

The Round Table for Asia OSS Symposia in 2003

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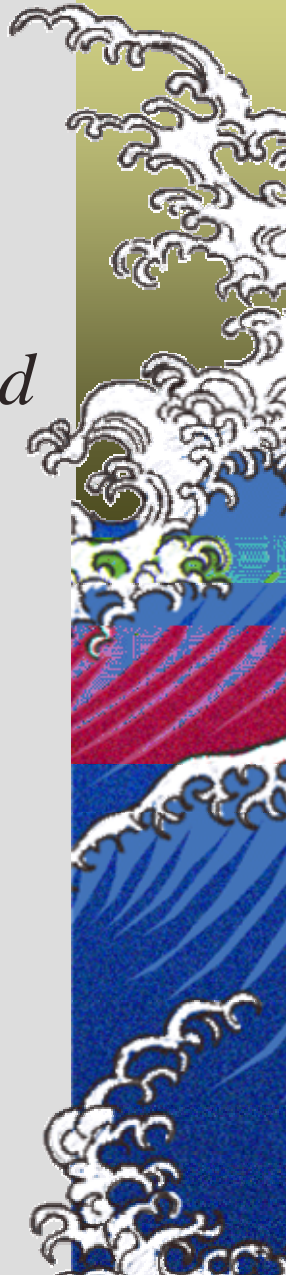
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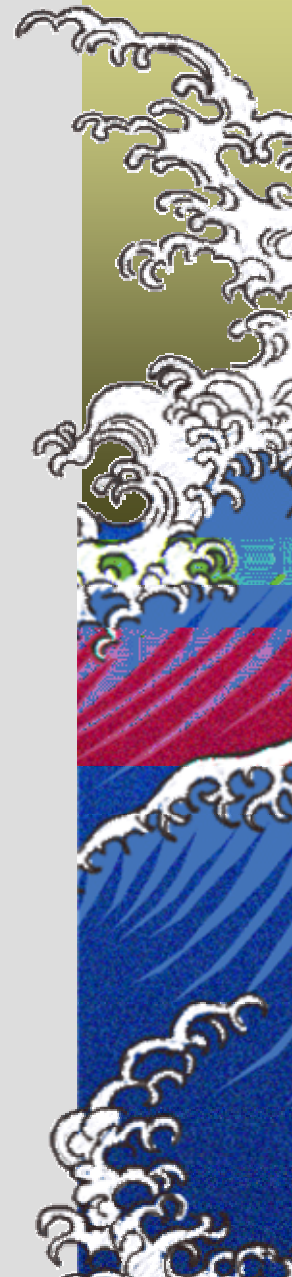
Asia Open Source Software Community

- ♦ *A Multi Economy Joint activity in Asia, initiated by Japan*
 - ♦ *For the first symposium participants,
gov:com:edu=4:4:2*
- ♦ *<http://www.asia-oss.org/>*
- ♦ *Symposia, meetings*
- ♦ *No concrete joint development target yet*
- ♦ *Mailing list discussions*
- ♦ *See the Overview.html*

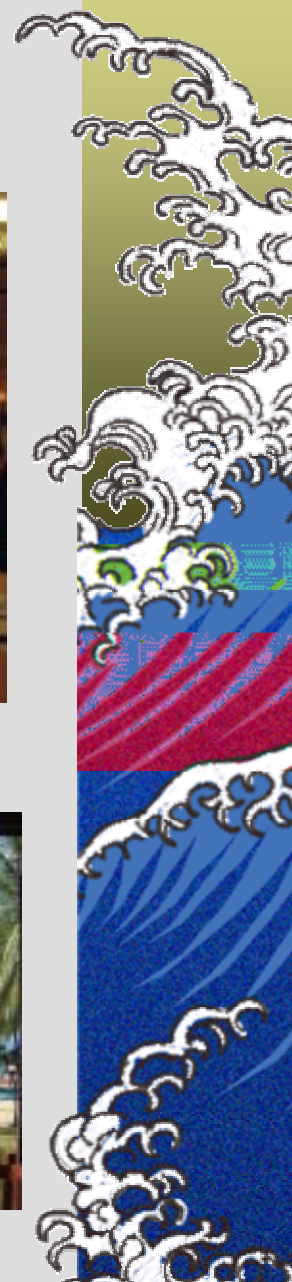


We had two meetings in 2003

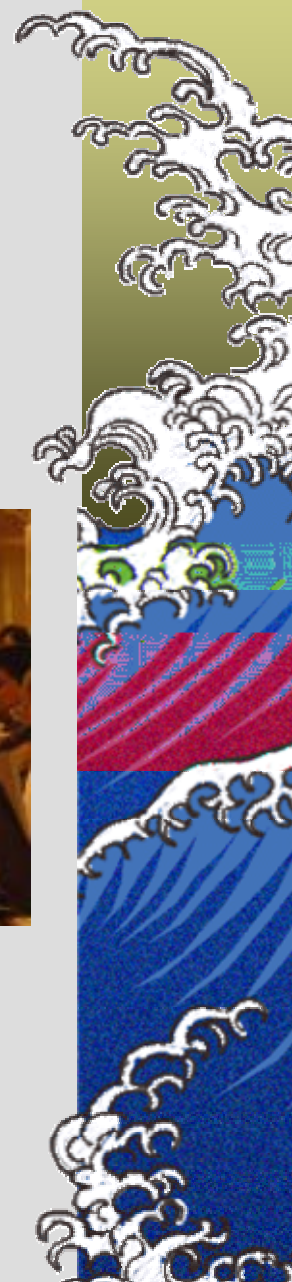
- ♦ *1st meeting in Phuket, Thailand*
 - ♦ *March 4-6, 2003, 14 economies*
- ♦ *2nd meeting in Singapore*
 - ♦ *November 3-4, 2003, 18 economies*
- ♦ *3rd meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam*
 - ♦ *Scheduled for March 8-10, 2004*
- ♦ *4th and 5th in China, planned*



The 1st Meeting



Delivering Phuket Statement

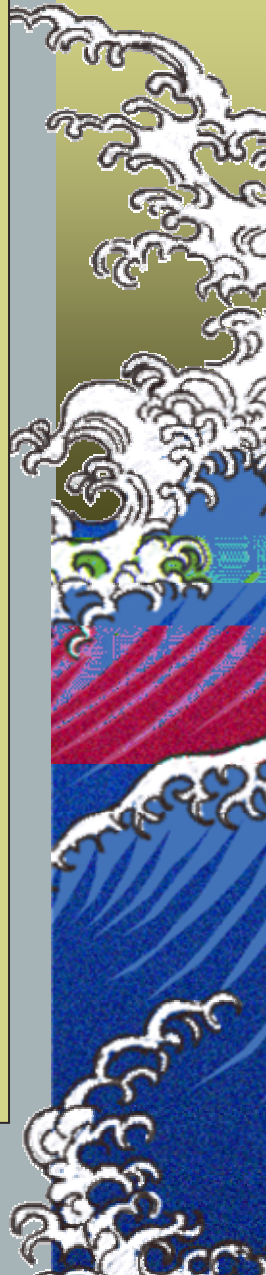


Agenda for the 1st Symposium: To Find a Start line, To have 'Phuket Statement'

- ♦ *Part I: "What we can share"*
 - ♦ *Always there are differences*
- ♦ *Part II: "Where we can go"*
 - ♦ *As the first step,*
 - ♦ *Communication*
 - ♦ *Defining the goal, a target, ...*

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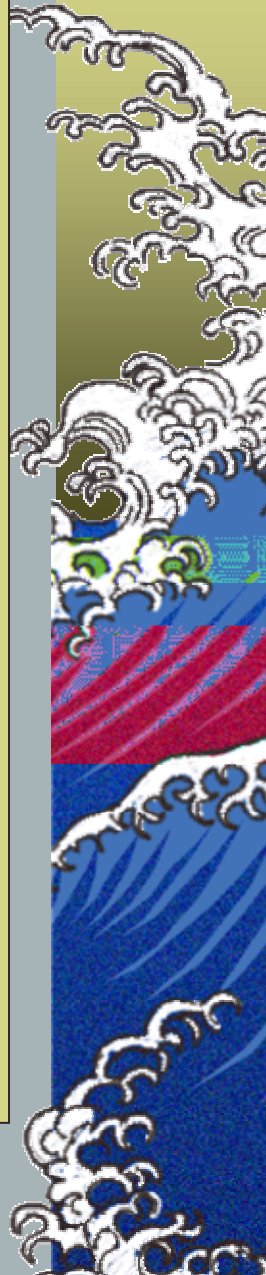
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The Issues in Phuket RT

- ◆ *1. Diversity and Industrial Strength*
- ◆ *2. Localization and Globalization*
- ◆ *3. Programs are written by People*
- ◆ *4. Computer is NOT a matured product*
- ◆ *5. The Word “Software”*
- ◆ *6. Keywords in Asia*
- ◆ *7. Tough Issues*
- ◆ *8. ‘Linux’*
- ◆ *9. ‘Linux’ in a stream toward...*
- ◆ *10. Open Source?*
- ◆ *11, Toward Open Community*
- ◆ *12. Open Community of Who?*
- ◆ *13. For Better Open Community*
- ◆ *14. And other issues...*

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I addressed

What is 'Linux' for us?

- ♦ *Is it 'next' MS?*

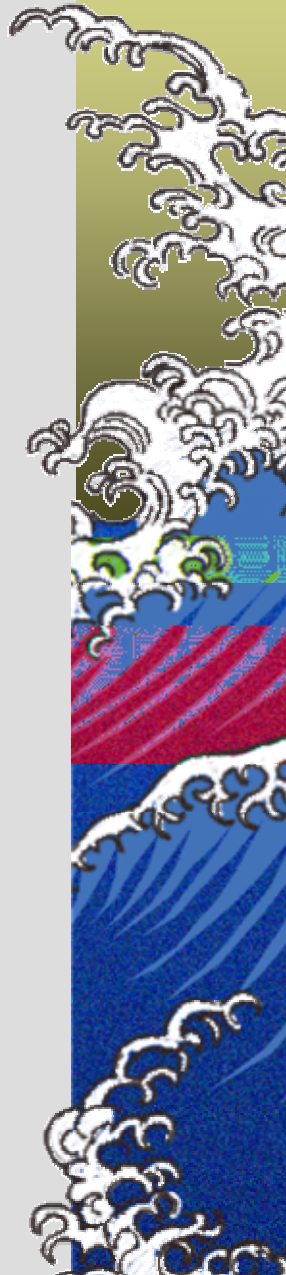
Community Development

Asian Value Creation

*Industrial Strength with New Industry
model*

Human Resource Development

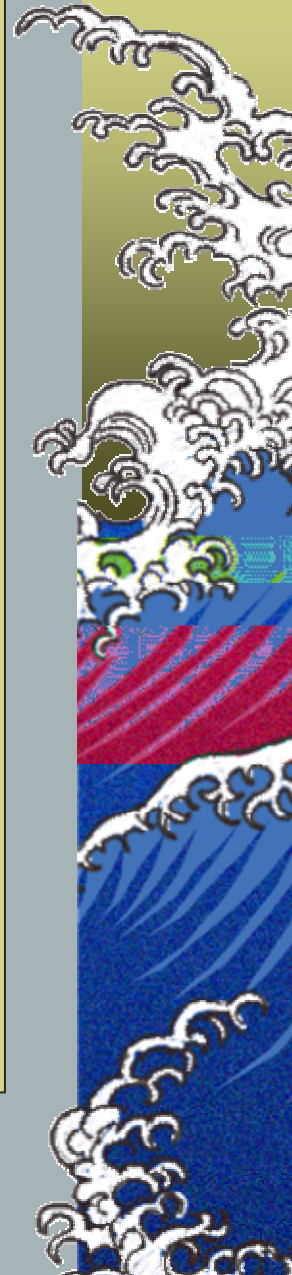
Globalization for us



Keywords in Asia

- ◆ *In the Past*
 - ◆ *Japan: Island, diligent, quiet, group oriented, calm,...*
 - ◆ *Society of “Closed, Top Down, Order”*
 - ◆ *Society of WA (peace and a circle)*
- ◆ *In the Future*
 - ◆ *individual minded, heterogeneous, federated,...*
 - ◆ *Society of “Open, Bottom Up, Volunteer”*
- ◆ *Mosaic of the old and the new*

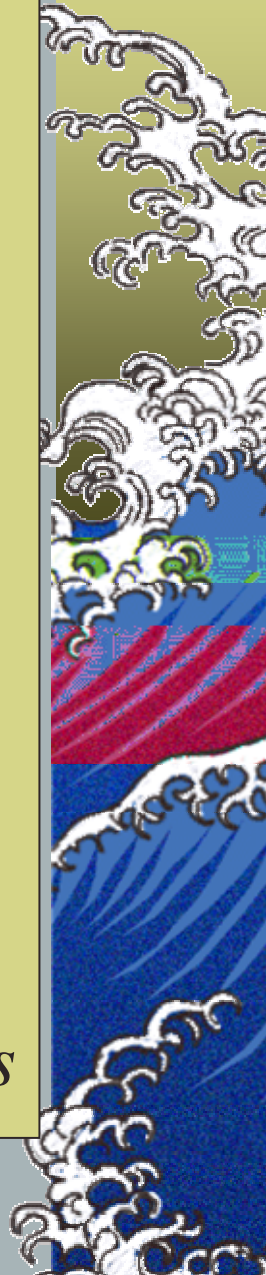
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Open Source ?

- ♦ *I am doubting the existence of the final integrated definition of it.*
- ♦ *What is the definition?*
 - ♦ *Neglect people with Mac OS and people who believe the importance of platform independence?*
 - ♦ *For me, free software is different from open source*
 - ♦ *NOT because free software is more philosophical*
 - ♦ *Because I care the future platform selection*
 - ♦ *Linux is NOT the last and the final winner*
- ♦ *Open Source = “Linux” 100% ?*
- ♦ *There *ARE* platform independent open sources*

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Phuket Statement (excerpted)

March 6th, 2003

The Asia Open Source Software Symposium 2003 was held from the 4th to the 6th of March in Phuket, Thailand. Peoples who are eager to develop their own software technology by their hands are gathered from various areas in Asia. They discussed many issues concerning open source software and shared knowledge. We hereby reached to propose this statement

1. Sharing expectations for OSS in Asia

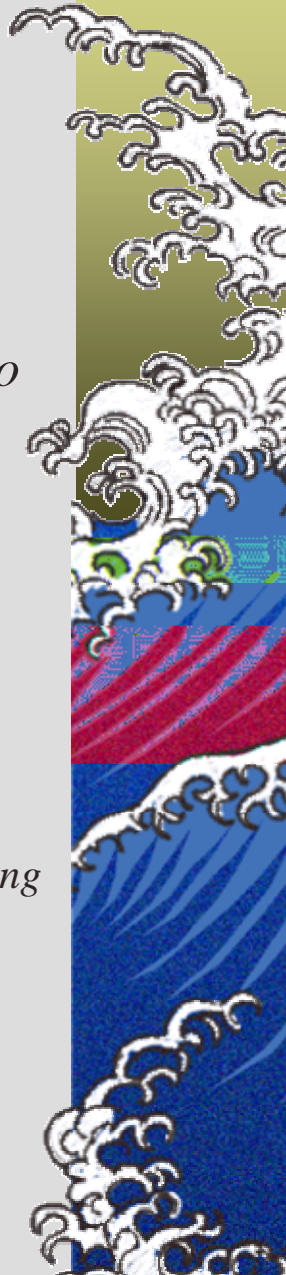
- Current situation and Recent progress*

2. Sharing vision of OSS

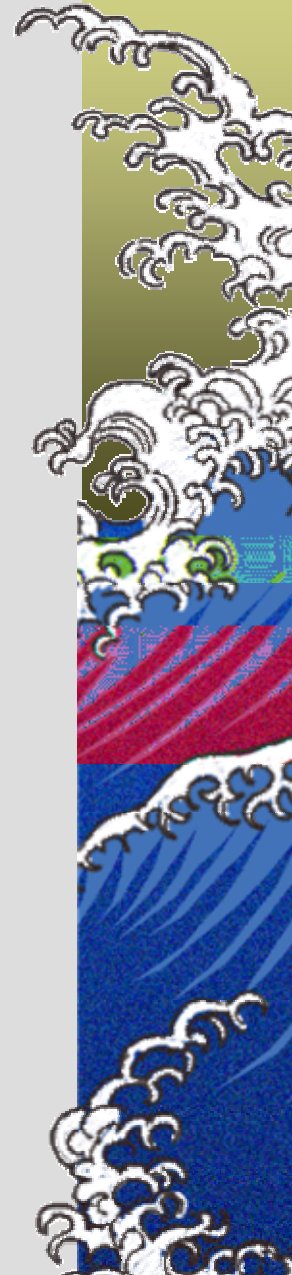
- Encouraging OSS community, Human resources Development, Right understanding of legal issues, Interoperability, Effective utilization of OSS in embedded systems*

3. Future activities

- Collaboration on OSS in Asia*
- Collaboration with international organizations*



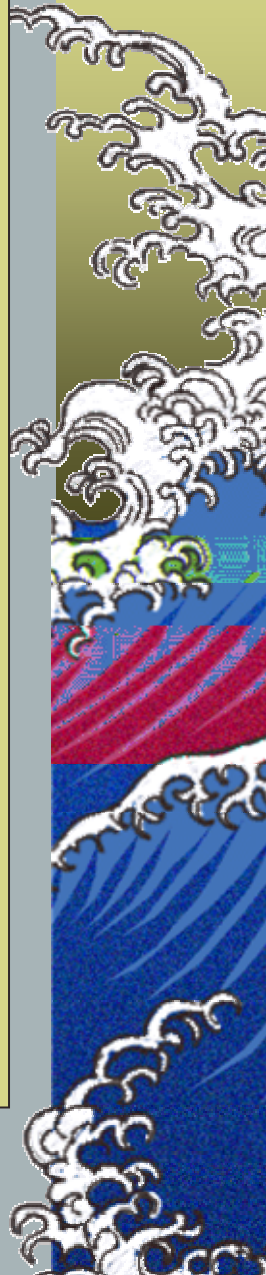
The 2nd Meeting in Singapore



For this Singapore Roundtable

- ◆ *We are going to discuss around “Setting up the Roadmap for Asia OSS collaborations”*
- ◆ *We don't know the destiny of this baby YET*
- ◆ *Do we still need communication for communication?*
- ◆ *Or, can we communicate for some specific targets to share?*

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From the History in Asia

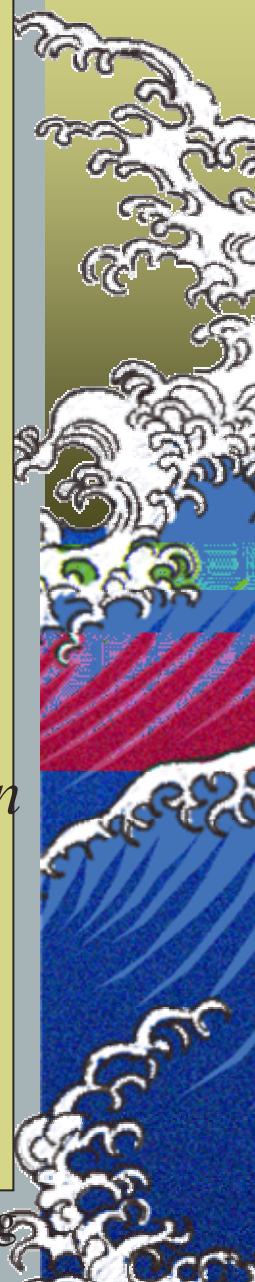
21st century for forming the Asia

♦ Politically,

- ♦ 19c: "awaking Asia", 20c: "upheavals and disturbance" ("No Peace in Asia" in 1947), 21c: "Forming the Asia"*

♦ Economically,

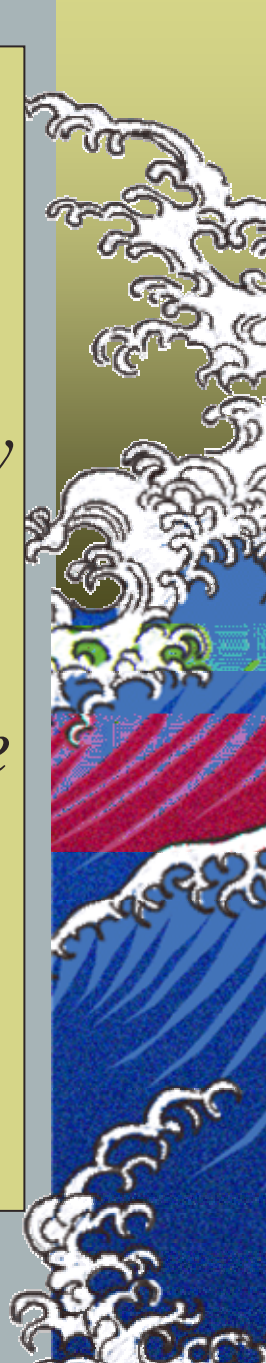
- ♦ After the WW2, "The Miracle of Asia", then Mosaic and mixture of factors for instability and stability, then Asia Financial Crisis in 1997.*
- ♦ Export oriented vs Domestic demand oriented*
- ♦ 9/11 then SARS: New Governmental Role, US centric globalization to Regional Strength (FTA, ...)*



*I like to ask you to think about
the following three*

- ◆ *1) Born-again government role in the new structure to change/establish new IT official policy*
- ◆ *2) Drastic change will happen when there is “big imbalance of payment”*
- ◆ *3) Seeking a new alliance model in Asia with society/community/civil activities, which also strengthen the IT industries*

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Can we have the roadmap of us now?

- ◆ *It's challenge*
- ◆ *We don't need to have concrete projects?*
- ◆ *I think, METI can continue to support, if there is appropriate plan*

- ◆ *We will see soon*
- ◆ *Choose Five Action Plan candidates, and discuss until our March meeting by polishing up the Strategic plan of us*

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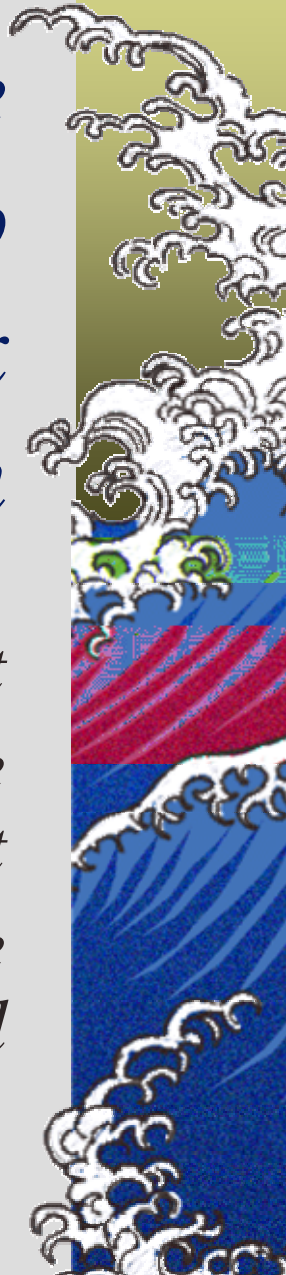


*We are in the middle of having the
roadmap*

*There ARE several existing Linux
distributions in Asia of their own*

*Vietnam meeting in March is important
So, no specific official comments from the
AOSS yet*

*Premature standardization might not be
good*



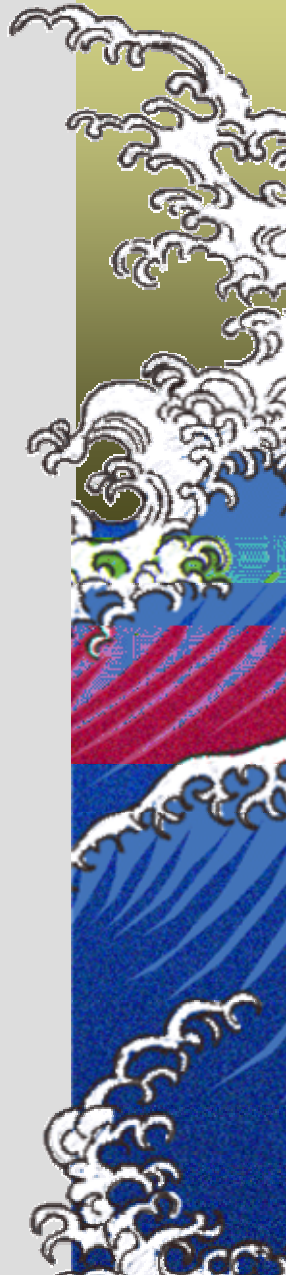
Thoughts as of Feb 3, 2004

We are in a very early stage on seeking for a new industry model to share

- ♦ Not yet for business models*
- ♦ Not yet for making the standard*

To call it a market, standard specification should be in the core. (and many implementations to compete)

Linux Distributions are not matured yet



Thank you

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