Partnerships between Industry and Communities through Open Source

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Abstract

The emergence of Open Source technologies as a viable approach to software development has resulted in many non-traditional cooperative relationships between industry and software user communities. One of the key requirements that Communities of Practice have from technology is replication to tens if not hundreds or thousands of partnering organizations and individuals at little to no incremental cost. A critical element of success for software companies engaged in the development of open source technology is rapid growth in adoption of the technology. These two complementary driving needs for both communities and industry have resulted in strong working relationships between those in need of open source technology and those developing it. In this presentation, you will see case studies of communities being empowered by open source technology and their partnership with the software companies that can support them.