

Why I'm smarter than an Open Source surrender monkey

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Many Open Source advocates have turned into Open Source pragmatists. That doesn't mean we've surrendered. We've evolved.

It came to my surprise last week when a fellow Open Source advocate and DATAMATION contributor, Bruce Byfield, called yours truly and my ZDNet colleague Adrian Kingsley-Hughes out in his piece Tech Pundits Surrender: The Retreat from Free Software and Open Standards.

What set Bruce off? Well, he seems to think that as a group, 'Tech Pundits' are collectively giving up on Open Source and Open Standards under the auspices of pragmatism and convenience.

In my case, he was jarred by my piece Why I've been throwing Open Standards Under The Bus.

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