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The contribution of Sun to opensource

I hear it quite often: "Hey, Sun doesn't like open source. Look at (other three to five letter company). They gave so much to the community. Why not Sun? Bad, bad Sun". I've heard it so often, i can't hear it anymore.

But the European Community comes to rescue: Page 51 of this research paper tells a different story:

And this was before we opensourced Java.

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in English, Oracle at 10:25

That aside, I am looking forward to seeing GPLv3'd OpenSolaris. Already getting my servers ready for that.
Anonymous on Jan 17 2007, 11:24

Sorry, can't resist to troll... But I can't find Apple in the list? Apple is good in taking from the community, but sometimes if you want to belong to it, you should give something back (despite the useless Darwin).
Anonymous on Jan 17 2007, 19:07

You don't have to give something back, when you use technologies licensed under CDDL. You don't even have to admit that Xray is dtrace is from Sun
Anonymous on Jan 17 2007, 20:19

And most of the guys, arguing like that, don't differentiate between freeware and opensource.

So if you take this into account, you might want to consider that nearly any software from Sun is available for free. This means downloading and commercial use !!!

Who else does this combined with the huge amount of source code not only dedicated to a linux distribution.(OpenSolaris asf.) ?
Anonymous on Jan 18 2007, 10:39