Open Source Software Research at ISR

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Overview

- ISR Research in OSS—a socio-technical perspective
- Research results—sample
- OSS research collaborators
- How ISR adds value to this research

ISR Research in OSS: 2000-2006

- NSF ITR: Understanding Open Software Communities, Processes and Practices: A Socio-Technical Approach
- NSF ITR: Collaborative Research: Organizational Dynamics of Software Problems, Bugs, Failures, and Repairs
 - ITR/MKIDS Supplemental: Dynamic Process Enactment, Discovery, and Recovery
- NSF ITR: Collaborative Research: Research Directions for Continuous (Re)Design in Free/Open Source Software Systems
- NSF ITR: An Integrated Social and Technical Approach to Development of Distributed Inter-Organizational Applications
- SUN and Butterfly.Net (pending): OSS for network game development

Research results—sample

- First identification of "software informalisms" used as artifacts and communication media to facilitate and coordinate F/OSS development projects
- First identification of socio-cultural dynamics that mobilize socio-technical resources, mitigate conflict, and facilitate cooperation in F/OSS development projects
- New model of "continuous design" in F/OSS

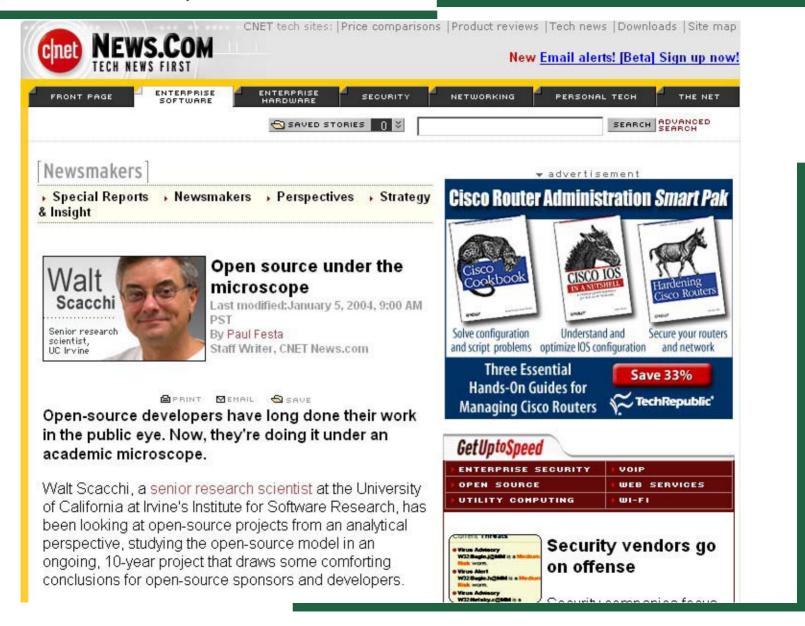
ISR Research in OSS

- http://www.isr.uci.edu/research-opensource.html
 - ◆ 20+ research papers
- Largest OSS research group in U.S.
- Emerging research collaborations
 - University of California Systemwide/UCOP
 - National Laboratories (LANL, Sandia, LLNL)
 - ISERC (Ireland)
 - SRA, Kyoto University (Japan)

ISR OSS Research—news coverage

- National: CNet News.com, Slashdot.net, Science Daily, Electronic Design News, National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) reports, Science.NewsFactor.com, and GrokLaw.net
- International: New Scientist (to appear), Pakistan Tribune, Innovations Reports (Germany), and SciGate (India), Scientific Electronic Library Online (in Spanish) and Weblog Context (in Spanish, German, and Catalan).

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OSS research collaborators

- Mark Ackerman, UMichigan Ann Arbor
- Les Gasser, Ulllinois, Urbana-Champaign
- John Noll, Santa Clara University
- Richard Taylor, ISR
- Julia Watson, The Ohio State University
- Margaret Elliott, ISR
- Jason Robbins, ISR
- Chris Jensen and Justin Erenkrantz, ISR

How ISR adds value to this research

- Academic collaborations via ISR Faculty Associates
- Financial management
- Hosting multiple research workshops
- Proposal development support
- Research and Web support infrastructure
- Strong, predictable leadership