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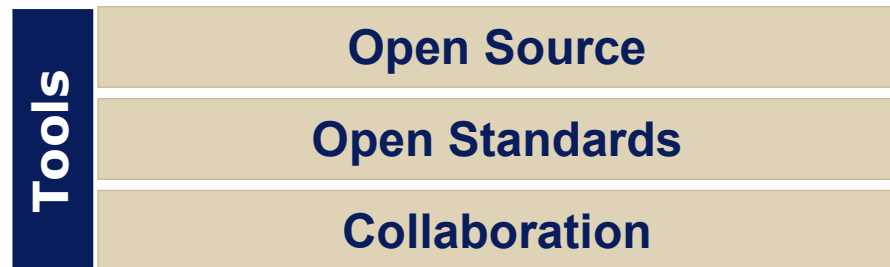
Masterclass 4
Standards and Procurement

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open, competitive choice for IT users

What is Openness?

It's all about freedom but it isn't necessarily free



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The Alternative - Lock-In

“Several sites encountered problems with the migration of existing applications to an Open Source platform. Issues which needed to be addressed included:

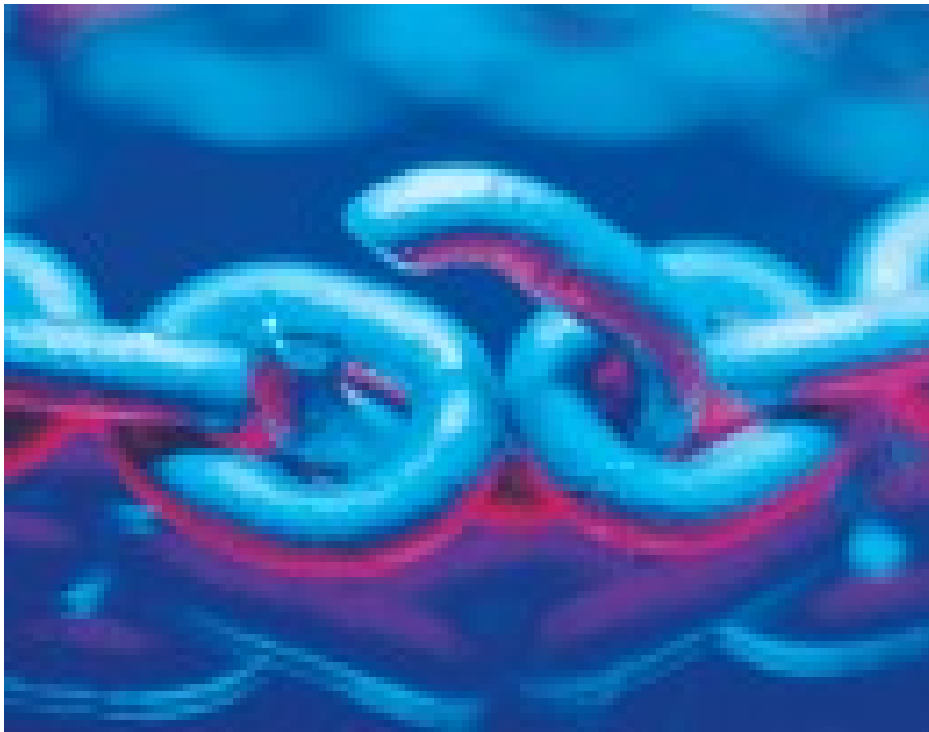
- Applications which use embedded facilities of proprietary packages;
- Applications which operate in a proprietary software environment but are incompatible with equivalent Open Source packages (such as an Open Source browser);
- Proprietary applications which are not available in a version suitable for deployment on an Open Source platform. “

UK Government – Office of Government Commerce : Open Source Software Trials in Government – Final Report

Up to 90% of public administrations no longer have the ability to freely choose their next IT solution



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- Strict Definitions eg
- 20 Questions only
- Explanatory notes
- Weighting Factors
- 5 Views
- Client View (4)
- Software View (5)
- Hardware View (5)
- Data View (2)
- Business View (4)



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Some Examples

- Q2 Does the product offer its full functionality while conforming to open standards with no restrictions or extensions?
- Q6 Does the product use or provide extensions to existing applicable standards?
- Q7 Is the product substitutable?
- Q15 Does the product offer full functionality while making the data accessible via an open standard?
- Q16 Is the data structure substitutable via an open standard?
- Q19 Are there any licenses, contracts or agreements that would limit use or substitutability?

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