# Debian - The Universal OS

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# **About Me**

- From Cape Town, South Africa
- Debian Developer since 2019
- Core DebConf Video Team
- Run BitCast a SRE and DevOps consultancy
  - https://bitcast.co.za
- paddatrapper on most platforms
  - Matrix: @paddatrapper:one.ems.host
- Active volunteer at NSRI



# Debian

- A community of people
  - All volunteers
- A completely free operating system
  - Debian Free Software Guidelines
- Forms the base of many distributions
  - Ubuntu
  - Kali Linux

# Why People Use It

- Completely free
- Completely volunteer run
- No commercial influence
- Solid as a rock
- Runs on everything
  - Servers and desktops
  - Mobile and embedded devices

# What Contributors Do

- You do not have to be a Debian Developer to contribute to Debian
- Packaging
- Translations
- Website
- Graphic design
- Report bugs
- Documentation
- DebConf
  - DebConf 23 in Kochi, Kerala, India



## How to Get Involved

- Do-ocracy
  - Scratch your own itch
- Communication happens over email and on IRC
  - Matrix integrates into IRC https://element.debian.social
  - #debian-space:matrix.debian.social
- Development on Salsa (GitLab instance)
  - https://salsa.debian.org
- No one way to do things
  - 10 developers will have 15 different ways to solve a problem
- Find a mentor





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