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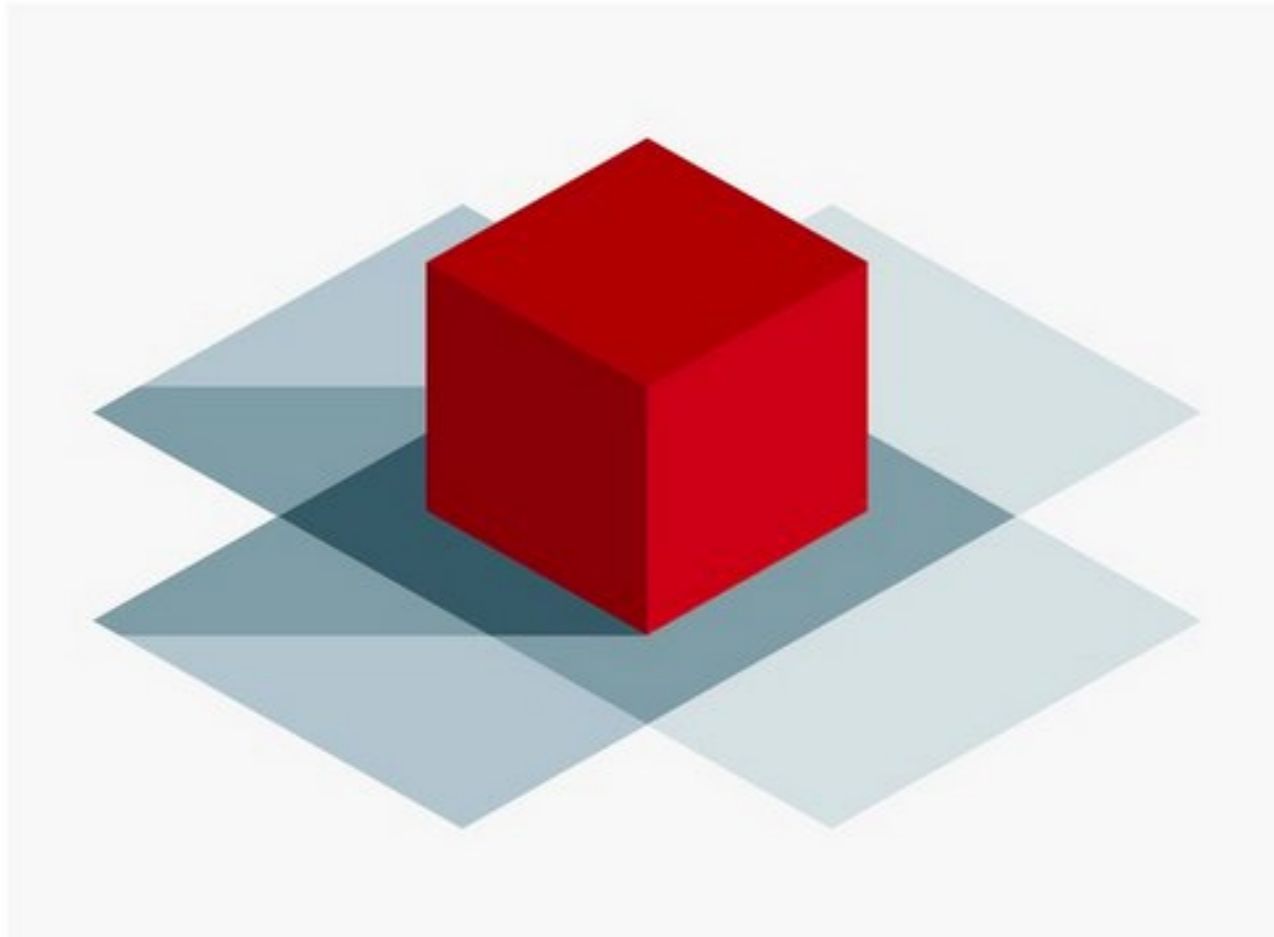


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Software

MS' Ballmer: Linux is communism

After a short silence, Motormouth is back, folks...

By [Graham Lea](#) 31 Jul 2000 at 10:10

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Steve Ballmer was the only person to raise the issue of Linux when he wrapped up Microsoft's annual financial analysts meeting in Seattle, although he put Sun and Oracle ahead in terms of being stronger competitors. They of course are 'civilised' competitors - but **the Linux crowd, in the world of Prez Steve, are communists.**

Ballmer wanted "to emphasise the competitive threat, and in some senses the competitive opportunity, that Linux represents. **Linux is a tough competitor. There's no company called Linux, there's barely a Linux road map. Yet Linux sort of springs organically from the earth. And it had, you know, the characteristics of communism that people love so very, very much about it. That is, it's free.** [Outlook Express is free, and also sometimes lets strangers share your hard disk - is this anarchism? - Ed] And I'm not trying to make fun of it, because it's a real competitive issue. Today, I would say, we still don't see a lot of Linux competition in most quarters on the desktop, and we see a lot of Linux competition in some server markets. And we could either say, hey, Linux is going to roll over the world, but I don't see that happening. That's not what's going on right now."

Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, 15 years after Ballmer called it 'cancer' *Google joins the .NET Foundation*

By Tom Warren [@tomwarren](#) Nov 16, 2016, 11:46am EST



Former Microsoft CEO might have labeled Linux "a cancer" 15 years ago, but things couldn't be any different this week. Microsoft, the software giant that has built its empire on closed-source proprietary software, is joining the Linux Foundation. **10 years ago that would have seemed unimaginable**, but Microsoft has been steadily embracing open source recently, leading it to become the **top organization with the most open source contributors** on Github.



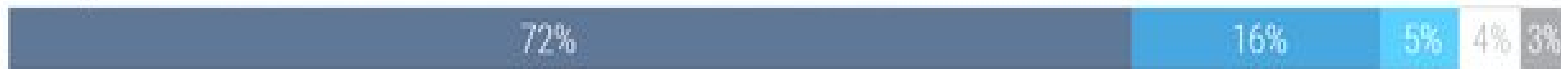
96% of applications include open source or free software components, with an average **257** components per application.



Average percentage of codebase that is open source or free software: **57%** (36% in 2017). Many applications now contain more open source than proprietary code.

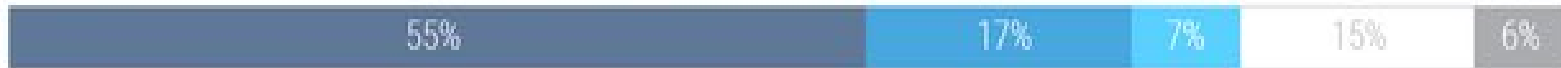
Frequency of Companies' Open Source Activities

Use open source code for non-commercial or internal reasons



93%

Use open source code in commercial products



79%

Contribute code upstream



Recruit and hire developers to work on open source projects



Create its own open source projects



60%

Train developers to contribute to open source projects



Attend and speak at open source events or conferences



Change in use of enterprise open source **over the past 12 months**

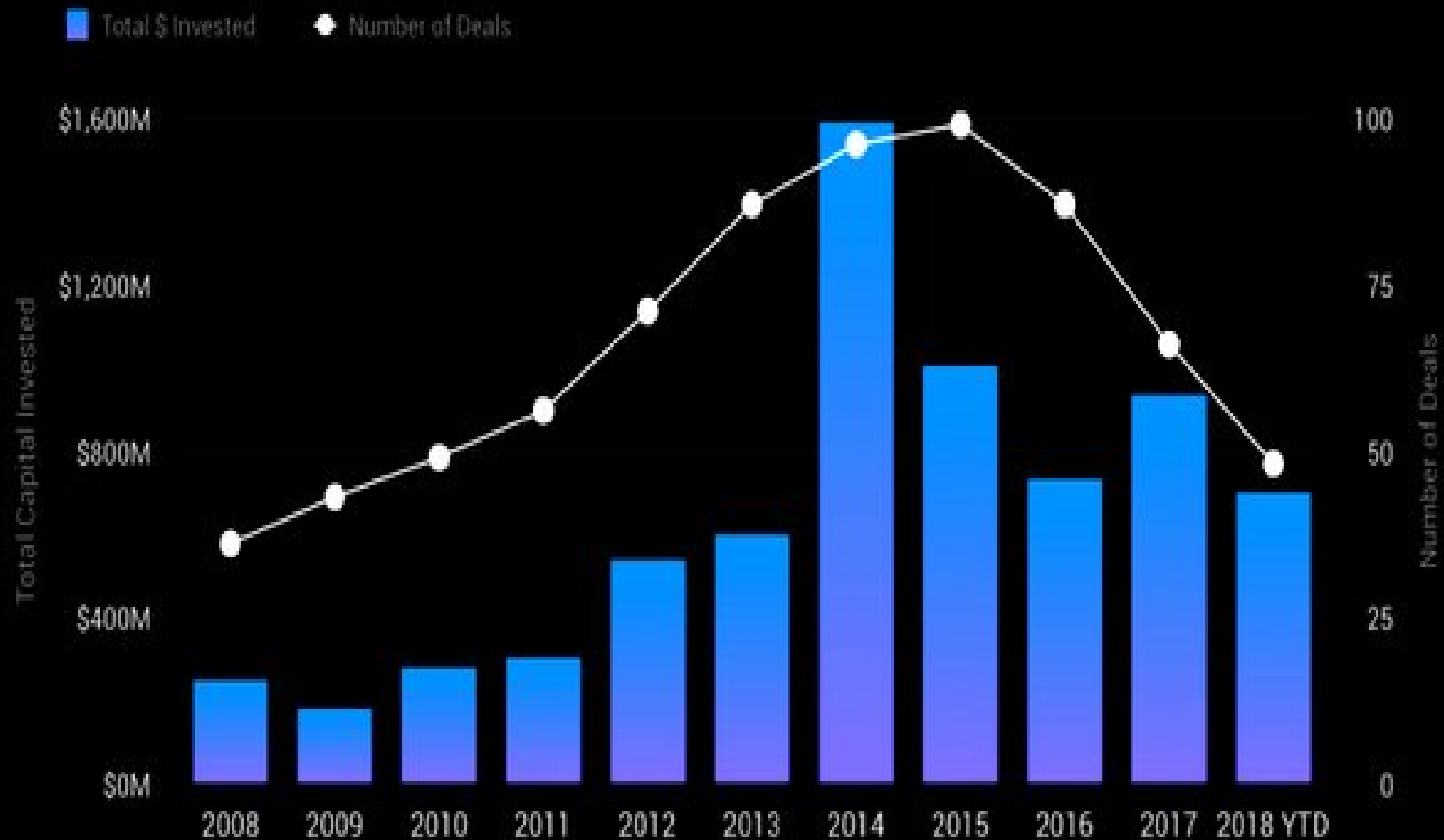


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Worldwide Venture Funding Into Open Source Software Companies

Based on reported venture funding events for companies in Crunchbase's "open source" category. Dollar volume based on deals of known size; round counts are for all deals. Data is current through October 31, 2018.

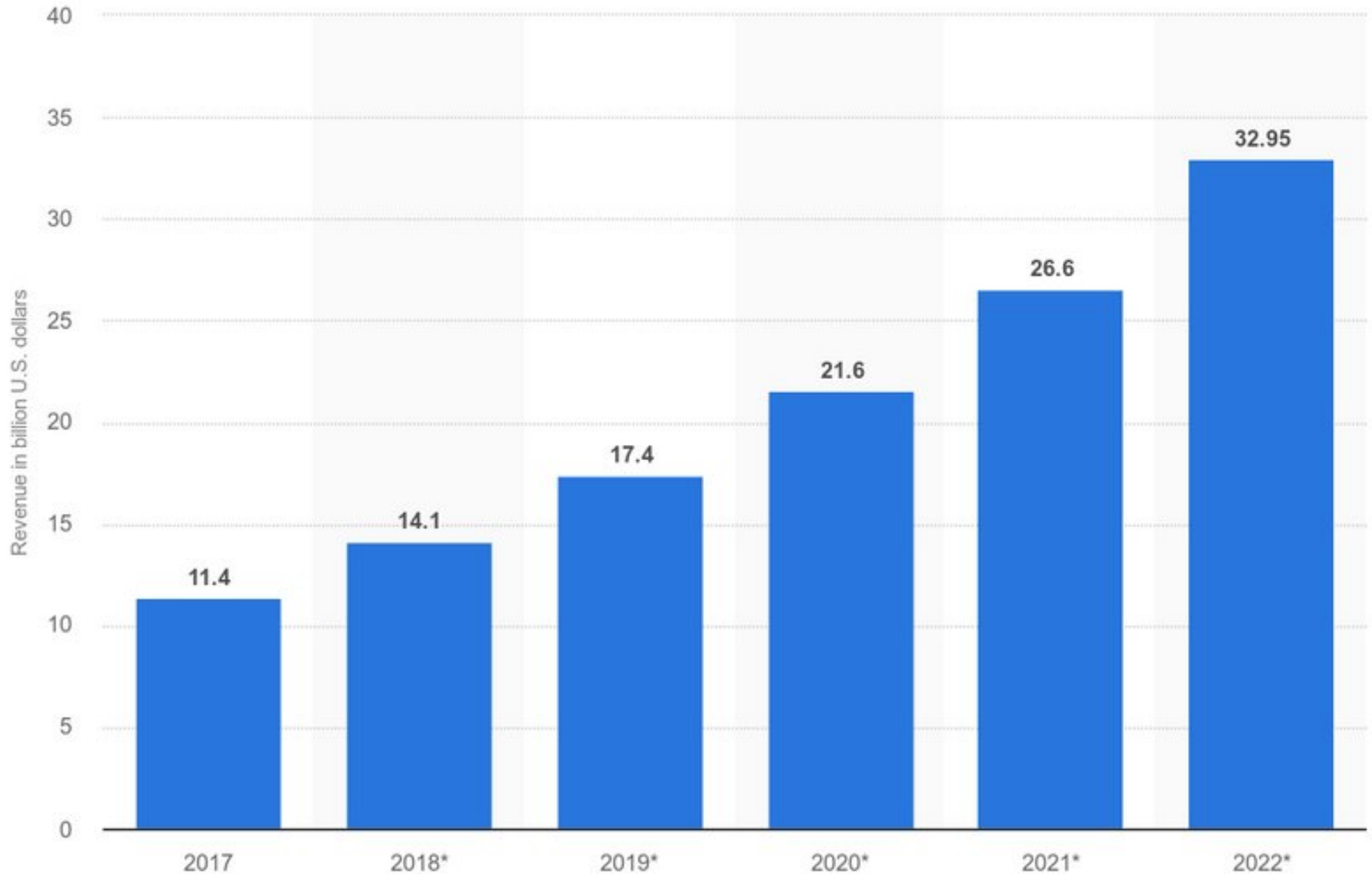


crunchbase news

Open Source-Powered Neo4j Raises \$80M Series E

<https://news.crunchbase.com/news/open-source-powered-neo4j-raises-80m-series-e/>

Projected revenue of open source [free software] services from 2017 to 2022 (in billion U.S. dollars)





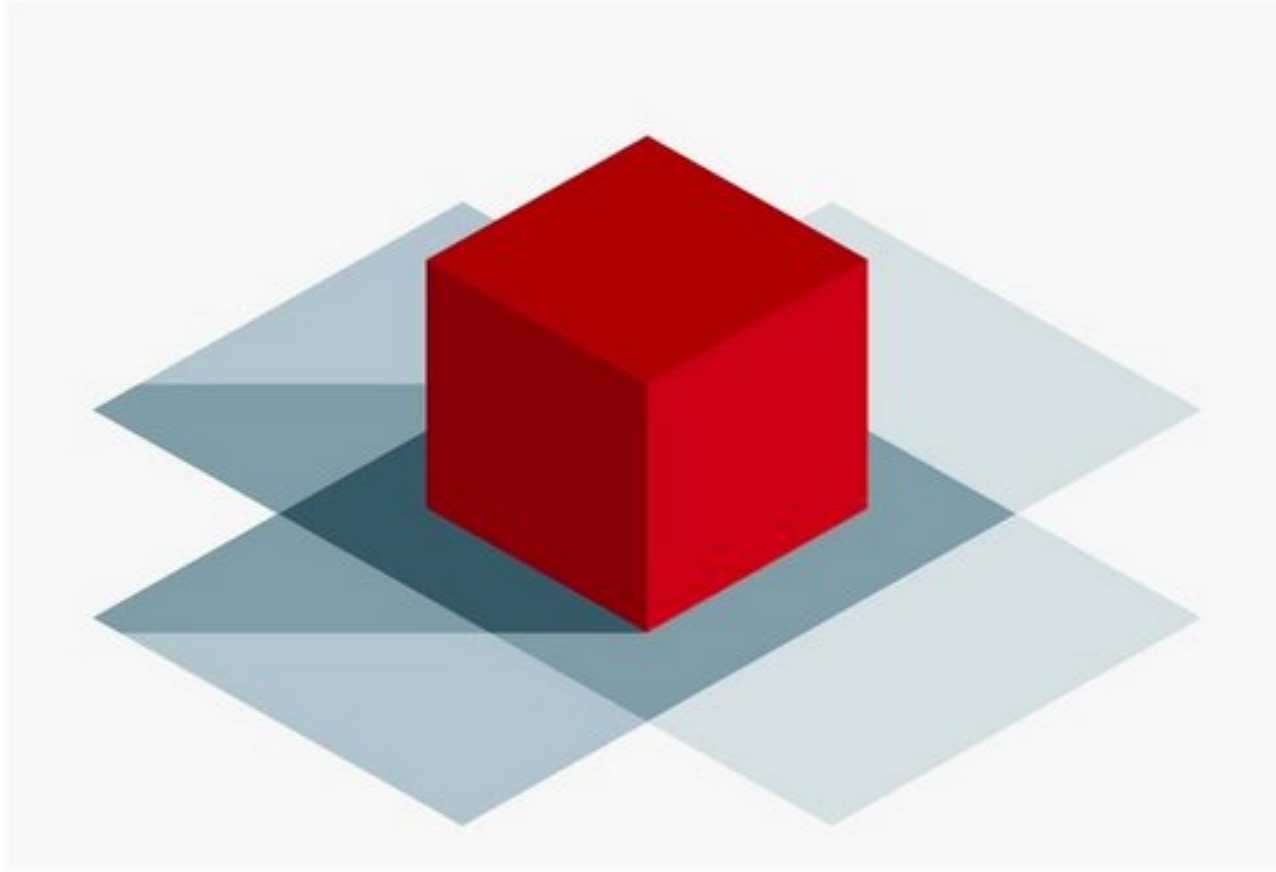
The success of free software and open source (enterprise adoption, corporate and VC investment, marketing and promotions, pace of development/innovation) has created an environment where some choose to align themselves with the movement, while dismissing community norms, fundamental tenets, expectations, and recognized practices.



**Child
Labor
Free.**



Free Software WON. SO, NOW WHAT?



*Though the community has proved that [free software and] open source is among the most important ideas in the history of technology, it faces **a whole new set of tests** as it transforms from scrappy underdog to pillar of the mainstream.*

- Klint Finley

Free Software WON. SO, NOW WHAT?

- Project maturity and sustainability
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Free Software WON. SO, NOW WHAT?

BSD + Patents license (Facebook)

Cryptographic Autonomy License (CAL)

Commons Clause

Do No Harm

Fair Source

Qabel Public License

Server Side Public License

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“a whole new set of licenses”

The Open Source Definition*

1. Free Redistribution
2. Source Code
3. Derived Works
4. Integrity of The Author's Source Code
5. No Discrimination Against Persons or Groups
6. No Discrimination Against Fields of Endeavor
7. Distribution of License
8. License Must Not Be Specific to a Product
9. License Must Not Restrict Other Software
10. License Must Be Technology-Neutral**



* The Open Source Definition was derived from Debian's Free Software Guidelines (Perens), first published with the Debian Social Contract in July, 1997.

** The tenth criteria was added in 2002.

Software Freedom

The Four Freedoms

0. Freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose

1. Freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish.

: Access to the source code is a precondition for this.

2. Freedom to redistribute copies so you can help others.

4. Freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others

: By doing this you can give the whole community a chance to benefit from your changes. Access to the source code is a precondition for this.

“a whole new set of tests”

The *Four Free-ums?*

Free-um 0: to associate, e.g. “Free-washing” (Open-washing)

: to spin a product or company as [free], although it is not. - Michelle Thorn
: having an appearance of [Free Software] and licensing for marketing purposes, while continuing proprietary practices. - Audrey Watters

Free-um 1: to assert, e.g. “Fauxpen Source”

: software that claims to be open source, but lacks the full freedoms required by the Open Source Definition. - Phil Marsosudiro

Free-um 2: to restrict, e.g. “Free-ish Software” (“Nope-in Source”)

: software that invokes benefits/values of free software development and ideals, but places restrictions on the users or activities. - Patrick Masson

Free-um 3: to ignore, e.g. “Post FOSS”

: fuck the license and governance, just commit to github. - James Governor
: not explicitly in the public domain, but the authors appear to intend free use, modification, distribution and distribution of the modified software, similar to the freedoms defined for free software. - Daniel J. Bernstein

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Free Washing

(free-um to associate)...



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"All of our customers can have their say on the direction of our products through Jolla and other **open source** communities that we work closely with."

<https://youtu.be/jBQdfcLhts8?t=26>

Jolla's open-source tablet might actually stay the course

Finnish firm's Linux-based tablet looks like a tenable alternative to Apple iPads and Android devices.

NETWORKWORLD

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

Jolla Sailfish 2.0 Tablet: 'Open-Source iPad' Crowdfunded Within Hours

By Abigail Elise [@theabigaillelise](#) on November 19 2014 3:41 PM EST

TEC Jolla's 'Open Source' iPad Alternative Raises More Than \$1M In Two Days' Crowdfunding

Posted Nov 23, 2014 by [Natasha Lomas \(@nrlomas\)](#)

Forbes



Eric Mack
Contributor

TECH | 12/10/2014 @ 4:49PM | 4,225 views

The Case For The Jolla Tablet

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PC Hands On: Jolla Tablet and Sailfish 2.0

BY [EUGENE KIM](#) MARCH 2, 2015 10:05AM EST [0 COMMENTS](#)

Jolla was at Mobile World Congress showing off its open source Jolla Tablet and new Sailfish 2.0 OS.

Can Jolla Deliver the First Open Source Tablet?

Critically praised for its phone, Jolla is now developing a tablet.

Datamation

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<https://together.jolla.com/questions/scope:all/sort:relevance-desc/page:1/query:%22open%20source%22/>

*Jolla seems to **like the idea of community** and **freedom** but **closed source software is against both**.*

*Which parts of Sailfish are **closed source**, why, and will that change? I recently saw a list of packages sorted by license and at first glance **anything remotely Jolla specific was closed source**.*

*Good bye Jolla: I'm really so disappointed and frustrated. **I came to Jolla because I searched for freedom**. I was blinded by their **marketing and the positive comments in press and blogs**. But directly after I received my phone, and I gave away my iPhone I discovered that **Jolla isn't FOSS...***

Is Jolla deliberately misleading their customers?



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 - Gerald Maccioli 3 years ago

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"Together with the **open source** community, we're continuing to strengthen our privacy capabilities at every opportunity."
Any updates on the 2nd half of the refund? Another decade of interest free loan? The company is already selling jolla os to experia users and just ignoring their original backers.

- Flrido Santos 16 days ago

<https://youtu.be/jBQdfcLhts8?t=26>

***OVER* \$2.5 Million
and ??? code contributions**





Fauxpen Source

(free-um to assert)

A description of software that claims to be open source, but lacks the full freedoms required by the Open Source Definition



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Frequently Asked Questions

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Yes. The OSET License ("OPL") is an open source software license, without a doubt amongst trained, experienced open source licensing lawyers. Here is why. The license meets the Open Source Definition promulgated by the Open Source Initiative (<http://opensource.org/osd-annotated>). The definition has 10 elements, as described below.

*We haven't reviewed the Open Public License, so can't give a formal opinion without running it through the process. But, I'll note that the license includes a requirement to notify the initial developer of every change. This type of requirement is generally regarded as **failing to meet the Free Distribution criteria of the Open Source Definition**. So, if we did review the Open Public License, the likely outcome is that we'd rule it as not open source.*

- Allison Randal, OSI President

Fauxpen Source Software

*Qabel is a **free, open-source, decentralized, expandable platform, that...***

- Qabel GmbH (<https://qabel.de/index-en.html>)



Please do not trust us.

It is not necessary.

Surveillance interface

Source code

Alpha test



puls

Qabel is **open source**, crowdfunding already completed. The software is now in beta phase.

- <https://www.br.de/puls/themen/netz/datenschutz-im-netz-fuer-alle-100.html>



The **entire project is open source** and available as a GitHub repository since today. It is under a license called Qabel Public License Version 0.1 . The company encourages anyone interested to view the code and provide feedback.

- <https://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Qabel-verspricht-abhoersichere-Cloud-Plattform-2219838.html>

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Fair Source License

*...many open source developers have struggled to find ways to actually make money from their work. It's **better to be 90 percent open** than 10 percent open.*

Quinn Slack, CEO & Co-founder, Sourcegraph

<https://medium.com/@michaeldehaan/why-open-source-needs-new-licenses-d2d9d819a10>

*We're **offering the world a new choice** in between open source and closed source. Fair Source enables companies to share source code with the public and still drive revenue. It's the best of both worlds—transparency and progress without sacrificing our businesses.*

Fair Source License FAQ

<https://fair.io/>

*I need my software to be free only for non-commercial purposes. I need my software to be free only for small users, or for some kinds of uses. I don't want anyone to use my software to provide paid services without paying me. That is the genesis of the "**new open source license**".*

Heather Meeker, Specialist in open source software licensing and strategy

<https://heathermeeker.com/2018/06/24/revisiting-the-open-source-business-model/>

Do No Harm License

*After making open source software for 15 years, participating in the communities and contributing to countless projects. I think it's **time to look a little harder at the broader impact of our work** and see if **we can do better than ideas written down 40 years ago.***

Reconbot, via GitHub

<https://github.com/raisely/NoHarm/pull/27#issuecomment-419482778>

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- violence, hate and division,
- environmental destruction,
- abuse of human rights,
- the destruction of people's physical and mental health

lobbies for, promotes, or derives a majority of income from actions that support or contribute to:

- sex trafficking
- human trafficking
- slavery
- indentured servitude
- gambling
- tobacco
- adversely addictive behaviours
- nuclear energy
- warfare
- weapons manufacturing
- war crimes
- violence (except when required to protect public safety)
- burning of forests
- deforestation
- hate speech or discrimination based on age, gender, gender identity, race, sexuality, religion, nationality

b) lobbies against, or derives a majority of income from actions that discourage or frustrate:

- peace
- access to the rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- peaceful assembly and association (including worker associations)
- a safe environment or action to curtail the use of fossil fuels or prevent climate change
- democratic processes

The Commons Clause.

...applies a narrow, minimal-form commercial restriction on top of an existing open source license to transition the project to a source-availability licensing scheme.

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- <https://commonsclause.com/>

Is this “Open Source”? No.

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Commons Clause

Go to Amazon Web Services (AWS) and hover over the Products menu at the top. You will see numerous open-source projects that Amazon did not create, but runs as-a-service. These provide Amazon with billions of dollars of revenue per year.

To be clear, this is not illegal. But we think it is wrong, and not conducive to sustainable open-source communities.


*...it is time to **reexamine the ethos of open source** in today's environment. Commons Clause is reviving the original ethos of open source. Academics, hobbyists or developers wishing to use a popular open-source project to power a component of their application can still do so. But **if you want to take substantially the same software that someone else has built**, and offer it as a service, **for your own profit**, that's not in the spirit of the open-source community.*

Salil Deshpande, Bain Capital Ventures


<https://techcrunch.com/2018/09/07/commons-clause-stops-open-source-abuse/>


Community Projects

Redis Labs leads the development of open source Redis. Main projects are shown below.



RediSearch

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Dvir Volk · 3rd
Software Engineer at Google
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Search engine over Redis

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Authors:



dvirsky #1
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RedisJSON

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Yusaku Kaneta · 3rd
Rakuten Institute of Technology, Rakuten, Inc.
Within 23 wards, Tokyo, Japan

A JSON data type for Redis

License: [Redis Source Available License](#)

Authors:  [itamarhaber](#)  [Redis Labs](#)



yusaku #6
5 commits 29 ++ 18 --



July 2017 July 2018 July 2019

How do I contribute to Redis repositories under RSAL?

Anyone can contribute to any of these projects (including those licensed with RSAL), provided he/she signs our Contributor License Agreement.



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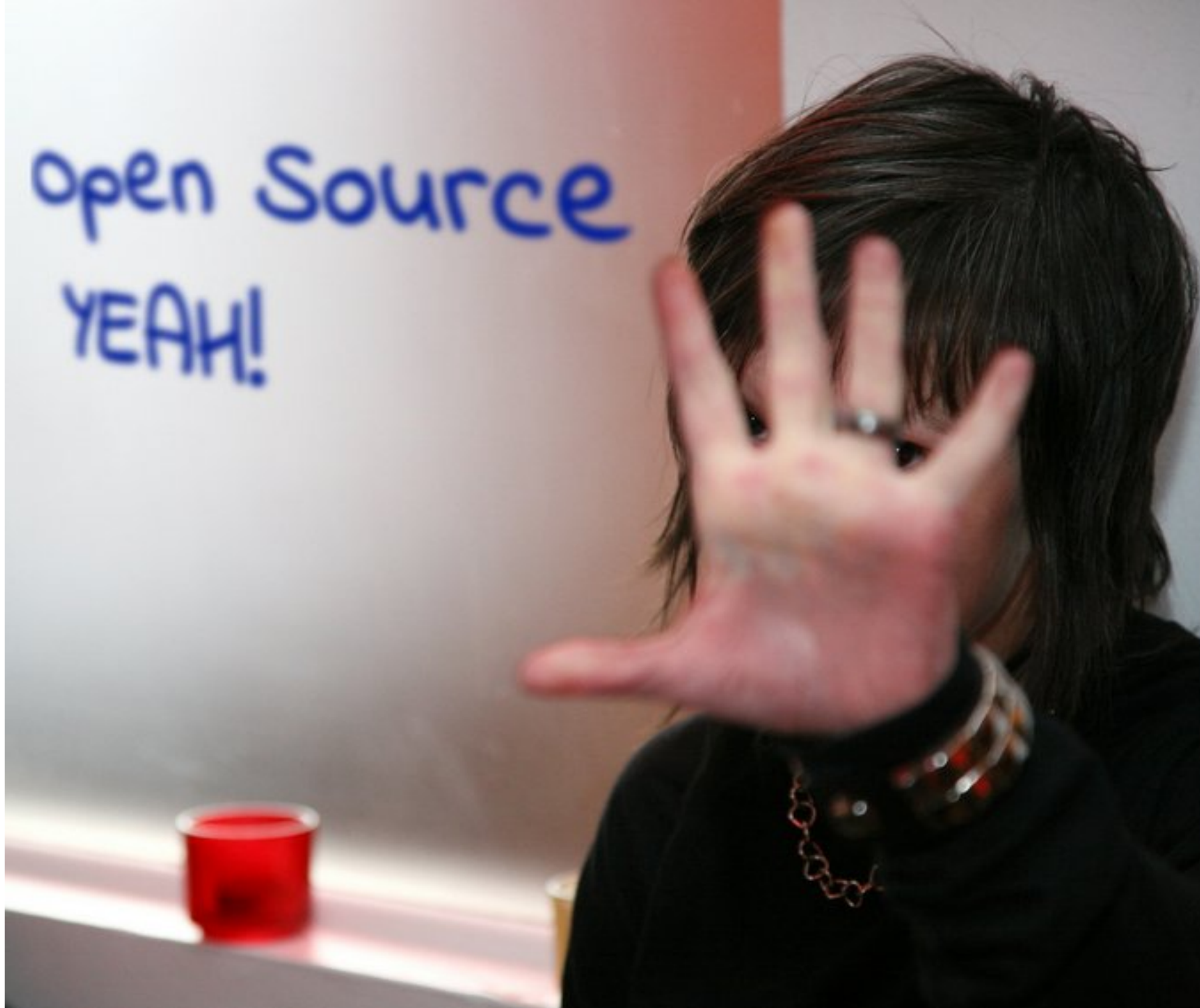
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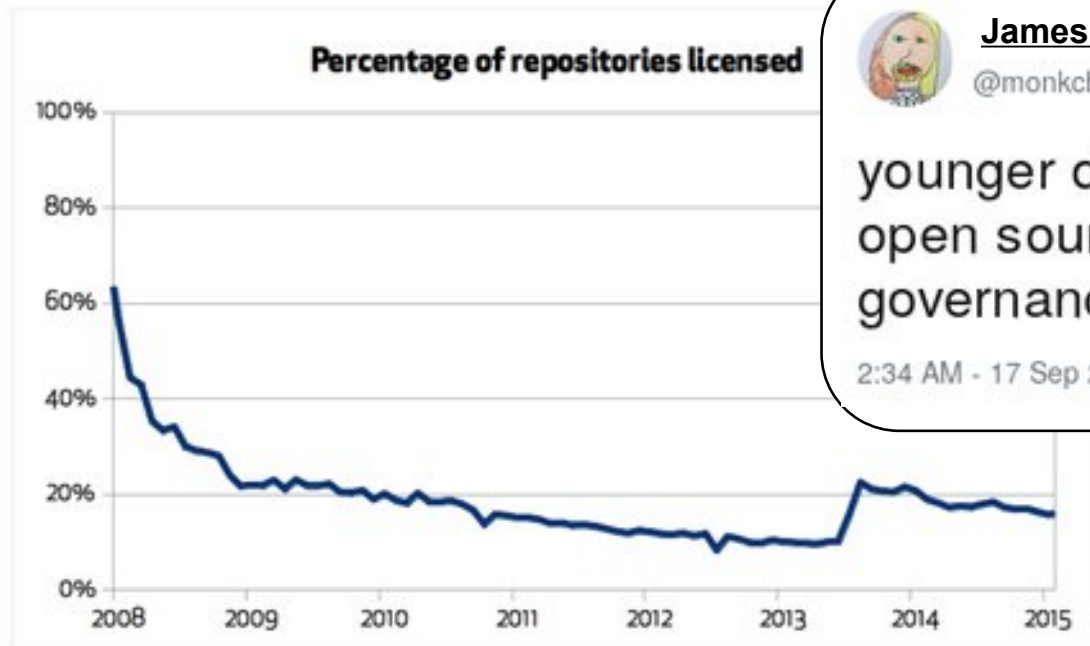
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(free-um to ignore)



THE GITHUB REVOLUTION: WHY WE'RE ALL IN OPEN SOURCE NOW



James Governor

@monkchips

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2:34 AM - 17 Sep 2012



New Open Source Website/ Web app (self.opensource)

submitted 9 hours ago by Rautaisetintu

Hello everyone, I am currently working on a website/web app and I was thinking of making it open source but since I've never made stuff open source what else is needed besides github? Anyone can contribute if they wish.

Thanks.

The MIT License – Clarity on Using Code on Stack Overflow and Stack Exchange

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Update (Dec. 22, 2015): Thanks, everyone, for your feedback to this proposal. We're going to digest this one over the holidays and should have a follow-up announcement answering your questions and addressing your concerns after the new year. We won't be making any hurried decisions on this topic, and certainly not without ample opportunity to integrate your ideas into the final decision. So continue letting us know what you think. You'll hear again from us soon.

Update (Jan. 14, 2016): [The promised follow-up is here, requiring attribution and postponing the change to March 1, 2016.](#)

CC-BY-SA is an ideal license for a crowdsourced knowledge base. We've benefited immensely from it, our community has gained protection through it, and we look forward to CC-BY-SA continuing to cover prose contributions to Stack Overflow and across the network for all of eternity.

But code is a bit different (pun intended), and it's always been a little ambiguous how CC-BY-SA covers code. This has led to uncertainty among conscientious developers as they've struggled to understand what (if anything) the license requires of them when grabbing a few lines of code from a post on Stack Exchange. Uncertainty is a drag on productivity, for you and for us, and we feel obligated to make code use more clear.

Starting Feb 1, 2016, all new code contributions to Stack Overflow and Stack Exchange will be covered by the [MIT License](#).

We've been working on this problem for a little while now. We've consulted with the OSI, enlisted the help of a real-life lawyer, and discussed it exhaustively internally. We've come up with a solution that we think is a major improvement upon the status quo.

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Free Software WON. SO, NOW WHAT?

- Project maturity and sustainability
- Maintainer/contributor/developer burn-out
- Business models
- Social impact / consequences
- Community development and management
- New technologies & techniques
- Licensing (complexity/compatibility)

“a whole new set of tests”

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The *Four Free-ums?*

Free-um 0: to associate, e.g. “Free-washing” (Open-washing)

: to spin a product or company as [free], although it is not. - Michelle Thorn
: having an appearance of [Free Software] and licensing for marketing purposes, while continuing proprietary practices. - Audrey Watters

Free-um 1: to assert, e.g. “Fauxpen Source”

: software that claims to be open source, but lacks the full freedoms required by the Open Source Definition. - Phil Marsosudiro

Free-um 2: to restrict, e.g. “Free-ish Software” (“Nope-in Source”)

: software that invokes benefits/values of free software development and ideals, but places restrictions on the users or activities. - Patrick Masson

Free-um 3: to ignore, e.g. “Post FOSS”

: fuck the license and governance, just commit to github. - James Governor
: not explicitly in the public domain, but the authors appear to intend free use, modification, distribution and distribution of the modified software, similar to the freedoms defined for free software. - Daniel J. Bernstein

“a whole new set of ~~licenses~~ approaches”

Yes, some rusty, old tools to help!



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Maturity Model

Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maturity_model).



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Richard L. Nolan. 1973. Managing the computer resource: a stage hypothesis. *Commun. ACM* 16, 7 (July 1973), 399–405. DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1145/362280.362284>

“...stages of growth model for IT organizations.”

Maturity is a measurement of the ability of an organization for continuous improvement in a particular discipline (as defined in. [1] The higher the maturity, the higher will be the chances that incidents or errors will lead to improvements either in the quality or in the use of the resources of the discipline as implemented by the organization.

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1. Aceituno, Vicente. "Open Information Security Maturity Model". Retrieved 12 February 2017.
2. Mettler T (2011). "Maturity assessment models: a design science research approach" (PDF). *International Journal of Society Systems Science*. 3 (1/2): 213–222. doi:10.1504/IJSSS.2011.038934.

Traditional Maturity Model:

There are five levels defined along the continuum of a maturity model

- 1.Initial (chaotic, ad hoc, individual heroics)** - the starting point for use of a new or undocumented repeat process.
- 2.Repeatable** - the process is at least documented sufficiently such that repeating the same steps may be attempted.
- 3.Defined** - the process is defined/confirmed as a standard business process, and decomposed to levels 0, 1 and 2 (the latter being Work Instructions).
- 4.Managed** - the process is quantitatively managed in accordance with agreed-upon metrics.
- 5.Optimizing** - process management includes deliberate process optimization/improvement.

Organizational Maturity

Look for, and look like...

License **or**...?

Foundation **or** Corporation?

Member-led **or** Self-appointed Leadership?

Self-directed **or** Managed Development?

Diverse contributors/contributions **or** Specific Skills/Roles?

Is the Project Forkable?

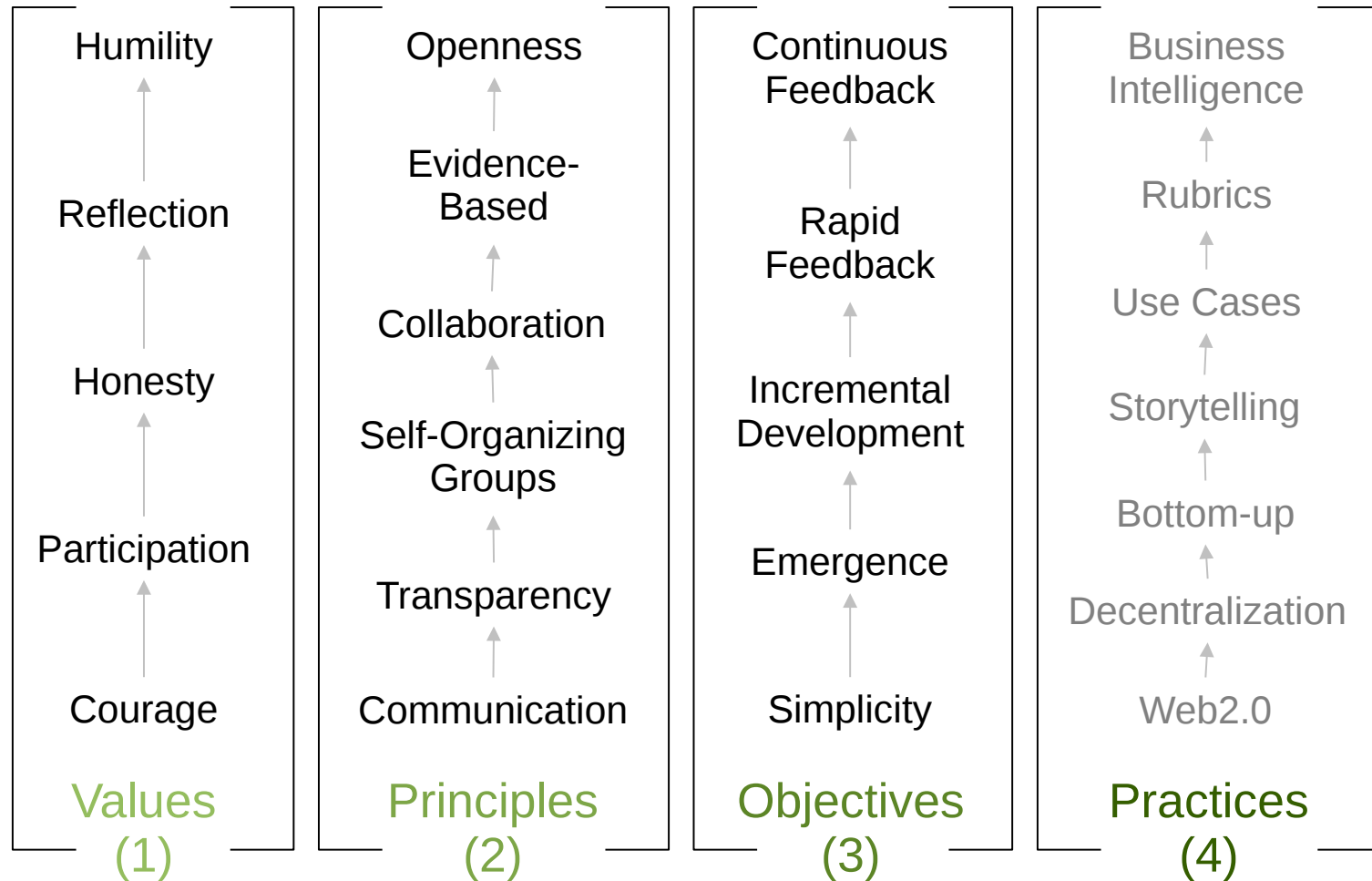
Industry-defined **or** Project-specific Standards?

Ensures Software freedom?

Free Software Maturity Model

<https://apereo.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/2398/pages/102924297/Openness+Index>

<https://github.com/massonpj/OpenMaturityModel>



Trademark



Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trademark>)

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A trademark is a type of intellectual property consisting of a recognizable sign, design, or expression which identifies products or services of a particular source from those of others,[2][3] although trademarks used to identify services are usually called service marks.[4][5] The trademark owner can be an individual, business organization, or any legal entity. [...] It is legally recognized as a type of intellectual property.

2. "A trademark is a word, phrase, symbol, and/or design that identifies and distinguishes the source of the goods of one party from those of others". Retrieved 13 December 2011.
3. "A trade mark is a sign which can distinguish your goods and services from those of your competitors (you may refer to your trade mark as your "brand")". Retrieved 22 December 2012.
4. "Trade marks identify the goods and services of particular traders. Signs that are suitable for distinguishing products or services of a particular enterprise from that of other companies are eligible for trade mark protection". Retrieved 22 December 2012.
5. "Archived copy". Archived from the original on 23 October 2011. Retrieved 27 December 2012.

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Berlin-based Internet of Things startup relayr has closed a \$2.3 million seed round from unnamed investors in the U.S. and Switzerland.



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Wunderbar: Berlin startup relayr raises \$11 million from Kleiner Perkins and others

By Robin Wauters, November 5th, 2015.



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Wunderbar back in stock!

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WunderBar, the award winning chocolate shaped IoT kit for app developers, is back in stock! The price is the same — \$199; but in terms of value, the **WunderBar has even more to offer now.** Here's why.



On Fri, 2016-03-11 at 23:12 +0000, jw@snej.de wrote:

Jens [REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at <https://opensource.org/contact>.

Dear OSI Board,

issue: I bought a product which uses the green OSI logo and the text "open source" beneath it but it is a closed source product

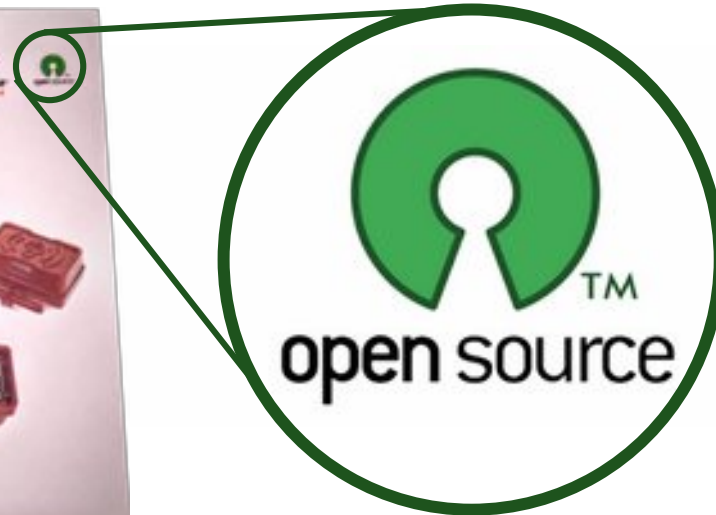
Product: THE WONDERBAR IOT STARTER KIT

Company: Relayr

Amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.de>, [REDACTED]

(its product box has the green OSI logo on it.)



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Martin Dougiamas @moodler · Feb 29

Replying to @massonpj @downey and 3 others

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