

NGO-in-a-box

Powerful tools for the daily work of NGO's

Free Software, Handpicked for Nonprofits

NGO-in-a-Box offers tools for producing, publishing, and distributing content

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Although there are many free and open-source applications out there, the sheer number of options can be overwhelming. Wouldn't it be nice if you could find an edited group of choice software all in one place?

*Enter **NGO-in-a-Box**, a bundle of free and open-source tools specifically chosen with nonprofits' interests in mind. Below, we'll introduce you to **NGO-in-a-Box** and provide links to this free online toolkit.*

The *Open-Publishing Edition* of **NGO-in-a-Box** is a toolkit of free and open-source software, tutorials, and guides for producing, publishing, and distributing content. The Open-Publishing Edition, produced by the **Tactical Technology Collective** in collaboration with **iCommons**, is aimed at small- to medium-sized nonprofits, independent media organizations, free culture creators, and grassroots journalists, with a particular emphasis on those in developing and transition countries.

The contents of the toolkit were selected by an editorial team made up of leading international practitioners working in do-it-yourself publishing, free culture, technology for social justice, and the development and deployment of free and open-source software.

The *Open Publishing Box* covers the following areas:

- Desktop publishing
- Graphic design, fonts, and image manipulation
- Web publishing, including wikis, content management systems, and blogging
- Citizen journalism and participatory media
- Open content licensing and the commons

This edition goes hand-in-hand with the *Audio/Video Edition* of **NGO-in-a-Box**,

<http://audiovideo.ngoinabox.org/>

creating a comprehensive peer-reviewed, tried-and-tested free and open-source multimedia toolkit for nonprofits, activists, and grassroots journalists.

To access the *Open-Publishing NGO-in-a-Box*,

visit <http://openpublishing.ngoinabox.org/node/47>

where you'll find links to the complete NGO-in-a-Box downloads, tutorials, and how-to articles.

Source : **Techsoup.org** - *The Technology Place for Non-profits*

<http://www.techsoup.org/index.cfm>

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TechSoup provides instructional articles and worksheets for nonprofit staff members who utilize information technologies, as well as technology planning information for executives and other decision makers. Our introductory articles and message board support are aimed at those who do not have much experience using technology, but we also provide more advanced information.

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Tactical Tech is an international NGO working at the point where advocacy meets technology. We use our technical expertise to increase the impact of campaigns in social justice and human rights.

Tactical Tech believes that new technologies have significant potential to enhance the work of campaigners and advocates, giving them the tools to gather and analyse information and the means to turn that information into action.

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