

OPEN SOURCE TOOLS FOR JOURNALISM

Sourcefabric powers quality journalism worldwide through software development and services.

All of our tools are open source and free to download:



Managing newsrooms and their content (in development)



Content management system created for today's newsrooms



Creates and updates real-time news coverage in seconds



Platform for making beautiful printed or electronic books



Aggregates, verifies and publishes eyewitness media



Automation software for broadcast or online radio

Sourcefabric in a nutshell

Sourcefabric is Europe's largest developer of open source tools for news media. Headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic, Sourcefabric z.ú. brings together minds from all corners of the globe to promote media development through the creation of open source software.

Partnerships are key

Sourcefabric has a history of deploying forward-thinking news technologies, even in remote and challenging places. As a nonprofit institute, Sourcefabric has partnered with leading media development organisations worldwide as technology and implementation partners, and has the capacity not only to implement software, but to train and consult, and even to create entirely new solutions as necessary. We will always 'Find a way or make one.'

This experience has taken Sourcefabric beyond conventional newsrooms. Truthful to our motto "made by journalists for journalists", we place our developers in our partners' newsrooms, to work with their developers and to bring the partners' thinking and practice into our product design. We grow relationships, not just technology.

If you love technology, set it free

Sourcefabric plays a leading role in shifting mentality to a more open and transparent approach to software development for media organisations. All our software is open source and we guarantee full access to the source code to users. We also make it easy to hand over projects to other suppliers should the need arise.

Our sustainability model

Sourcefabric seeks to be a self-sustaining social enterprise. A non-profit institute, Sourcefabric solicits grants and funding on a project-by-project basis. To help keep the lights on, we provide SAAS, web design and other professional services.

Contact us to create effective technology partnerships with lasting impact. Write to us at contact@sourcefabric.org

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Media Development at Sourcefabric

No matter what corner of the globe you are from, we believe everyone has a story to tell and that success should depend on the quality of an organisation, not the depth of their pockets.

The media plays a pivotal role in the dissemination of free speech, the strengthening of democracy, economic development, accountability and political discourse in countries across the globe. Sourcefabric has closely examined the needs of independent media through our direct involvement with independent media worldwide, as well as our engagement with international expert networks such as the *Online News Association*, the *Global Forum for Media Development* and *Hacks/Hackers*.

Media development is important in assisting independent media in making the transition from short-term editorial independence to long-term sustainability. They are in need of tailored multi-platform strategies that reflect local contexts and in-country infrastructure and need the ability to innovate at a pace that outstrips competition from better-resourced organisations.

Our contribution to media development is to provide the most modern tools for journalism in both developed and developing countries.

Recent media development projects:

Microwav.fm

The Microwav.fm project was developed using Sourcefabric's Airtime radio automation software to support democracy and human rights in the South Caucasus through the creation of a number of highly-targeted, mobile-friendly online radio stations run by human rights organisations and activists themselves. Currently, 20 radio stations are active on the Microwav.fm platform, and we have trained around 80 young activists in online radio and podcasting.

Countries targeted: Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan

Funder: SIDA

MiCT

Our partnership with Berlin-based Media in Cooperation and Transition (MiCT) resulted in the relaunch of three multi-lingual online news outlets in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East regions. 'The Niles' promotes independent, balanced and accurate coverage of Sudanese affairs, 'Afghanistan Today' profiles day-to-day social and political life in Afghanistan and 'Niqash' is a trilingual website (Arabic, English, Kurdish) on politics, media, and culture in Iraq.

Countries targeted: Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and South Sudan

Funder: German Foreign Office

Azerbaijan

We are currently working in cooperation with five news organisations in Azerbaijan to support their transition from short-term editorial independence to long-term sustainability. To make the organisations locally sustainable after the end of the projects, we are providing training to the technical staff as well as staff training in marketing and advertising.

Countries targeted: Azerbaijan

Funder: EU

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