

Call for Papers

3rd FLOSS International Workshop on Free/Libre Open Source Software:

“Free/Libre Open source, Open Innovation, and the Emergence of Open Business Models”

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Aims and scope

The traditional model of innovation based on firms investing in R&D and then protecting their inventions with different forms of intellectual property rights (IPRs) has been put under pressure in the recent years. Different examples of successful stories of open innovation, whereby new ideas are developed through the collaborative effort of several actors – firms, communities, public partners – represent a clear evidence that traditional IPRs are not necessarily *the* way of rewarding efforts of inventors. At the same time, the role of the intellectual property right system itself is heavily discussed. The argument of those who hold a critical position is that the current proliferation and fragmentation of IPR on knowledge is actually putting innovation at risk.

In this third workshop we will continue along with the tradition of the first two meetings (Nice Sophia Antipolis - 2007 and Rennes – 2008), and we propose to discuss the many debated issues related to Free/Libre Open Source Systems. At the core of the debate, there is the role of IPRs and the possibility to export the FLOSS paradigm to other technological areas. A related aspect is about the role that commercial vendors and business practices may play in the FLOSS world; new issues are arising: the ever increasing number of different open source licenses raises concerns about compatibility between legal instruments and the impact that this phenomenon may have in limiting FLOSS diffusion.

List of Topics

FLOSS embraces many dimensions and it is of interest for very different disciplines; we welcome submissions from various fields: economics & management, sociology, law, information systems & computer science. Both empirical (surveys and case studies, econometric or experimental methods) and theoretical approaches will be considered. In what follows we suggest a (non exhaustive) list of topics that are certainly of interest:

- Licensing terms and IPR (incentives for innovators, license proliferation and incompatibilities, the future of IPRs, etc.).
- Innovation models (FLOSS based innovation, open innovation, user innovation, public domain innovation, standards and interoperability, appropriability, sustainability and competitive advantage, etc.).
- FLOSS production and organization of FLOSS communities (social and technical structures, coordination and division of labor, code architectures, motivation, incentives, leadership and conflict resolution, etc.).
- Hybridization (degree of openness, business models, licensing terms, firms' participation in FLOSS projects, etc.)
- From software to other complex systems (FLOSS boundaries, applications in other industries and in non-code based settings, etc.).

- Private and public adoption of FLOSS (FLOSS and the public administration, welfare impact, role of public policies, etc.).
- Competition between FLOSS and commercial software.

Invited speakers

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speakers of this third workshop are:

Jean-Michel DALLE

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Submission

Extended abstracts will be considered, yet a higher priority will be given to full papers. Electronic submission (in .pdf format) can be done at floss2009@gmail.com by March 31st 2009.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. First announcement and CFP: November 2008
2. **Deadline for submission: March 31st 2009**
3. Notification of participation decision: April 20th 2009
4. Deadline for payment of registration fees at reduced rate: April 30th
Normal rates: 130€ (standard) and 80€ (students).
Majored rates: are 180€ and 120€ respectively.
5. Delivery of final papers: June 15th
6. Workshop: July 2nd / 3rd (full days)

Contact and Website

Updated information about this workshop will be available at the following URL:

<http://www.decon.unipd.it/personale/curri/manenti/floss/floss09.html>

For any information, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at floss2009@gmail.com

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