

Alternative Approaches to Collaborative Software Deployment Leveraging Open Source Software

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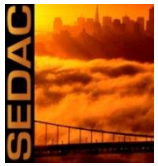
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OS Software Deployment Alternatives *

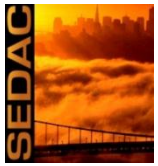


- Open Source Software (OSS)
- Vendor-Supported OSS
- Commercial Software (with or without OSS components)
- Combinations of these options

*Derived from: Yetman & Downs. 2011. Models for Deploying Open Source and Commercial Software to Support Earth Science Data Processing and Distribution. 2011 Fall AGU Meeting.



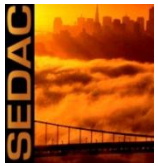
OSS Deployment



- Develop and share software as OS
 - License as open source
 - Provide access within OS community (Apache, SourceForge, etc.)
- Collaboratively contribute to OSS project
 - Adopt OS software
 - Test, enhance, document, etc., to improve software



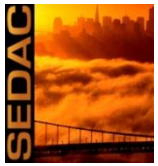
Deploying Vendor-Supported OSS



- Adopt OSS product provided by vendor
 - Vendor provides services such as installation, hosting, enhancement, customization, documentation, 24x7 help
- Vendor contributes enhancements to OSS
 - Enhancements meeting customer needs are also applicable to the OSS community



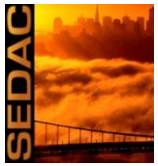
Deploying Commercial Software



- May or may not contain OSS components
- Identify common needs for enhancements among customers
- Collaborate on customizations within customer community (can become OSS)



Deploying combinations of OSS and Commercial Products and Services

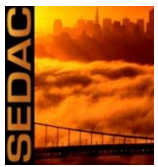


- System composed of commercial and OSS
- Collaborating with OSS and customer communities



Assessing Collaborative OSS Deployment Options*

* Derived from Yetman & Downs (2011)



Software	Collaborators	Risks	Benefits
Open Source Software (OSS)	Internal staff and OS community	OS community stagnation	Development & support from OS community and internal staff
Vendor-Supported OSS	Vendor and Community	Change in vendor services	Development & support from vendor & OS community
Commercial Software	Vendor & customer community	Product discontinuation	Development & support from vendor & customer community
Combinations of Commercial & OSS	OS and customer community, vendor, and internal staff	OS community stagnation, change in vendor services or products	Development & support from diversified communities