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The open-source community is in the midst of a change, with the network increasingly becoming its own platform built on open source software, said Tim O'Reilly of O'Reilly Media on Tuesday.

This has been demonstrated by the rise of companies such as Google, eBay, and Amazon.com, which can operate unfettered from open source licensing concerns because they are not distributing software.

"They deliver their software as a service," O'Reilly said.

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