



Call for Papers

The Economics of Open Source Software Development Analyzing Motivation, Organization, Innovation and Competition in the Open Source Software Revolution

With the famed success of open source software (OSS) products – the operating system ‘Linux’, the ‘Apache Web Server’ and the web browser ‘Mozilla’, to name a few – the OSS movement has attracted the interest of researchers in economics, business science and related fields. What puzzles researchers when dealing with the OSS phenomenon is that off-the-shelf theories rarely provide adequate explanations. Research on the issue has made substantial progress in recent years, however. This Call for Papers seeks to compile a collected volume on the issue, presenting the diverse branches of OSS research in a single volume that offers a concise overview of the current state of the discussion. The book is scheduled to be published by Elsevier Science at the end of 2005.

Interested authors should submit their papers no later than **1 February 2005**. Only complete papers will be accepted. We welcome contributions that provide empirical insights and/or develop theoretical approaches. We also are interested in papers that raise new ideas, provide an overview of a branch of the literature, or apply unorthodox methods. Novelty and relevance are preferred to methodological perfection. We encourage authors to submit papers presenting the *status quo* of their ongoing research.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Motivation of OSS programmers
- Organization of OSS development
- OSS business models
- Competition between OSS and proprietary software
- Innovation processes in OSS projects
- Knowledge diffusion in OSS projects
- Lessons to be learned from the OSS phenomenon for other business and economics applications

The editorial team will pre-select and notify successful authors by April 2005. After this, a swift refereeing process will take place with the primary aim of improving papers and/or providing discussion and comments. Finally, in spring of 2005, contributing authors will be invited to present their work at a Open Source Workshop at the Aarhus School of Business, Denmark.

Important Dates:

- Submission of Papers: 1 February 2005
- Notification of pre-selected authors: 1 April 2005
- Workshop and conclusion of the refereeing process: Spring 2005
- Submission of final papers: July 2005
- Publication of the book: end of 2005

Submissions for this book (in pdf only) and any other questions should be addressed to the editorial team:

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