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Open source software projects may not typically have the marketing budgets necessary to match launch events like the one Microsoft just held for Office 2013, but that doesn't mean their products are any less valuable.

Canonical surely came close in terms of hype with its Ubuntu phone announcement just after New Year's, but this week Black Duck Software brought a brand-new crop of open players to light.

Following up on last year's list, Black Duck released its "2012 Open Source Rookies of the Year" on Wednesday, highlighting 10 key up-and-comers worth watching over the coming year.

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