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I have always loved teaching calculus. I always hated having my students pay \$150 for a textbook for the course, especially for a text I didn't really like. So, I wrote a free, open-source calculus text.

In this talk I plan to tell the story of how, with the assistance of some of my colleagues, I wrote a two-semester text in a year's time and made it publicly available, as well as some of the things I've learned in the year since. In particular, this talk will address such questions as: how much time will the project take? what sorts of technology are important to use? what are some possible ways to publicize the finished product? how can you gain peer validation of your work? why is publishing or using a free text superior to using a for-profit version? what will I do differently for the next free, open text I write? (Received September 06, 2013)