Debunking Common Fears about Open Source

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Fear Uncertainty & Doubt
...there's been a lot of it
Support

“...but we need a throat to choke”
Unwashed Masses
...can’t be very good engineering
Security
How can it be secure if anybody can see?

Loose Lips Might Sink Ships

Someone Talked!
Unmanaged Resources
It’s chaotic and uncontrolled
IP and ROI

“How can we make money if we don’t own it?”
Proprietary Partner Doesn’t Like OSS
...and they’ll punish us if we do
Dev Time Required

ship dates & features are uncertain
Licensing is Confusing

OSS License Continuum

**Inheritance (Viral)**
- Copy Left
- GNU Public License
- Affero GPL

**Hybrid**
- Mozilla Public License
- CDDL
- Best of both?

**Permissive**
- Copy Center
- MIT
- BSD
- Apache
- Not intended for sharing

**Proprietary**

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Community Requires Resources
We don’t have time to build one

Together, We Create!
If you plan to Open Source
...you might as well make it successful
Four Questions

to help you get it right
1. Does Anybody* Care?  
(*aside from you and your Mom)
2. Are you still using it?  
(dumping isn’t cool)
3. Are you still improving it?

(leave room for contribution)
4. Can there be only one tree?
(will you use the open version as the canonical version)
Questions?
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