

Open Standards and Open Source software in the Netherlands

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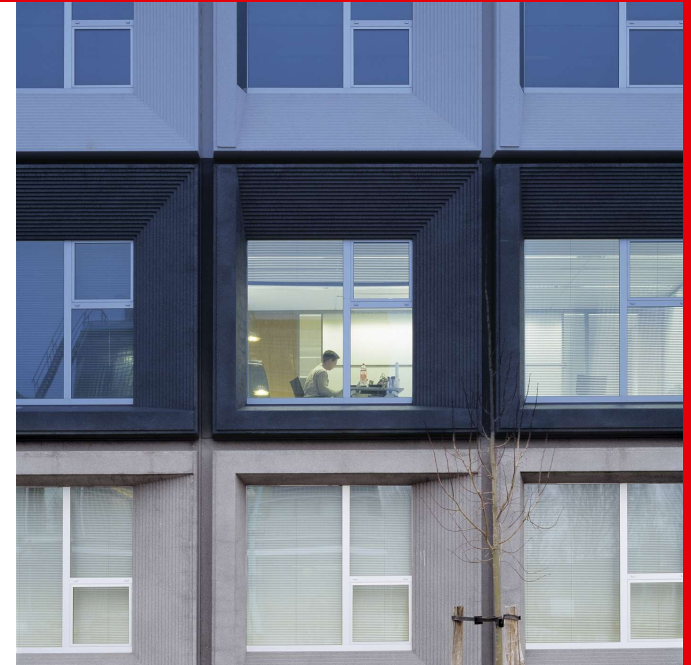
_Looking back and forward

- discover and put on the agenda
(1999 – 2002)
- try, share knowledge, build expertise and
formulate strategy
(2003 – 2007)
- actual use and governance
(2008 - 2011)



Timing is right

- Political context is right
Dutch Government
EU
- Availability and quality of open products and services have matured
- Awareness has grown



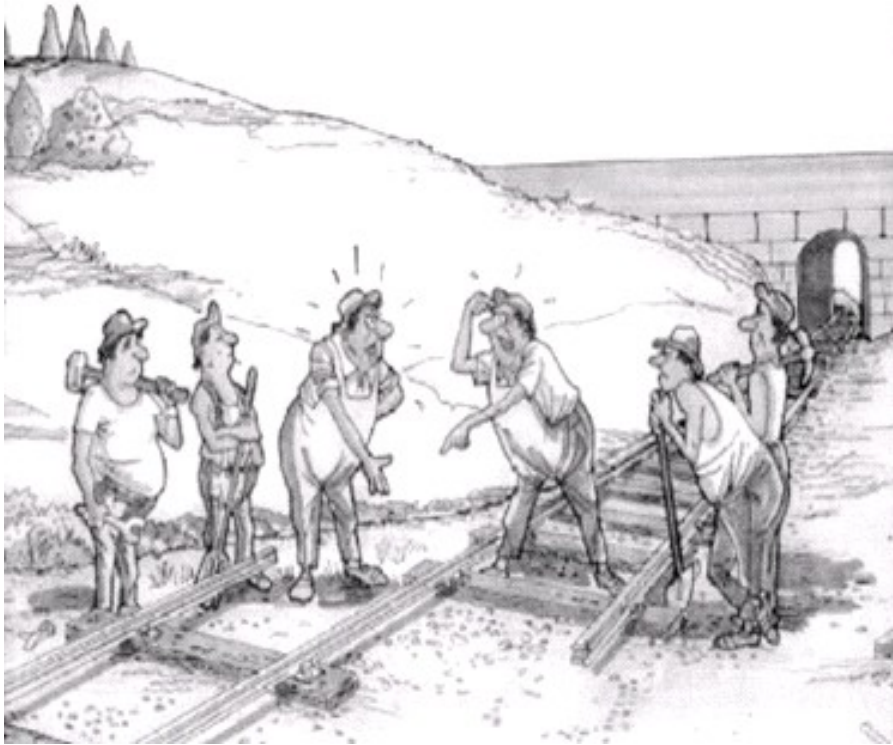
Towards an Action Plan



The Netherlands in Open Connection

An action plan for the use of Open Standards and Open Source Software
in the public and semi-public sector

_Targets Action Plan



- Interoperability
- Independence of suppliers
- Innovation

_Main Features (1)



- Clear policy distinction between Open Standards and Open Source Software
- Continuity and reliability e-Government services not to be jeopardised
- Administrative burdens not to increase

_Main Features (2)

On open standards

- instruction on open standards (comply-or-explain)
- list and procedure on open standards
- framework for interoperability
- ODF alongside other document formats already in use



_Main Features (3)

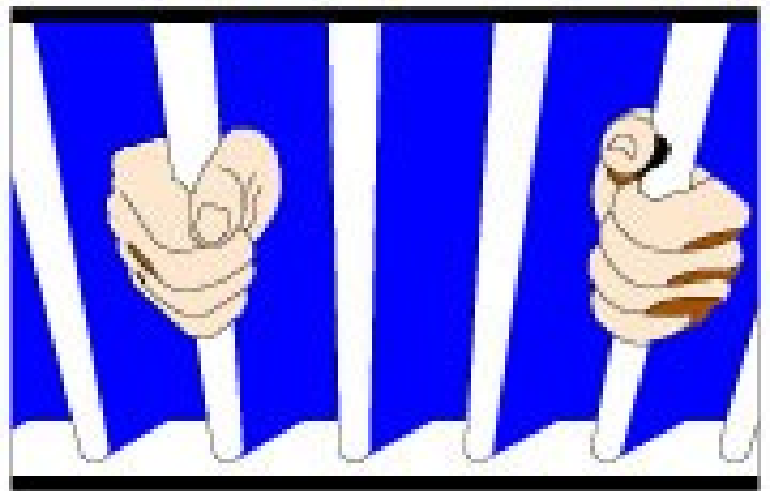
On Open Source Software

- develop OSS implementation strategies
 - central government in 2008 -2009
 - subsidiary government bodies follow in 2010
- need for best practices; support early adopters
- explore the possibility to open the software source both owned and under development



_Dilemma (examples)

- Legacy
- Vendor lock-in
- Absence
- Costs



Dilemma (Solutions)



Chess at several levels

- Operational
- Tactical
- Political



_Response by Market Parties



- Market – Government relation
- Actionplan - opportunity or threat
- Innovation – yes or no

_Foreseeable future

Ambition



- to snowball
- no avalanche
- by 2011, Open Standards and Open Source Software are business as usual

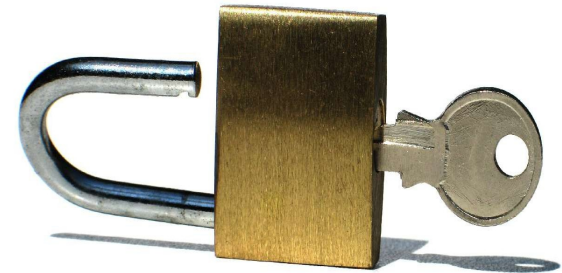
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