

Questions are the Answer: How
to Have Deeper Conversations
with Anyone About Free
Software Philosophy.

Coming up with questions to ask

1. Common questions that work generally.
2. Questions that work in specific communities.
3. Coming up with your own questions.

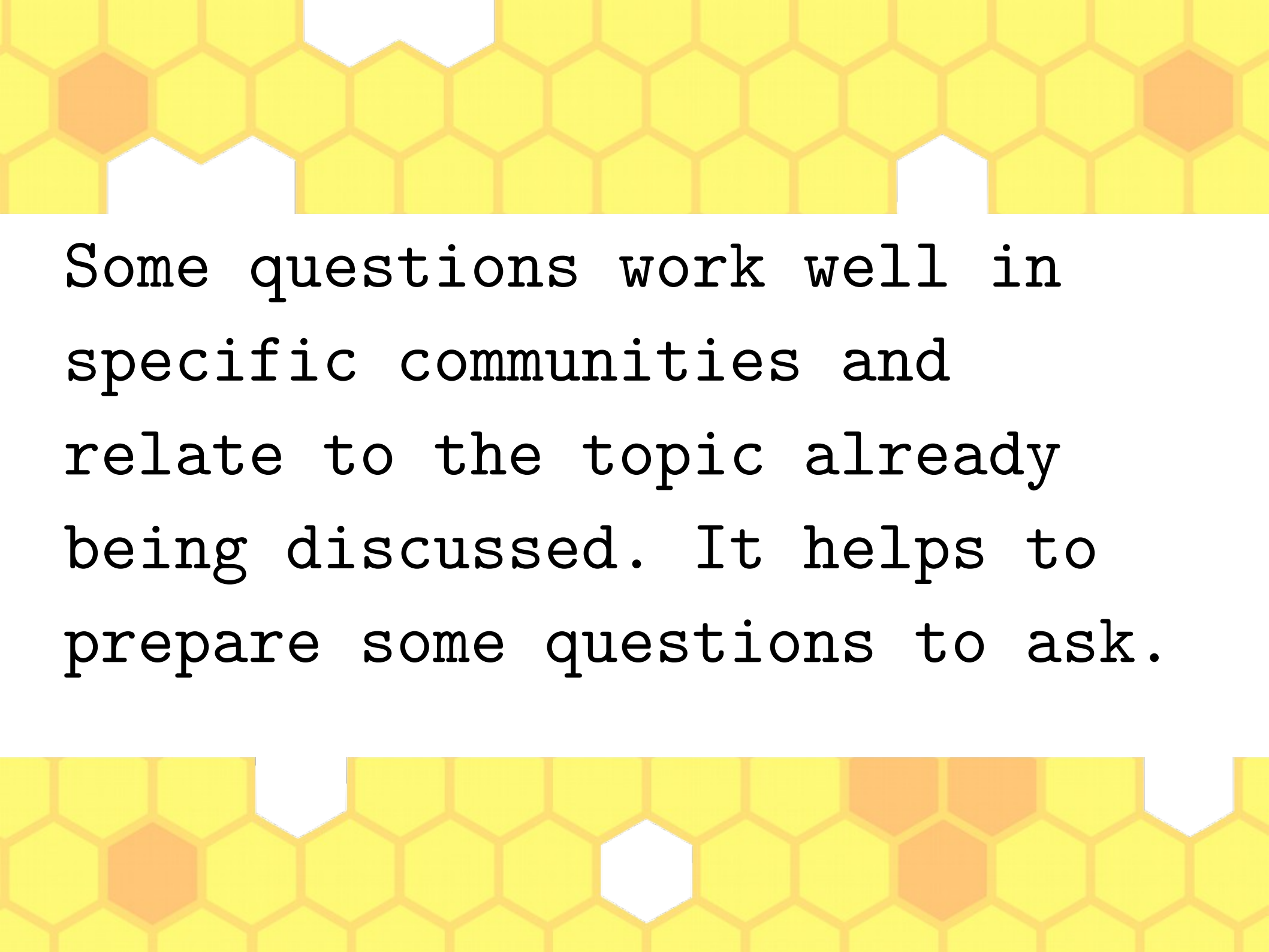
Example questions to bring up technology gripes

- 1.) What is one piece of software you use, but hate? What makes you keep using it?
- 2.) What is the worst feature of social media? How could it be improved?
- 3.) What is the most annoying thing about cell phone apps?
- 4.) Have you ever played a video game that you wished you could change? Did you do it?
- 5.) What frightens you the most about the development of AI technology?
- 6.) If you don't enjoy learning about technology, what annoys you the most about it?
- 7.) Have you ever lost a feature on some software or device that you needed? How did you feel about that?
- 8.) What cell phone app do you hate the most, but still use? Why?

Example questions about how people make technology decisions

- 1.) How do you know the best software to meet your needs?
- 2.) How do you decide what technology products or services to use?
- 3.) How do you know if someone is an expert in software development?
- 4.) What is word software developers use, that you don't understand?
- 5.) How do you decide what social media platforms to use?
- 6.) Do you use Linux on your computer? Why or why not?
- 7.) Do you think paid membership programs could be used to improve software for everyone? Why or why not?
- 8.) What do you do when you get frustrated that software doesn't do what you want it to?



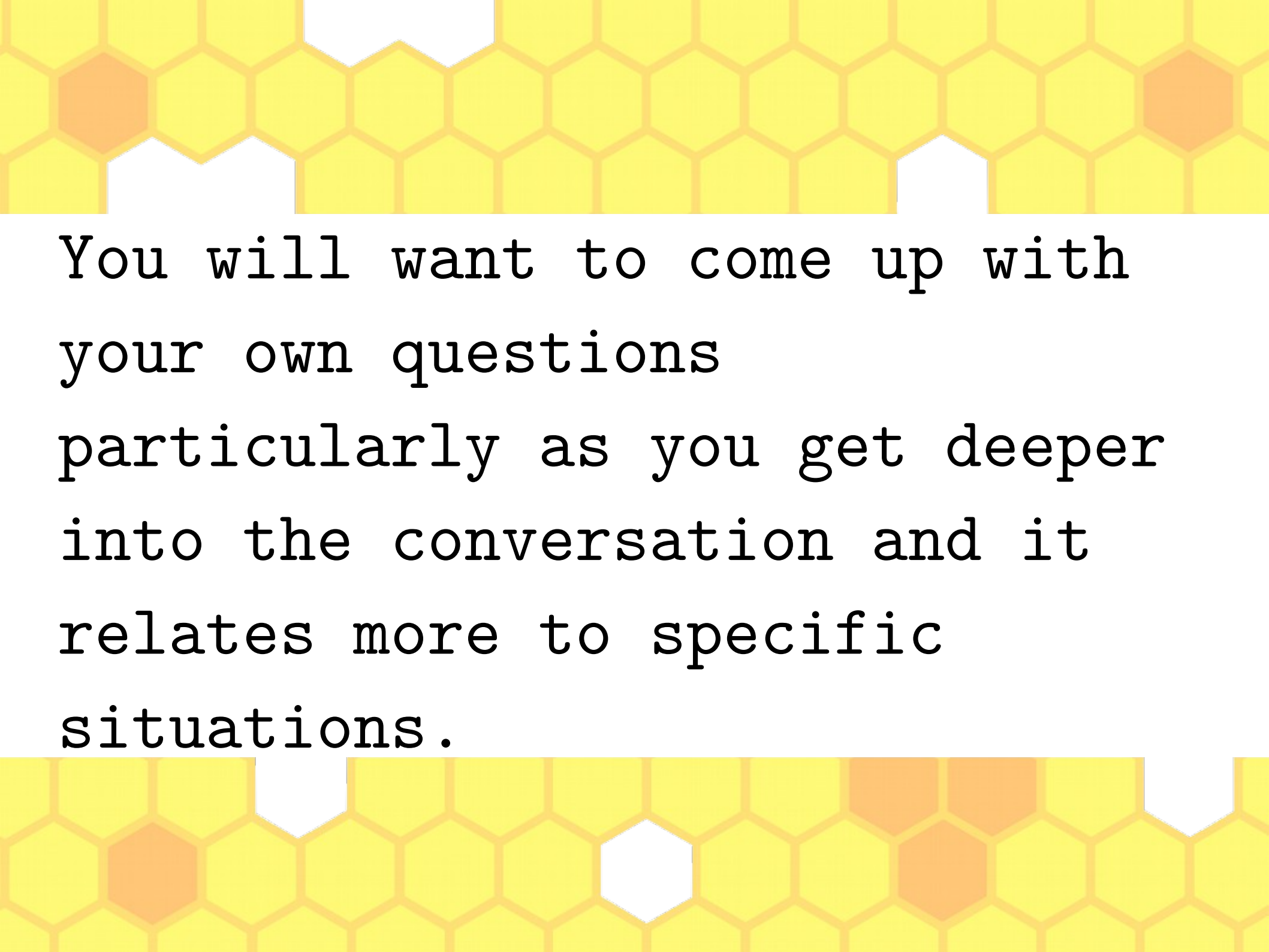


Some questions work well in specific communities and relate to the topic already being discussed. It helps to prepare some questions to ask.

Example questions for specific communities

- 1.) How do you know the best software to ***** ?
- 2.) How has software affected your industry?
- 3.) What software do you use for ***** ? How could it be Better?
- 4.) What frustrates you about the software you use for *****?
- 5.) Do you trust software used for *****?
- 6.) Have you tried using *name of freedom respecting software program* for *****?
- 7.) Do you think paid membership programs could be used to improve software for *****? Why or why not?
- 8.) How do you deal with frustrations with software used for ***?





You will want to come up with
your own questions
particularly as you get deeper
into the conversation and it
relates more to specific
situations.

Examples of deeper questions

- 1.) How could we make ***** software better? What is stopping us?
- 2.) Do you think ***** has too much power over the software?
- 3.) How can people in your industry avoid future problems like that with software?
- 4.) What would happen if a group of people got together to create better applications?
- 5.) How can we trust the software we use for *****?
- 6.) What existing solutions improve upon it, how do they avoid the problems caused by *****?
- 7.) What freedom respecting software solutions already exist to do that?
- 8.) Do you realize how the freedoms provided by freedom respecting software can prevent problems such as *****?

