

What is Open Group's Place in the Noosphere?



Open Source Backgrounder



Traditional "Cathedral" Software Development

- Brooks Surgical Team model
- Closed Development Process
- Sourcecode is a trade secret "few eyeballs"
- Binaries are licensed, sold, and supported
- Open Source "Bazaar" Development
 - "Voluntary" contributions to projects
 - Sourcecode is open for inspection "many eyeballs"
 - Released versions are productized by vendors
 - Binaries can be licensed, sold, and supported
 - Sourcecode must remain accessible
 - Changes to Sourcecode must be contributed back



Open Source Definition

- Key elements:
 - Free Redistribution
 - Source Code
 - Derived Works
 - Integrity of the Author's Source Code
 - No Discrimination Against Persons or Groups
 - No Discrimination Against Fields of Endeavor
 - Distribution of License
 - License Must Not Be Specific to a Product
 - The License Must Not Restrict Other Software



Source: Open Source Initiative

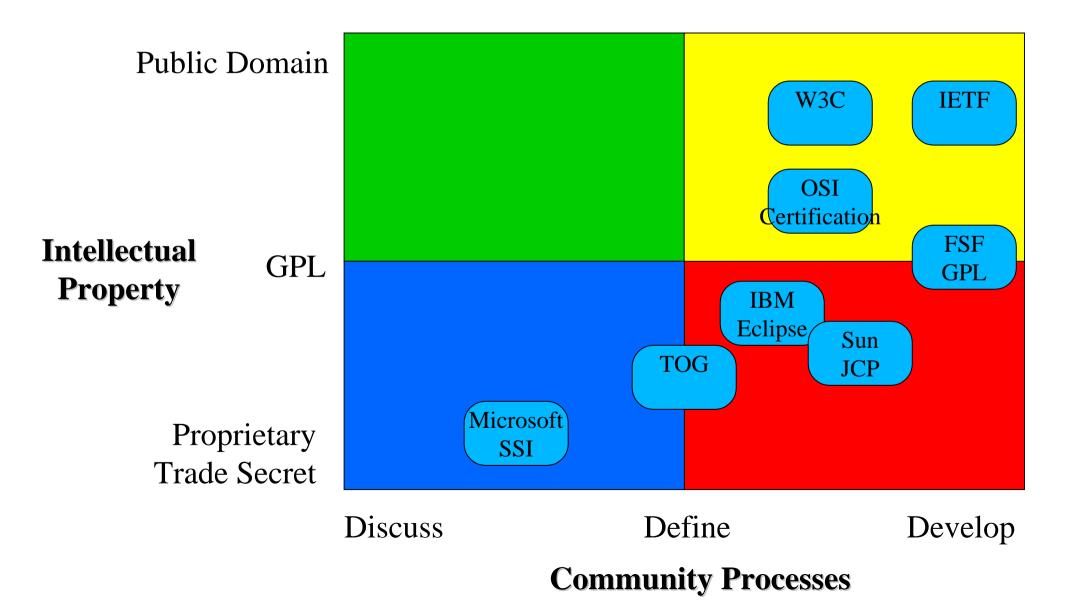
Community Processes

- Some vendors employ methods which leverage both models
 - Solicit Community input on products as they evolve
 - Vendor maintains ownership of intellectual property



- Provides some of the Bazaar benefits while retaining Cathedral ownership and control
- Not really "open", but it is better than no input form the customer community

Shades of Open Source



Customer Benefits

- Customers are increasingly willing to leverage products based on on Open Source technologies
- Customers want products that meet their requirements
- Customers need products delivered in a timely manner



Supplier Benefits

- Open Source technologies enable the acceleration of the product realization process
- Open Source can significantly lower research and development costs



How Can Open Group Contribute?

- Architectural coordination (ie: In³, TOGAF)
- Determining requirements that could lead to Open Source projects
- Sponsoring Open Source projects where appropriate
- Contributing existing technologies to Open Source
- Providing Conformance Testing, Certification, and Branding of Open Source–based Products

How Would Open Group Benefit?

- Better engagement to the active developers' community
- Enhance ROI for Open Group stakeholders (Sponsors, Members, and Staff)
- Enhanced influence within the I.T. community



- Open Source is emerging as an accepted model for developing technology
- Customer acceptance is increasing
- Open Source is not a perfect process at this point in time
- Open Group has an opportunity to make a significant contribution to Open Source
- Open Group stands to benefit through stronger collaborative ties in the I.T. Community

Steps of Action

- Bird of a Feather Session?
- Increase awareness of Open Group's activities related to Open Source
- Explore further opportunities