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"Open source software - a field of expertise that brings developers and lawyers together "

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Abstract

Open source software is gaining importance. There are hardly software products or software programs not containing open source software. But what does it mean. The source code of open source software does not look any different than the source code of any non-open source software. Why is the legal department involved if we talk about software? Are lawyers not better off drafting agreements and contracts, are developers not better off if the lawyers stick to their core skills? Looking at open source software through the glasses of a company lawyer.

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