It's not okay to pretend your software is open source

One of my largest complaints with the Commons Clause is that it hijacks language used by open source projects to proliferate nonfree software, and encourages software using it to do the same. Instead of being a new software license, it tries to stick itself onto other respected licences - often the Apache 2.0 license. The name, ?Commons Clause?, is also disingenuous, hijacking language used by respected entities like Creative Commons. In truth, the Commons Clause serves to remove software from the commons. Combining these problems gives you language like ?Apache+Commons Clause?, which is easily confused with Apache Commons.

No Free Lunches In Software: Understanding Open Source Code Use In Your Business

[Ed: We're back to the 1990s? Far too much FUD like this from Forbes about FOSS, now without the paywall/spywall.]

Nybble open source robotic kitten

Those of you looking to learn a little more about robotics and electronics in general may be interested in a new open source robotic kit called Nybble. Which allows you to build the ?world?s cutest open source robotic kitten?. Watch the demonstration video below to learn more about the robotic kit which can be easily programmed and is now available to back via Indiegogo with early bird pledges available from $200.
While education leaders may be appalled by the closed-border policies coming out of Washington, they often indulge in similar protectionist rhetoric, as highlighted by a recent Wilson Center report.

The language of "national competitiveness" is common in higher education, especially in discussions of China and the U.S. You hear it in contradictory concerns about too many international students (they will take scarce places at elite institutions! They will steal intellectual property!) and too few (our institutions won't keep up if they stop sending students! We need their tuition to stay afloat!).

What these worries have in common is the false premise that education is a race and if we don't hurry others will beat us.

Whereas education competition borrows from the language of economics, an earlier model of educational transfer drew on culture and politics. Transfer was based on importing and exporting from one education system to another. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, American missionaries established colleges across the Middle East and Asia. Philanthropists established international academic exchanges like the Rhodes Scholarship.

- **Chrome OS 70 Brings Better Tablet Mode to Chromebooks, Here's What's New**

  2-in-1 Chromebooks have existed for a few years now, and have become more and more popular as Chromebooks gained support for touch-based Android apps. But, using a convertible Chromebook just wasn't as smooth as using a tablet. Part of this was the fact that you're still holding a laptop, but the bigger part was the user interface.

  Now, both of those problems are effectively solved. Chrome tablets and detachables are available and with Chrome OS 70, there's a much more touch-friendly user interface.

- **8x8 buys Jitsi open source video conferencing from Atlassian**

  8x8 has acquired the open source video conferencing company Jitsi from Atlassian in the cloud telephony vendor's latest move to expand its business communications portfolio.

  Jitsi hosts an open source video conferencing server that developers can use to build WebRTC-based video products. It also runs a free platform for online meetings that developers can embed into their websites or mobile apps using Jitsi’s APIs and SDKs.

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