

Report advocates open-source approach for software acquisition

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A recently released Defense Department report on technology development methodologies advocates more use of open-source software and suggests ways it can be incorporated into the procurement cycle. Resuse can save money by promoting reuse of software across the different defense agencies, the report contends.

The Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts commissioned the Open Technology Development road map, which was published in April but only recently released publicly.

The concept of OTD is based on sharing software code developed by the Defense Department and its contractors, as well as by the worldwide open-source community.

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