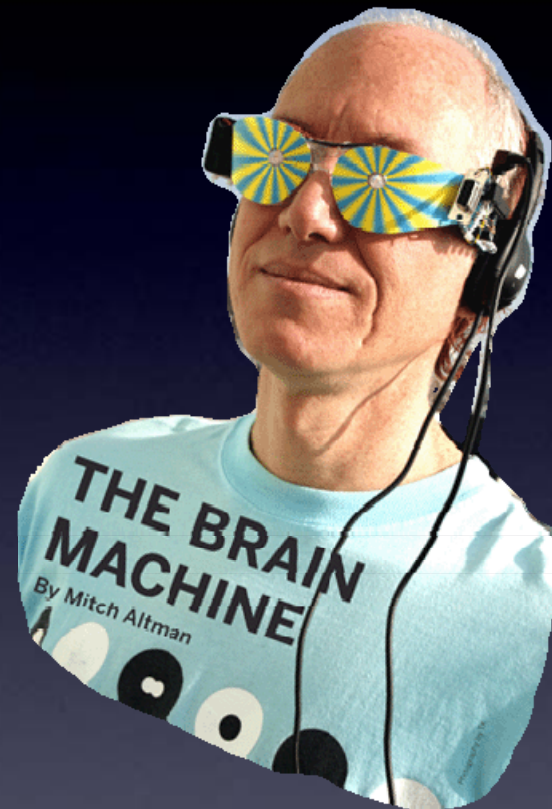
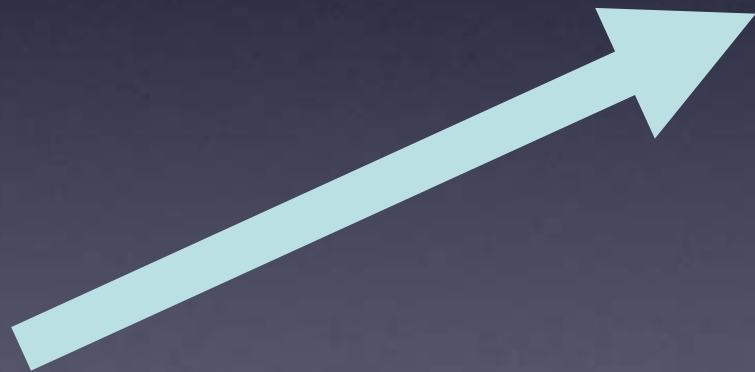
(which is actually a very, very old paradigm)

# I Love My Job!



**BE A HAPPY WORKER!**

# You Can Too!

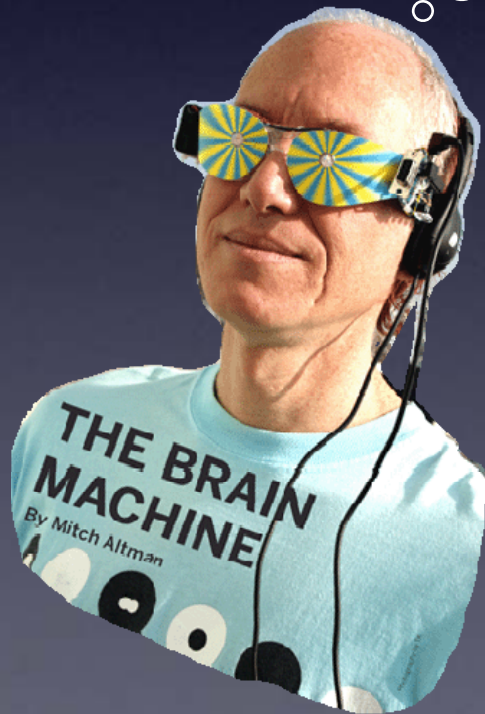
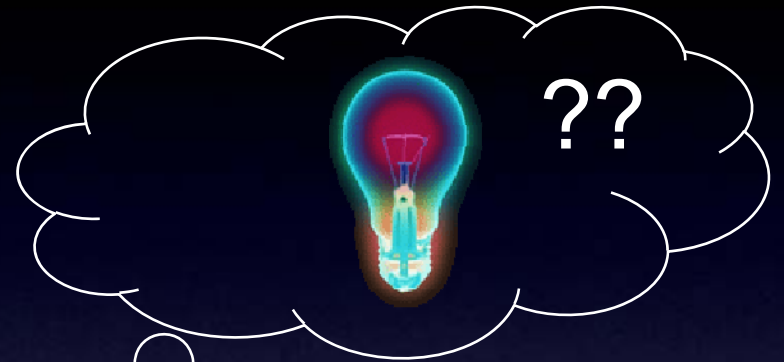


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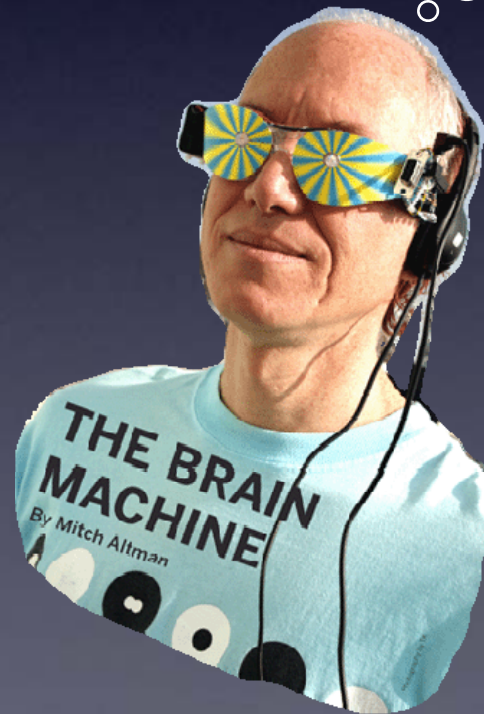




# Ideas: What to Do?



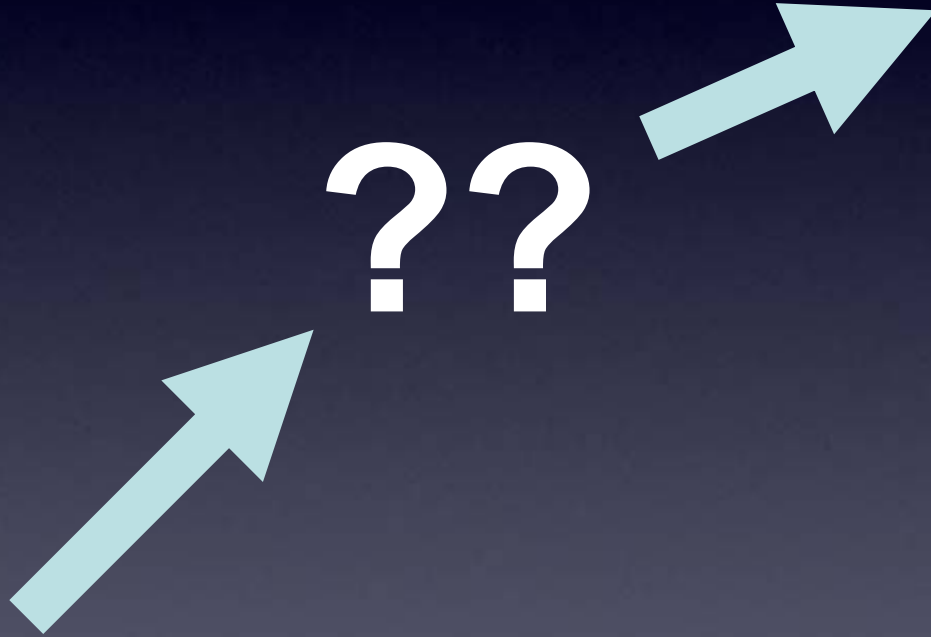
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# Time



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# Choice



# Conscious Choice #1: Quit TV!



# Conscious Choice #2: Quit Work!



# Conscious Choice #3: An Experiment



# More Success!



# Open Hardware



open source  
hardware



# Options



# Opportunity



# Free Services

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# Hackerspaces

A physical space

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Hanging Out – Noisebridge, San Francisco, CA, USA

- Community
- Collaboration
- Inspire
- Learn
- Teach
- Share
- Hang out
- Eat
- Part of growing movement

# You Are Invited!



Arduino For Total Newbies workshop

Sunday

7-Sept 11:00

Tesla workshop room

# Back to Our Future: Some Challenges



# Conclusion

Please make your life more



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