

A Software Freedom Scorecard

Free Software Is More Than Licenses



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Software Freedom

Software Freedoms

- Use
- Study
- Modify
- Distribute



Licenses Alone
Are No Longer Sufficient
As Indicators of
Software Freedom

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Software Freedom Indicators

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OSI Approved License

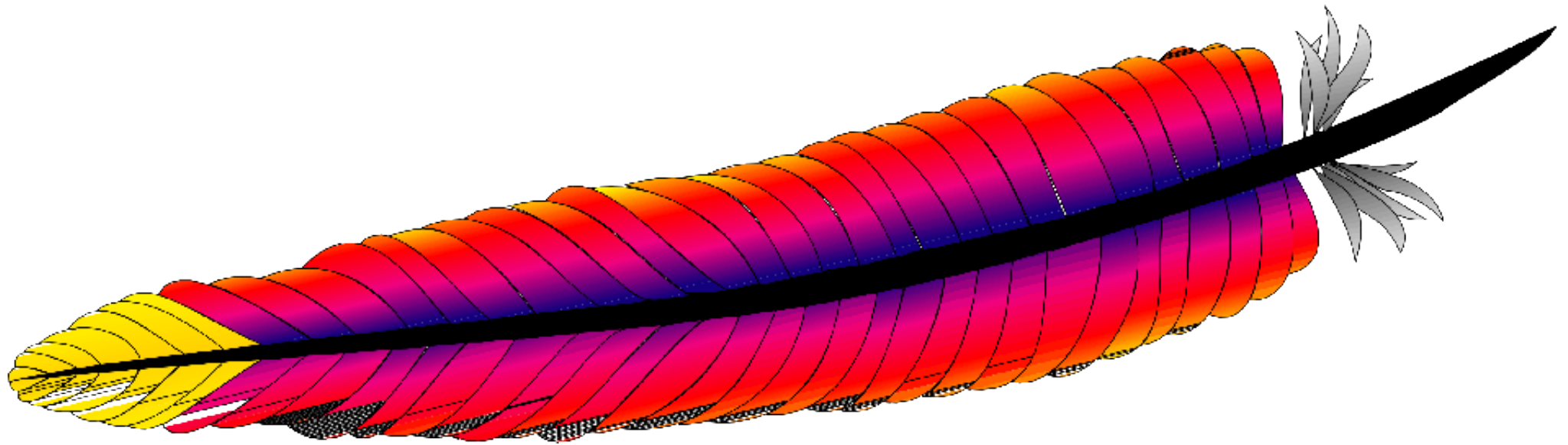


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Diverse Ownership



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Fair Governance



Open Meritocratic Oligarchy



Transparency



Distributed Authority



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Community-Controlled Trademarks



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Global Diversity





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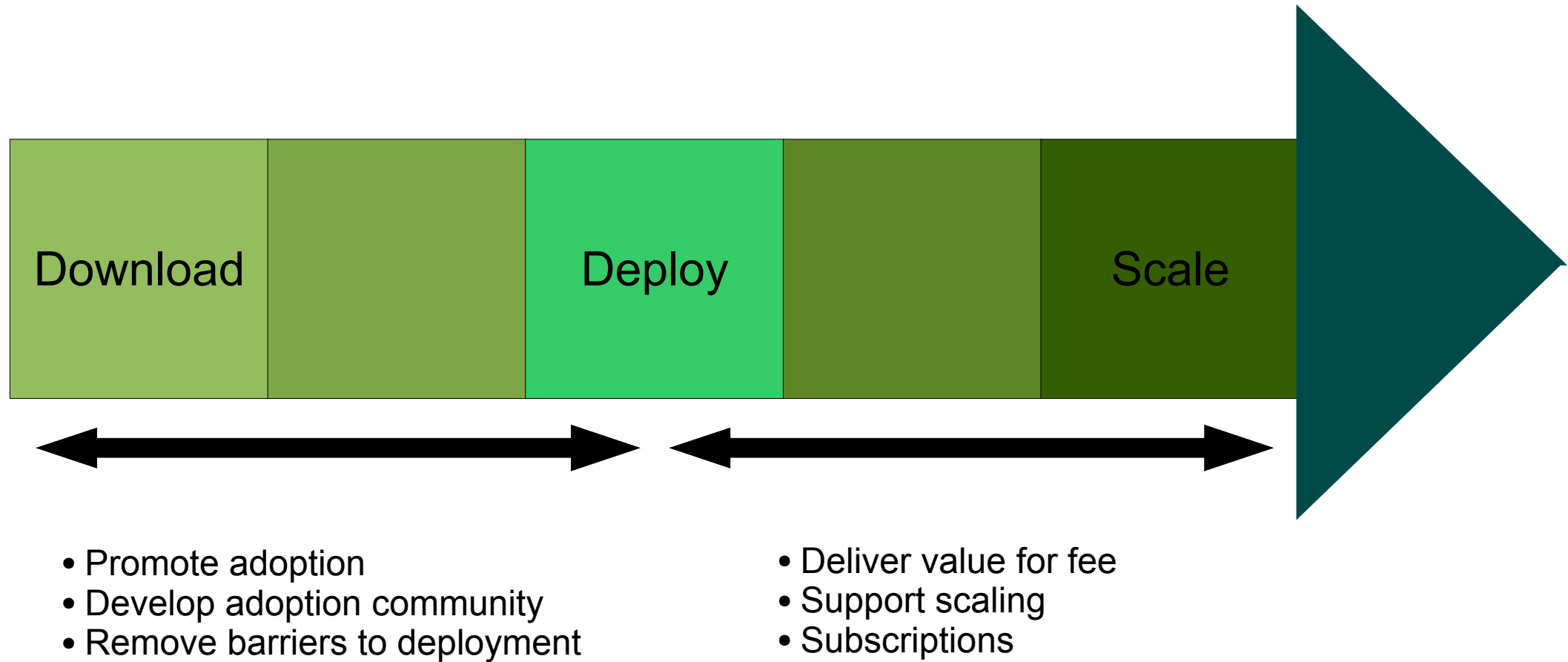
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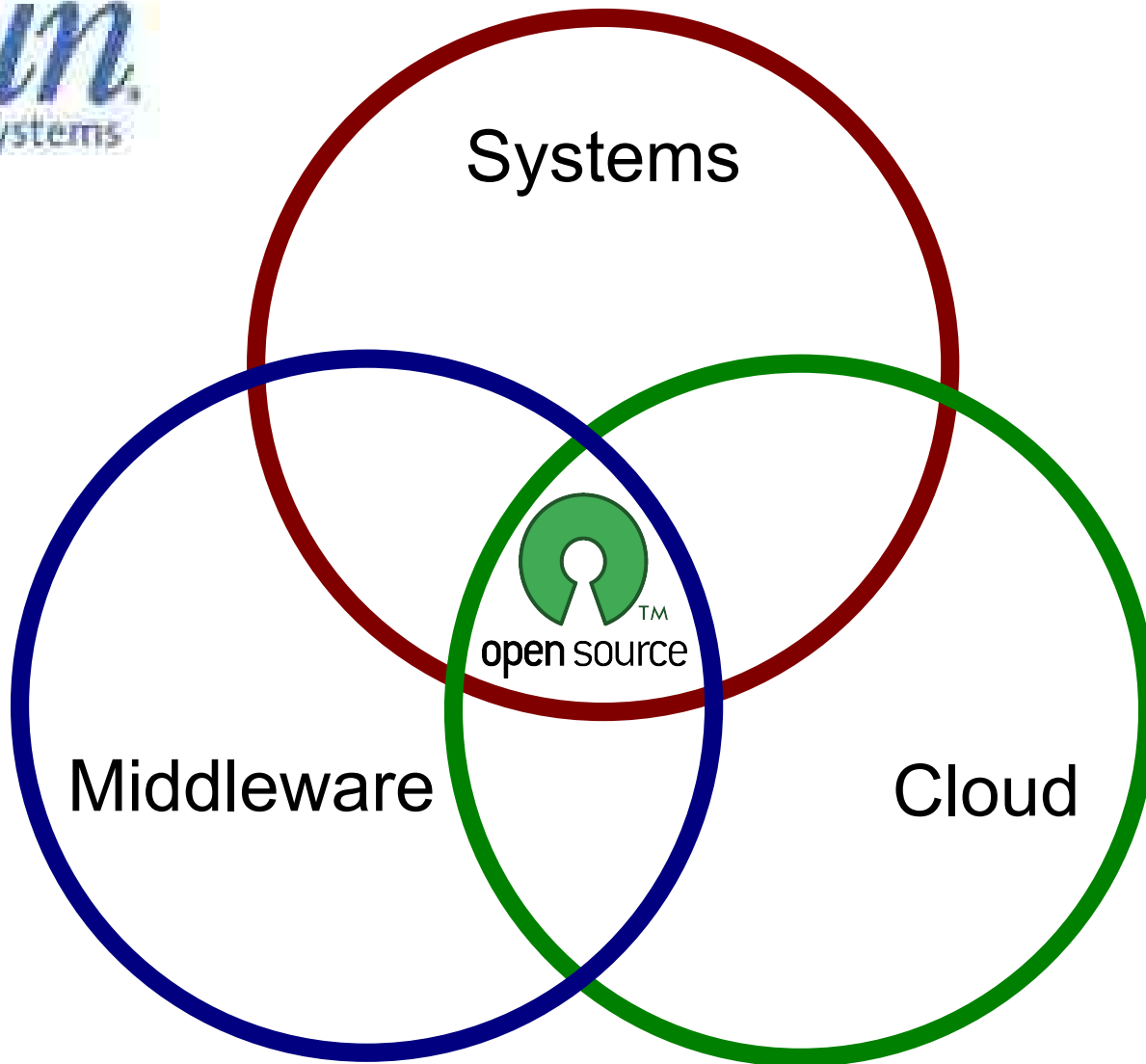


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Business Model Diversity

“The” Open Source Business Model





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Community-Centric Licensing

“A license describes the environment for a business relationship”

Corporate Lawyer



“A License is the constitution
for a community”

Eben Moglen

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Cultivation of Software Freedoms

Software Freedoms

- **Use**
 - Adoption-Led, Implement & Iterate
 - Succeed – or fail - early
 - Budget Control
- **Study**
 - Access to experts
 - Proven solutions
- **Modify**
 - Rich marketplace
 - Innovation freely possible
- **Distribute**
 - To your ecosystem
 - To every citizen
 - Within web pages & devices

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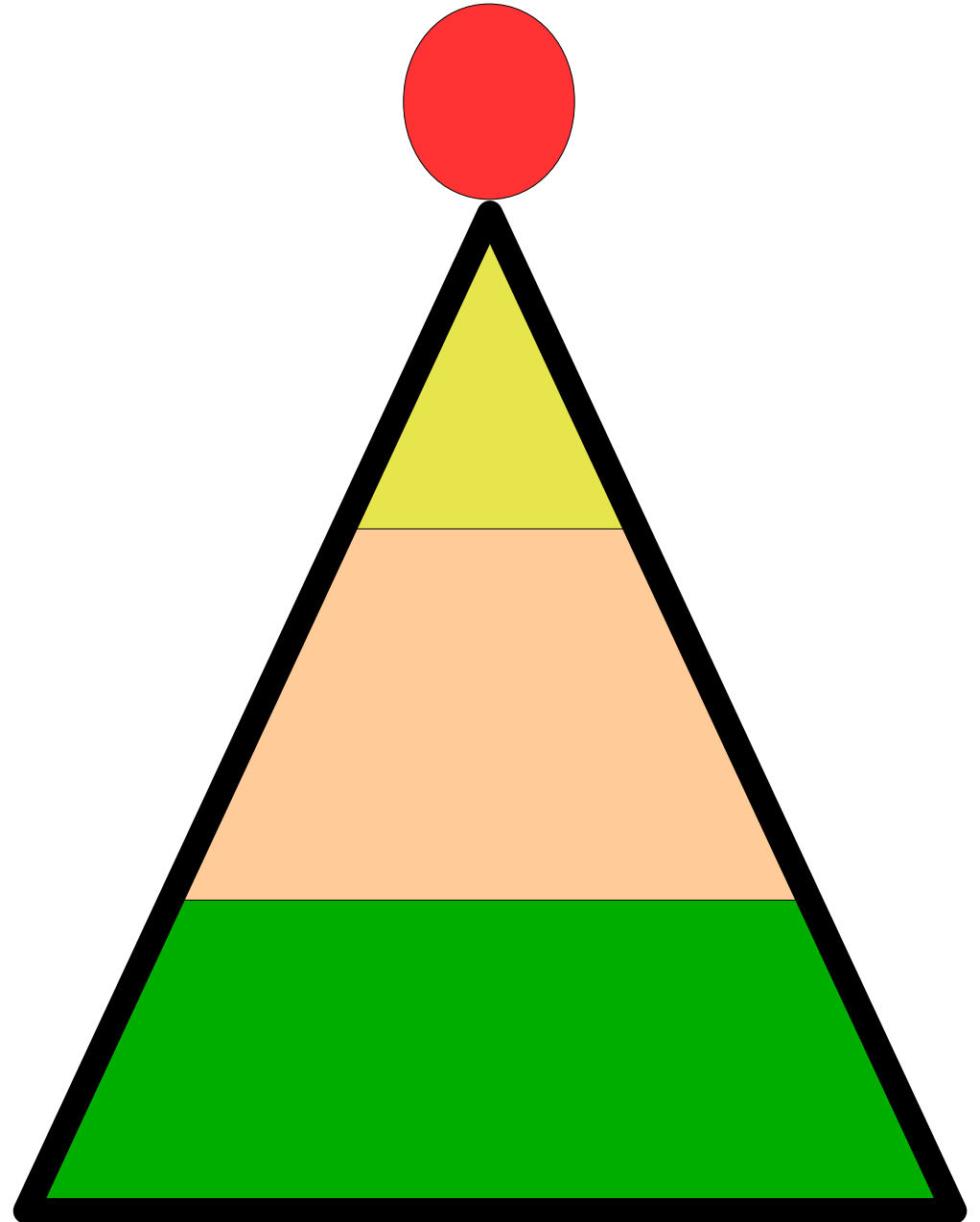
Software Patent Protection

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Grants

Covenants

Licenses



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Software Freedom Scorecard

Summary Scorecard 1

- Diversity
 - Cultural
 - Business Model
- Fair Governance
 - Open, Meritocratic, Oligarchic
 - Transparent
 - Distributed Authority
- Cultivation of Software Freedoms

Summary Scorecard 2

- Community-Controlled Copyright
 - OSI-Approved License
 - Community-Centric Licensing
 - Diverse Copyright Ownership
- Community-Controlled Trademarks
- Software Patent Protection

- ... and more

A Continuum

- No existing project of any scale scores full marks
- A Guide, Not A Ghetto
- A stimulus to improvement

Hosting

I intend to propose this as a new joint activity of
OSI and FSF





Thank-you!

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