

FOSS Fact or Fiction? A Tale of Two Surveys

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It's a well-known fact that statistics can be manipulated to suit virtually every occasion and purpose, but every once in a while an example comes along that illustrates that rule with breathtaking clarity.

Case in point? Two recent surveys on the topic of FOSS that came out in the very same week.

Exhibit A: The seventh annual Future of Open Source Survey from Black Duck Software and North Bridge Venture Partners, the results of which suggested no less than that open source "is taking over the software world," as PCWorld put it.

Exhibit B: A nearly diametrically opposed study from Univa, claiming that 75 percent of enterprises encounter problems when using free and open source software.

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