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Towards Engineering Free /Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) Ecosystems for Impact and Sustainability

Communications of NII Shonan Meetings

- Seeks to provide a deeper understanding of FLOSS ecosystems
- Suggests approaches to measure complex relationships within FLOSS ecosystems
- Proposes appropriate ways for corporations, researchers, and policy makers to participate and regulate FLOSS ecosystems

Free/libre open source software (FLOSS) ecosystems such as Linux have had a tremendous impact on computing and society and have captured the attention of businesses, researchers, and policy makers. Research on FLOSS has been ongoing for almost two decades. From an economic perspective, the most common topics involve motivation and organization. As commercial participation in FLOSS has become common, the question of how to combine FLOSS practice with commercial practice has been the subject of research, particularly with a view to understanding how to ensure sustainability of the ecosystem. This book is based on a Shonan meeting on FLOSS ecosystem sustainability held in June 2017. The meeting brought together a blend of established and young researchers who were actively studying the FLOSS phenomenon. These researchers were drawn from a variety of disciplines including software engineering, human computer interaction, information systems, computer-supported cooperative work, data mining, cognitive science, psychology, operations research, and management. Industry practitioners who were active in the FLOSS space also participated.

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