In the Middle of the End

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Characteristics of “Open”
Transparency
Inclusiveness
Characteristics of "open"

Community
Characteristics of “Closed”
Opaqueness
Exclusiveness
Dictatorship
(Benevolent?)
The Last Decade
1990s, RAND, Don’t Ask
2002, RF, W3C, Radicals?
2005, RF+RAND, OASIS, Radicals?
2005, RANDZ,
We’ll control you somehow
2006, Patent Non-assertions, Standards, Open Source
Differentiation
Not all standards are equal
Not all standards organizations are equal
Not all standards organizations are open
Measuring “open”
Development
Maintenance
Implementation
Acquisition
ODF
ODF is important in itself
People have learned from ODF
People “get” ODF
The ODF experience will be replicated
The end is in sight, but tremendous battles remain
Advice
Kill the RAND option
Don’t be a standards factory
Become even more open
Actively allow open source implementations
Virtual Worlds
Everything old is new again
Don’t just translate 2D to 3D
Rethink industry standards