

Free/Open Source Software Development as an Approach to Global Software Engineering

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Background

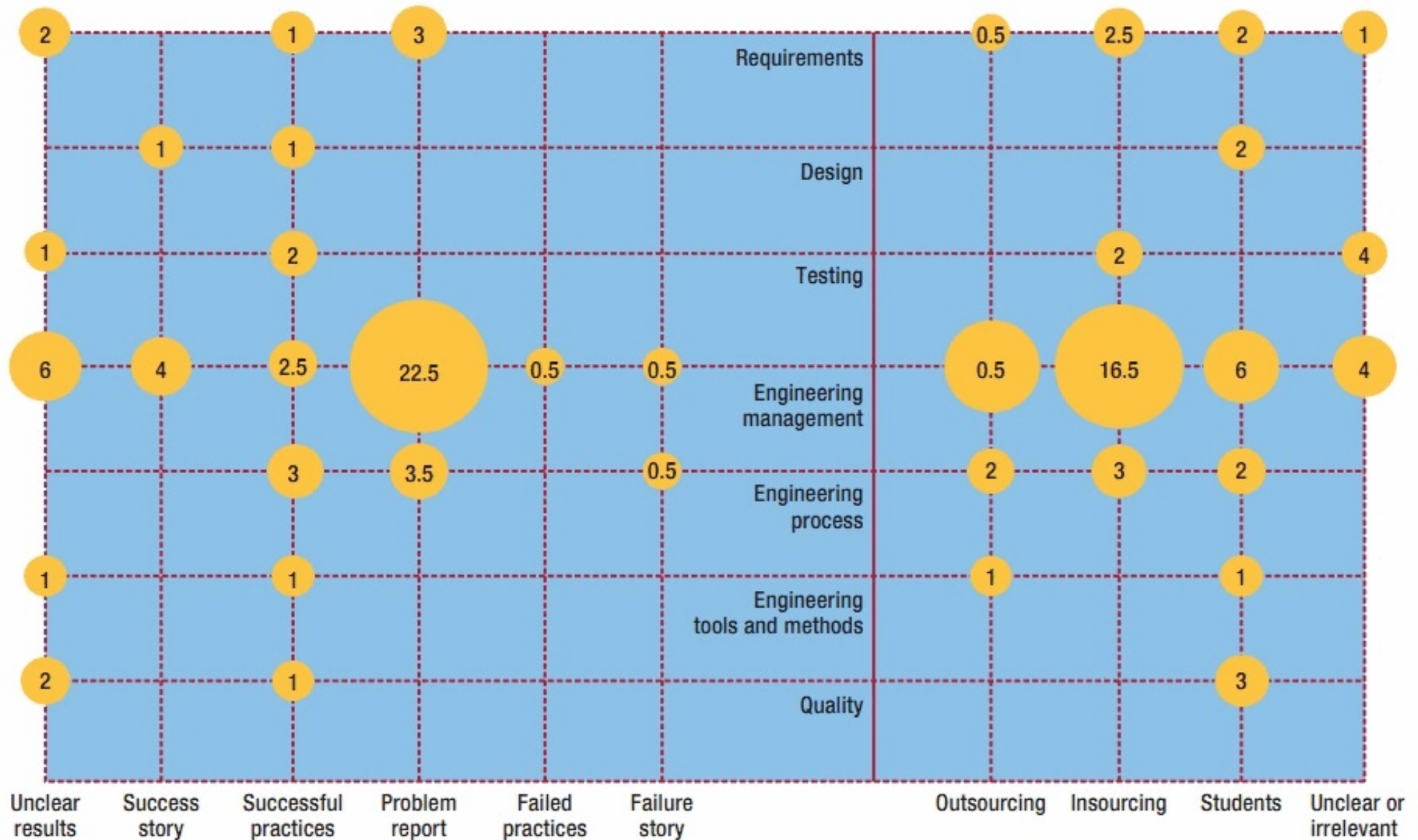


FIGURE 1. Bubble-plot overview of what we know about global software engineering (GSE). Results are based on a systematic review of the GSE literature available from 2000 to 2007.⁴ The left side classifies the 59 relevant studies thematically in terms of success or failure, and the right side classifies them according to globalization type.

Smite, D. and Wohlin, . (2011). A Whisper of Evidence in Global Software Engineering, *IEEE Software*, 28(4), 15-18, July-August.

What is free/open source software development?

- Free (as in “freedom” or liberty) vs. open source
 - Freedom to access, browse/view, study, modify and redistribute the source code
 - Free is always open, but open source is not always free
- FOSSD is not “software engineering”
 - *Different*: FOSSD can be faster, better, and cheaper than SE in some circumstances
 - FOSSD teams use 10-500+ OSSD tools (versions) and communications applications to support their development work

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Ares Galaxy Updated 2010-10-27

Filesharing-Bittorrent p2p client connected to TCP supernode/leaf network and UDP DHT network. Ares features a built-in directshow media player, a powerful library manager, shoutcast radio support and can be used to host p2p Chatrooms.

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AresRegular217_102710.

116936 recommendations

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7-Zip Updated 2011-04-18

7-Zip is a file archiver with the high compression ratio. The program supports 7z, XZ, BZIP2, GZIP, TAR, ZIP, WIM, ARJ, CAB, CHM, CPIO, CramFS, DEB, DMG, FAT, HFS, ISO, LZH, LZMA, MBR, MSI, NSIS, NTFS, RAR, RPM, SquashFS, UDF, VHD, WIM, XAR, Z.

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eMule is a filesharing client which is based on the eDonkey2000 network but offers more features than the standard client

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vlc-1.0.5_partfile_plugin_v

46424 recommendations

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Smart package of Microsoft's core fonts Updated 2006-05-07

So far this project consists of a source rpm that can be used to easily create a binary rpm package that, when installed, gives access to Microsoft's TrueType core fonts for the Web.

73 recommendations

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PortableApps.com: Portable Software/USB Updated 2011-08-12

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PortableApps.com_Platform

11177 recommendations

1,020,379 this week

MinGW - Minimalist GNU for Windows Updated 2011-08-05

MinGW: A native Windows port of the GNU Compiler Collection (GCC), with freely distributable import libraries and header files for building native Windows applications; includes extensions to the MSVC runtime to support C99 functionality.

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x86-mingw32-build-1.0-sh

679 recommendations

916,767 this week

FOSSD Project Characteristics

- Operational code early and often--actively improved and continuously adapted
 - Short-cycle (FOSS) vs. long-cycle (SLC) time processes
- *Post-facto* software system requirements and design
 - FOSSD has its own “-ilities” which differ from those for SE
- Caution: the vast majority (>90%) of FOSSD projects fail to grow or to produce a viable, sustained software release.

FOSSD Project Characteristics

- FOSS developers are typically users of what they build, while FOSS users (~1%) are also FOSS developers
- Requires “*critical mass*” of contributors and FOSS components connected through socio-technical interaction networks
- FOSSD projects can emerge/evolve via *bricolage*
 - Unanticipated architectural (de)compositions
 - Multi-project component integrations

OSS Development Models

- Free Software (GPL)
- Permissive Open Source (BSD/MIT, FreeBSD)
- Corporate/Inner Source (Hewlett-Packard)
- Consortium/Alliance (OSDL, SugarCRM)
- Non-profit foundations (Apache, Mozilla, Gnome, Perl)
- Corporate-Sponsored (Google, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Nokia, Oracle)
- Open Modding Extensions to Closed Source (many game companies)
- Community Source (Sakai, Westwood)

----- not OSSD models below -----

- Shared Source with Non-Disclosure (Microsoft)
- Open Systems (open APIs, closed components)

Research methodology

- Comparative (case) studies
 - Multiple open software development projects
 - Scaling: individual projects; interrelated projects; project domain clusters; global project populations (1K-50K+ projects)
- Qualitative, quantitative, hybrid techniques
- Analyzing and modeling
 - development processes, work practices and roles, project forms and community networks
 - development artifacts and tools
 - FOSS evolution
 - FOSS ecosystems

Individual participation

Individual participation in FOSSD projects: motives and consequences

- FOSS developers want to:
 - learn about new tools, techniques, skills, etc.
 - have fun building software
 - exercise their technical skill
 - try out new kinds of systems to develop
 - interconnect multiple FOSSD projects
- FOSS developers frequently:
 - build trust and reputation with one another
 - achieve “geek fame” (for project leaders)
 - spend more time reading online documents and communicating with one another than writing code

Resources supporting FOSS activities

FOSSD resources/capabilities

- Personal software development resources
- Beliefs supporting FOSSD
- FOSSD informalisms
- Skilled, self-organizing developers
- Discretionary time and effort
- Trust and social accountability

Personal software development resources

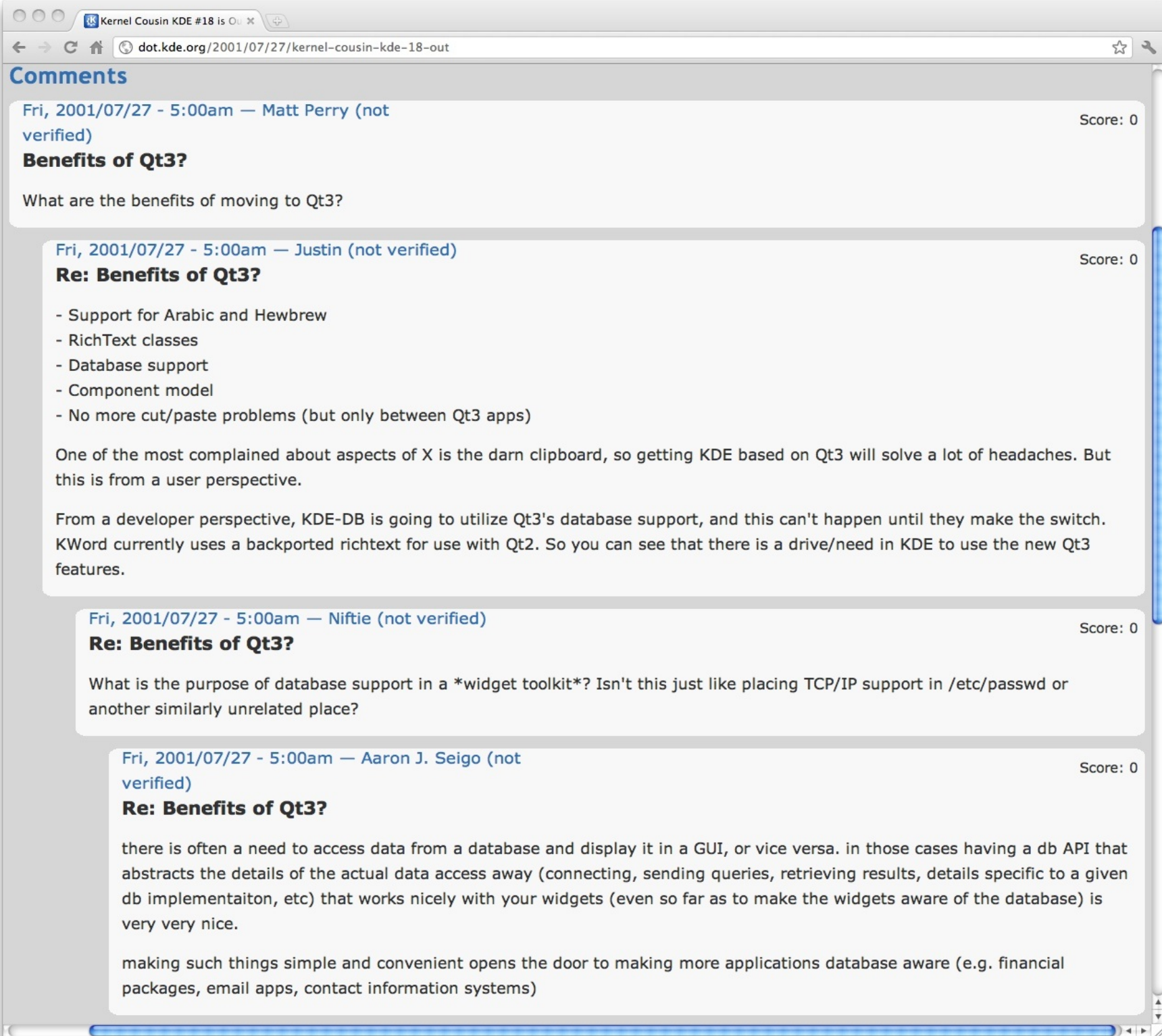
- Sustained commitment of personal resources helps *subsidize* FOSSD projects
 - Personal computer(s)
 - Internet access
 - Hosting personal Web site
 - Hosting project repositories
 - Personal choice of software development tools or tool set

Beliefs supporting FOSSD

- *Freedom of expression*
 - What to develop or work on
 - How to develop it
 - What tools to employ
- *Freedom of choice*
 - When to release work products
 - Expressing what can be said to whom with or without reservation
- Observation: *Beliefs shape architecture*

FOSSD Informalisms

- Software *informalisms*--artifacts participants use to describe, proscribe, or prescribe what's happening in a project
- Informalisms capture detailed rationale and debates for what changes were made in particular development activities, artifacts, or source code files



FOSSD informalisms

Email lists	Discussion forum	News postings	Project digests
IM/Internet Relay Chat	Scenarios of usage	How-to guides	Screenshots
FAQs; to-do lists; item lists	Project Wikis	System documentation	External publications
Copyright licenses	Architecture diagrams	Intra-app scripting	Plug-ins
Code from other projects	Project Web site	Multi-project portals	Project source code
Project repositories	Software bug reports	Issue tracking databases	Blogs, videos, photos, etc.

Skilled, self-organizing developers

- Successfully developing an open architecture system requires prior experience
- Organizing project work as a *virtual organization*
 - Skill-based meritocracy
 - Informal rules of governance and control, but rules are readily recognized by participants
 - Social control incorporated into software and informalisms
 - How, where, and when to access data via APIs, UIs, and other architectural features

Discretionary time and effort

- Self-determination
 - work on what's interesting
- Peer recognition
 - becoming a social gateway
- Project affiliation or identification
- Self-promotion
 - How to realize career advancement
- Belief in inherent value of FOSS

Trust and social accountability

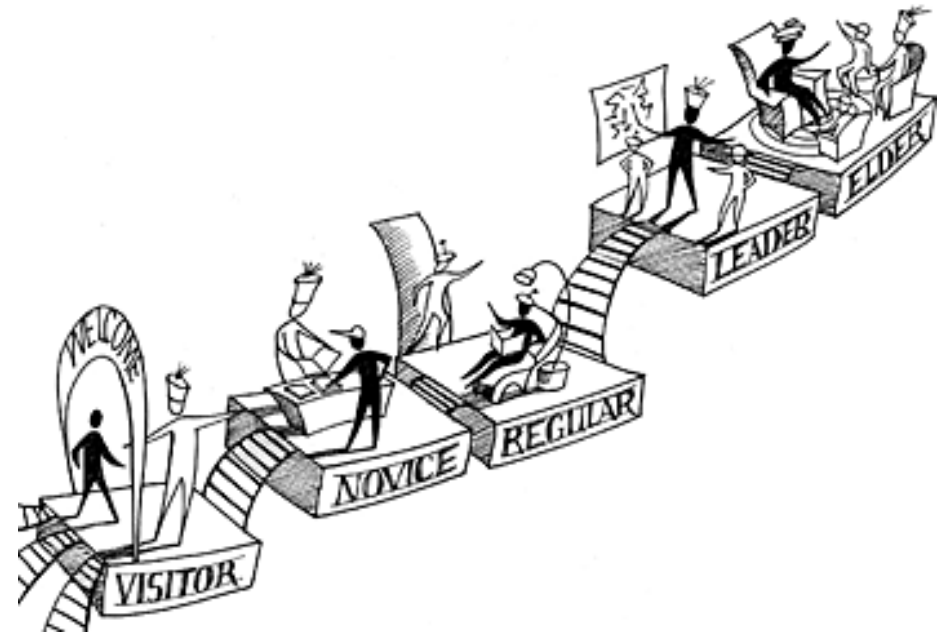
- *Social capital* accrues via:
 - Assuming ownership of a FOSS module
 - Voting on approval of other's actions
 - Shared peer reviewing
 - Contributing “gifts” that are reusable
- Accrued social capital is used to mitigate conflicts and accommodate resolutions
- Sustained social capital enables social networking externalities
- Shared investment of social capital as basis for trust

Cooperation, coordination, and control in FOSSD projects

Software version control

- Enables stabilization and synchronization of dispersed, invisible FOSSD work
- SVC tools (CVS, SVN, Git, etc.) used as:
 - Central mechanism coordinating development
 - Online venue for mediating control over what changes will be accommodated
 - Gentle but sufficient social control mechanism that constrains overall project complexity

A meritocratic role hierarchy and role migration paths for FOSSD



Implicit project management

- FOSSD projects self-organize as a *meritocratic role-hierarchy* and *virtual project management*
 - Meritocracies embrace incremental innovations over radical innovations
 - VPM requires people to act in leadership roles based on skill, availability, and belief in project community
- Reliance on evolving web of software informalism content constrains collective action within FOSSD project

Alliances, social networking, and community development



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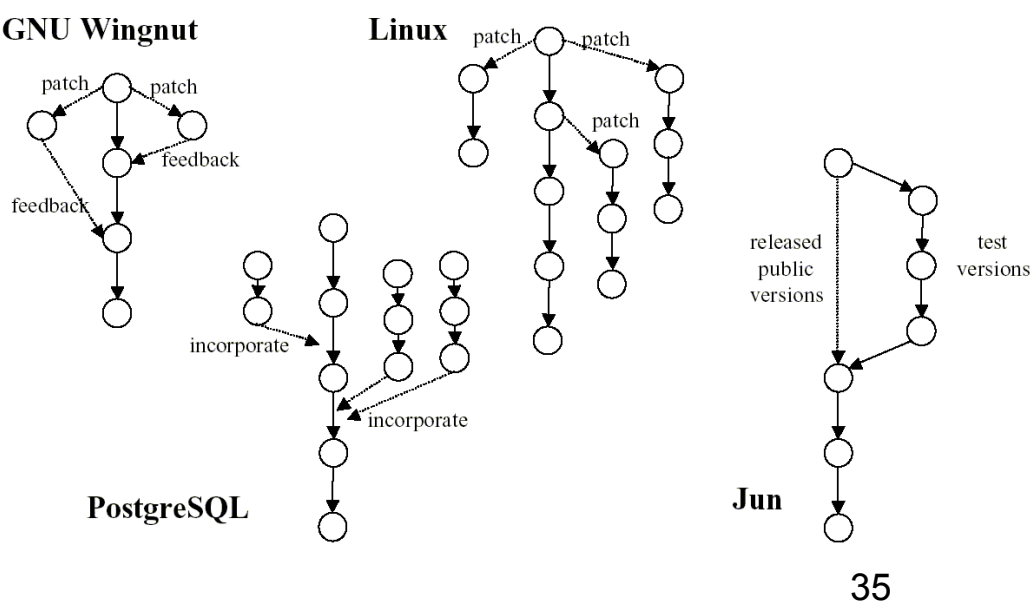
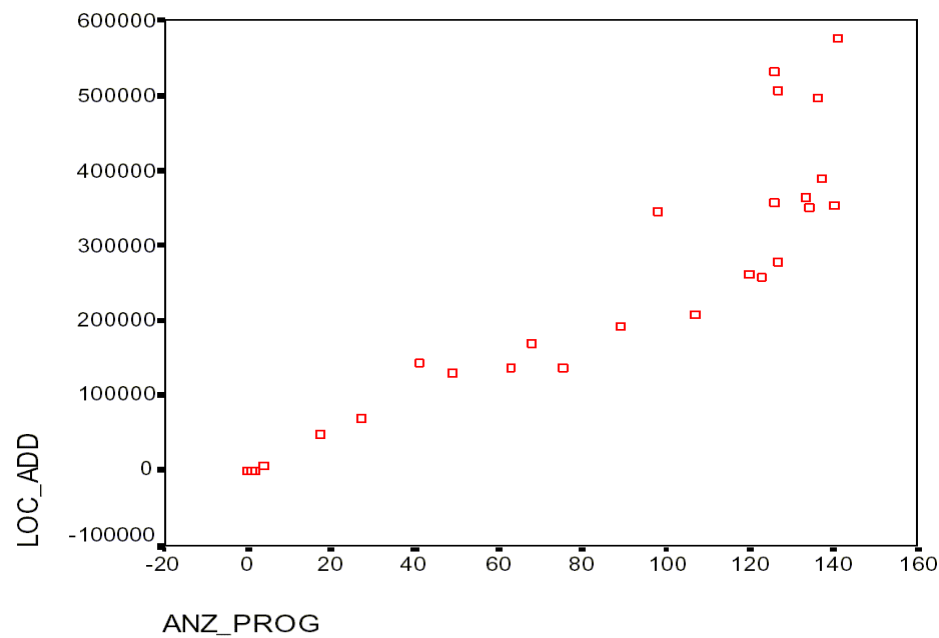
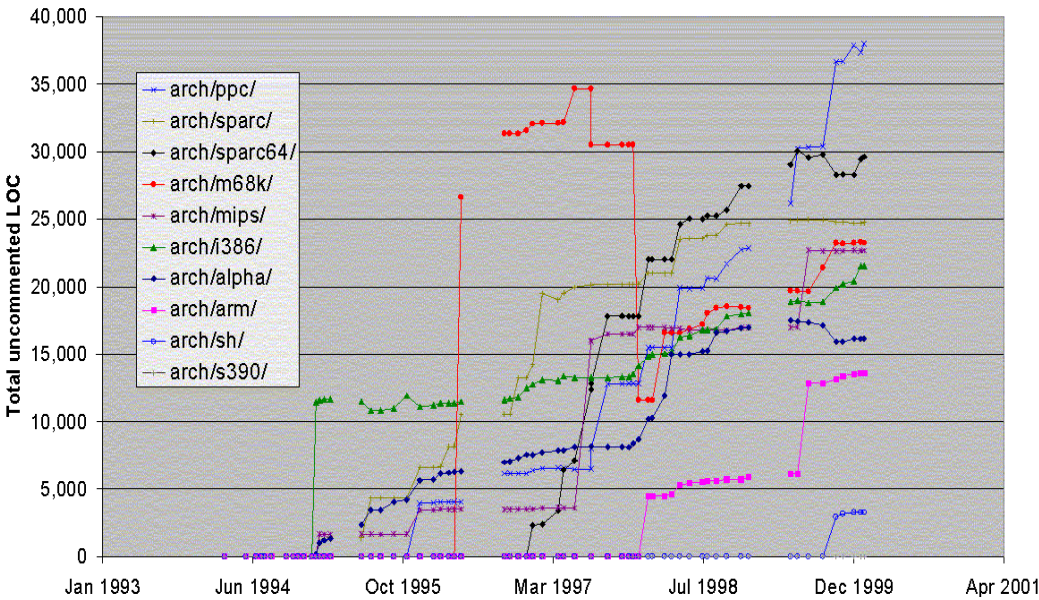
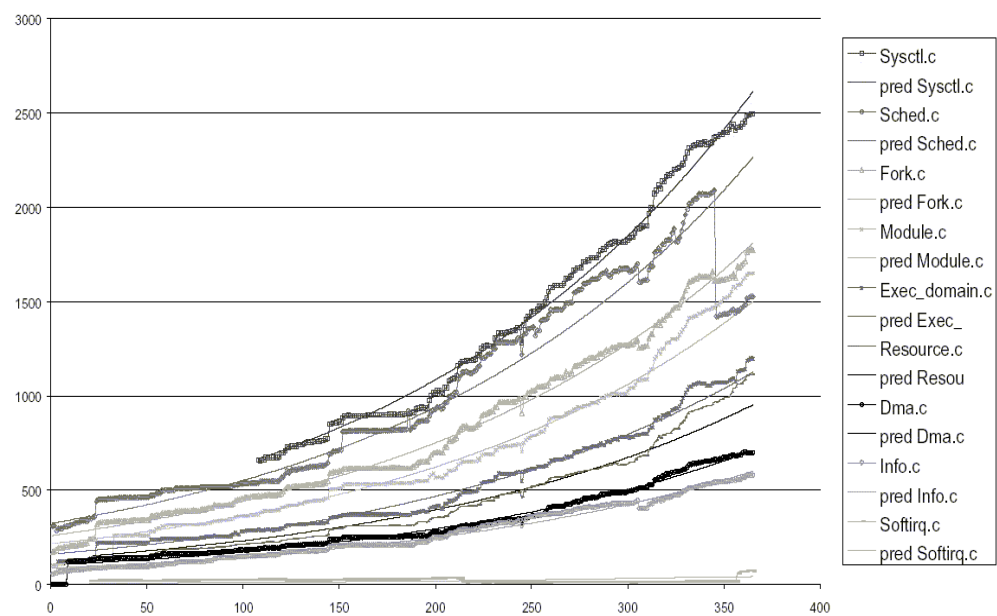
Community networking

- Becoming a central node in a network of FOSS developers increases social capital
 - *Linchpin* developers as social gateways
 - Sharing beliefs, tools, artifacts enables shared experience, camaraderie, collective learning
- Multi-project clustering enables small projects to merge into sustainable projects
- Intellectual property regime fosters alignment and alliance with other projects and organizations

FOSS as multi-project software ecosystems

Multi-project software ecosystem

- Mutually dependent FOSS development and evolution propagate architectural styles, dependencies, and vulnerabilities
- *Architectural bricolage* arises when autonomous FOSSD projects, artifacts, tools, and systems co-mingle or merge
 - Enables discontinuous or exponential growth of FOSS source code, functionality, complexity, contributions



Evolutionary redevelopment, reinvention, and redistribution

- Overall evolutionary dynamic of many FOSSD projects is *reinvention and redevelopment*
 - Reinvention enables continuous improvement and collective learning
- FOSS evolve through minor mutations
 - Expressed, recombined, redistributed via incremental releases
- FOSS systems *co-evolve* with their development community
 - Success of one depends on the success of the other

FOSS as social movement

FOSS as social movement

- Free/OSS property regimes and licenses
 - Reiterate and institutionalize FOSS *culture* (values, norms, and beliefs)
 - GNU Public License (GPL) for *free* software
 - More than 50 other open source licenses at the Open Source Initiative,
 - “Creative Commons” Project at Stanford Law School developing public license framework
- Interest in FOSS spans multiple disciplines, institutions, nations, and cultures

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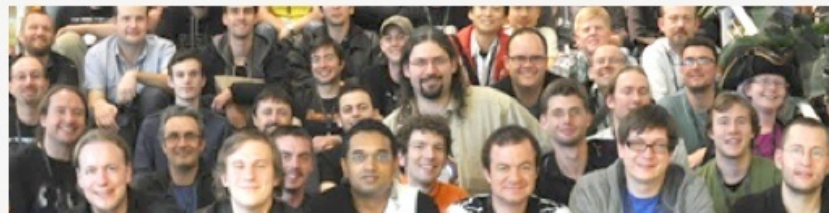
-  **1. Propose a project** for approval by a participating open source organization
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The Layman's Guide to Making Mods

If you are thinking about making a mod (for any game) and are not sure what you need to know, how to go about it, or simply want to avoid the most obvious mistakes then read on. The pages linked to below contain some excellent advice, and possibly comments on stuff that hadn't occurred to you.

- [/My Team Your Team](#) – Introduction and disclaimer for all those, "what's all this my team your team crap?" readers.
- [/Why Are You Making A Mod](#) – Sometimes the reason a mod fails is the reason you started it in the first place.
- [/Building a Team](#) – Building up your mod team.
- [/Despotism Or Communism](#) – Some thoughts on team structure.
- [/Working as a Team](#) – The day to day life of a team.
- [/Asset Management](#) – How to manage the assets of your mod (code, textures, models, etc).
- [/Distributed Development](#) – Find out how hard and unpleasant distributed development can be.
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Thoughts on Mod Making

Several of the Unreal Wiki's contributors have experience in creating successful mods. Reading their accounts of their work and their advice is recommended.

- [Mychaeel/Mod Startups](#) – Making your idea a reality.
- [Mychaeel/Modding Etiquette](#) – How to make people like your mod.
- [Jb](#) – an analysis of the ChaosUT mod's history
- [Piglet/Finishing Things](#) – How to actually finish your mods, that said it's more how to **start** so that you **can** finish.
- [A Bug's Life](#)
- [GODZ Inception](#) – a journal of how GODZ started.
- [Making Mods/General Mod Optimization](#) – Common mistakes and ignored settings which often lead to lower performance – and how to fix/use them.

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Feature - The Large Hadron Collider



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Occasionally, ISGTW runs across stories in other publications related to the fields we cover. Below is an excerpt from Linux Journal, containing one person's view of the whole process.

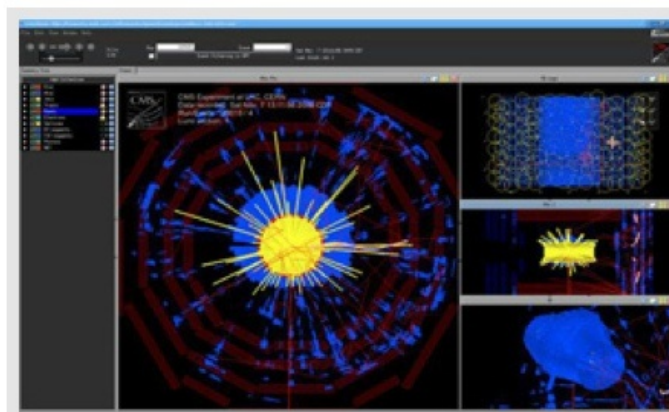
One of the items at the heart of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiments is open-source software. The following will provide a glimpse into how scientific computing embraces open-source software and its open-source philosophy.

The LHC at CERN near Geneva, Switzerland, is nearly 100 meters underground and produces the highest-energy subatomic particle beams on Earth. The Compact Muon Solenoid experiment is one of the many collider experiments within the LHC. One of its goals is to give physicists a window into the universe fractions of a second after the big bang.

The primary computing resource for CMS is located at CERN and is called Tier-0. Its function is to record data as it comes off the detector, archive and transfer it to Tier-1 facilities around the globe. Each Tier-1 facility is tasked with storing this data, as well as particle event reconstruction and analysis, and the transferring of data to secondary centers: Tier-2s.

The jobs

How does a physicist in Europe run a scientific job using data stored in Nebraska? With grid computing of course. Sites in Europe use the [World LHC Computing Grid \(WLCG\)](#) software, while US sites use the [Open Science Grid \(OSG\)](#) to deploy jobs remotely.



An actual recorded event from the [Compact Muon Solenoid](#) experiment—this event shows radiation and charged particles spilling into the detector from the beam colliding with material in the beam pipe.

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DOD SoftwareTechNews Open Source - The future is open

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The DoD SoftwareTech News June 2007 (subscription required) is devoted to use of Open Source Software in DoD. A few of the most interesting facts and figures:

The US Army is the single largest install base for Red Hat Linux

----As Brigadier General Nick Justice, the Deputy Program Officer for the Army's Program Executive Office, Command, Control and Communications Tactical (PEO C3T) observed at a recent conference, "Open source software is part of the integrated network fabric which connects and enables our command and control system to work effectively, as people's lives depend on it. When we rolled into Baghdad, we did it using open source. It may come as a surprise to many of you, but the U.S. Army is the single largest install base for Red Hat Linux. I'm their largest customer."



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FOSS as social movement

- Emerging as a global-scale socio-technical movement that increasingly permeates society at an institutional, governmental, and international level in ways no prior software development regime has previously achieved.
- Unlikely any company/nation can inhibit FOSS in the near-term

Discussion and limitations

Defining characteristics of FOSSD projects

- Public availability of project data and artifacts
 - Collecting FOSSD process data may be more cost effective compared to proprietary (G)SE projects
 - *Prediction*: growing share of empirical SE research will be performed using FOSS data

FOSSD research limitations

- Individual participation
 - Some form of reciprocity and intrinsic, self-serving motivation is necessary
- Cooperation, coordination, and control
 - Negotiation and conflict management are part of the cost FOSS developers incur in order to have their believes fulfilled
 - Time, effort, and attention are spent negotiating socio-technical dependencies

FOSSD research limitations

- Alliances and community development
 - FOSSD projects give rise to *new kinds of requirements* for community building, community software, and community information sharing systems
 - Alliances and community require attention to sustain their effectiveness, and to prevent them from becoming self-serving and bureaucratic

FOSSD research limitations

- Empirical studies of FOSSD are expanding the scope of what we can observe, discover, analyze, and learn about large software systems.
 - Mining software repositories
 - Multi-modal modeling and analysis of socio-technical processes and networks found in sustained FOSSD projects

Research opportunities

FOSS systems research areas

- Development processes, practices, and project forms
- Collaboration
- Ecosystems
- Evolution
- Instrumentation and infrastructure

Development processes, practices, and project forms

- What are the
 - development processes,
 - work practices,
 - alternative project organizational formsthat give rise to successful FOSS systems?
- What works where, when, why and how, and for whom?

Collaboration

- How does the practice of developing large or very large scale software systems depend on the collaborative work practices and communities of practice found in successful FOSS system projects?
- How do software licenses facilitate or inhibit collaboration among global software developers?

Ecosystems

- How do FOSS systems emerge within a complex, decentralized web of people, artifacts, practices, and other infrastructural resources while most FOSS projects fail to take root and thrive?
- How do those few that do succeed become widespread and transform industry, government, or science practices?

Evolution

- How can successful FOSS systems continue to grow, develop (within releases), and evolve (across releases) across ever larger communities of developer-users at sustained exponential rates?
 - Via evolution/replacement of components, architecture, component licenses, project forms, communities, tools, practices, etc.
- To what end, and following what processes?

Instrumentation and infrastructure

- *Scalability:*
 - Research studies range from small-scale studies of individual FOSS projects to very-large populations of FOSS projects
- *Repositories and Meta-Repositories:*
 - Each FOSS project is an ecology of mostly informal online artifacts
 - Source code and meta-data are formal
- *Data analysis tools and analytics*
 - Supporting text and software data mining, (process) knowledge discovery, data visualization, provenance, and archiving of “executable research papers”
 - See FLOSSmole, FLOSShub, FLOSSmetrics.



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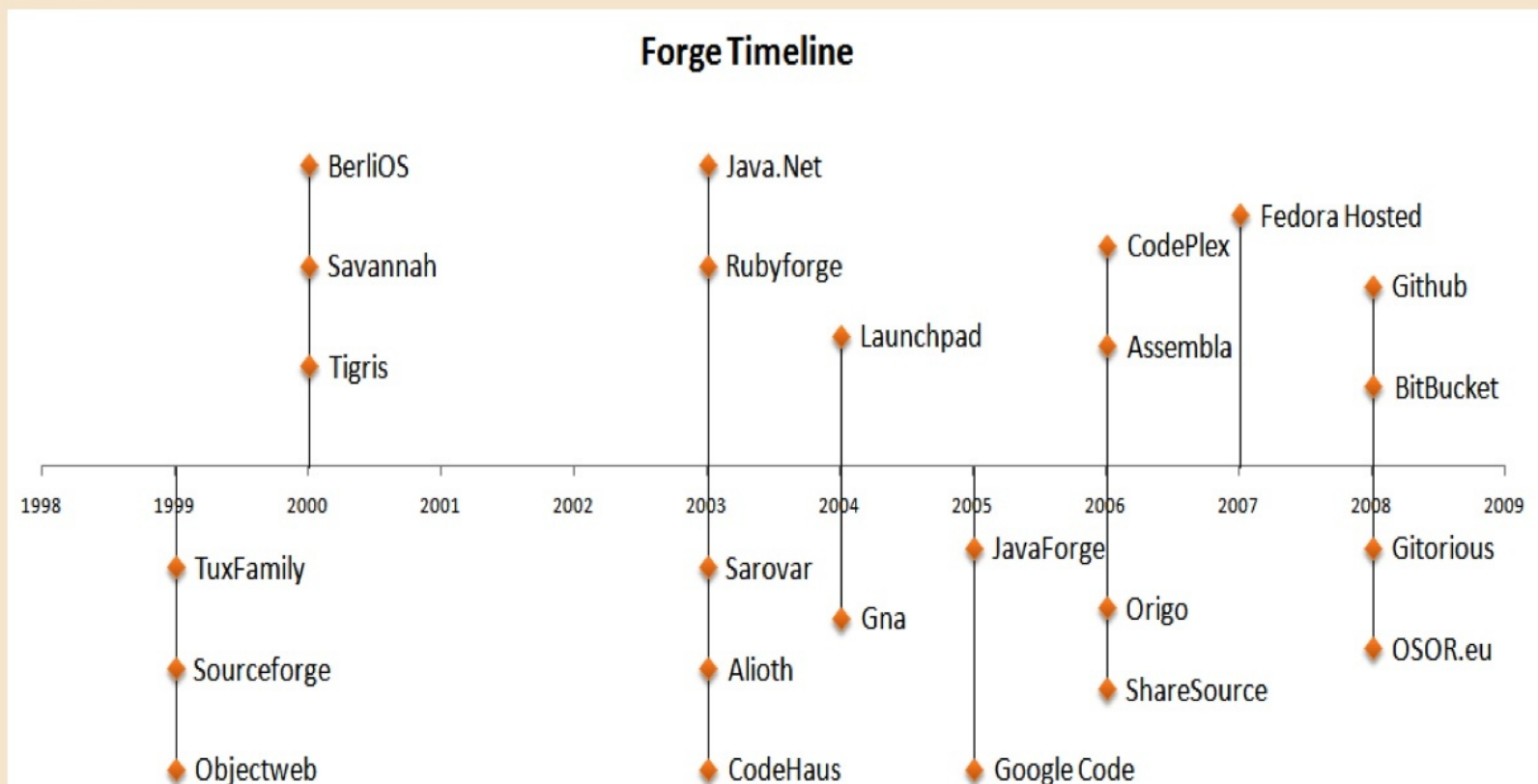
When were the forges established?

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Description

This timeline illustrates when the forges were officially established.

Visualization



Research opportunities

- FOSSD is poised to alter the calculus of empirical SE (and Global SE)!
 - Software process discovery, modeling, and simulation
 - Repository mining can support software visualization, refactoring/redesign studies
 - Comparison of SE versus FOSSD approaches to software inspection and peer review

Research opportunities

- Based on results from individual motivation, participation, role migration, and turnover in FOSSD projects, (G)SE world would benefit from empirical studies that examine similar patterns in conventional software development projects
 - Is FOSSD more fun, interesting, and rewarding than (G)SE?

Research opportunities

- Conventional software cost estimation techniques (e.g., “total cost of operation”) slight/ignore social capital and socio-technical resources
 - Miscalculation of total resources and capabilities that affect predicted/actual costs of software development or FOSSD

Research opportunities

- Results from study of cooperation, coordination and control in FOSSD
 - Virtual project management and role migration can provide a lightweight approach to (G)SE project management
 - Unclear whether proprietary software projects willing to embrace VPM

Research opportunities

- Alliance formation and social networking results suggest SE projects operate at a disadvantage compared to FOSSD projects
 - SE projects tend to produce systems whose growth/evolution is limited
 - FOSSD projects can produce systems capable of sustained exponential growth/evolution of both software and developer-user community

Research opportunities

- How best to encourage the emergence of a social movement that combines best practices of FOSSD and SE
 - Consider participation or study of open source software engineering (OSSE) projects at Tigris.org, or global FOSSD
 - OSSE seeks to combine SE and FOSSD tools, techniques, and concepts

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+ newOperation() : void

2 children at present

For critics built from other critics.

No known children at present

Examples which come from several other packages

CrConsiderSingleton

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