

2nd Workshop on Open Source Software in an Industrial Environment (OSSIE '04)

Open source has become an established model for software development. It is today well-known in the IT world, albeit not always fully understood. While there are some obvious benefits already recognized, much doubt and uncertainty remains. Several aspects were discussed in last year's successful workshop.

The next crucial step for enterprises is the integration of industrial demands in Open Source processes. Because only in very rare cases, companies will invest in a pure Open Source project. Usually commercial software development and Open Source software development are done in parallel and have to interact with each other. But since both might use quite different organizational approaches, the integration of the processes is difficult and tedious task.

There are indeed many ways in which industrial software development can benefit from best practices of Open Source processes – and vice versa. In this workshop, we elaborated on different aspects which help to establish, understand and leverage this mutual profit. The accepted papers cover the following topics:

- Coordination of Open Source Software Intermediaries
- Open Source Software Release
- Free Resources
- Open Source in Industry: a Paradox?
- Development of Open Source Components
- Contractual Relationships in Open Source Structures
- Open Source As a Knowledge Management Instrument

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