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## Open Standards - Open Source

**The Business, Legal, and Technical Challenges Ahead**

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# **“Are We There Yet?”**

Planning and Acting Now  
To Arrive Safely, Sometime, at Some  
Open Source Destinations

# What Legal Issues Are Key?

- WYSIWYG versus WYDSIWGY
- Sound Construction and Engineering Is A Long-Term Project and Design Philosophy
- Plan Now For Future Constituents and Unexpected Standards-Setters, In Software Management
- Silos Are Sickly; Multi-Disciplinary Processes and Teams are Key to OSS

# What Roles Are Key, re “OSS Law”

- Educator: What’s All That Stuff & Noise?
- Consciousness-Raiser: Why Should I Care?
- Change Agent: Why Should I Act Differently?
- Public Health Physician
- Process Engineer

# What Tools Will Be Useful?

- Precedent: 6/14 New York Times Mentioning H-P OSS Process Team
- Finances: Prior Metrics of Litigation Costs
- Corporate Compliance: Sarbanes, et al.
- “Visual Programming”: Charting Software Development, Components, & Life-Cycles
- Overhauled Licensing Practices
- Indemnifications (and Insurance?)

# Who Will Navigate This Journey?

- Savvy Info. Tech. Vendor Executives
- Savvy Product & R&D Managers
- Savvy Finance and Legal Execs.
- Litigators
- New Specialist Risk Management Consultants & Trainers
- Others TBD

# “buckle up”

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