

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Adoption of Open Source Software

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This new issue of the *International Journal of Open Source Software and Processes* contains three papers, which all deal with aspects of adoption of open source software. The first paper, titled “An Analysis of the Adoption of Open Source Software by Local Public Administrations: Evidence from the Emilia-Romagna Region of Italy” focuses on adoption in a public organisation. Open source software has become increasingly interesting to these organisation, not only because of cost factors, but also out of considerations involving security, access and general availability to the public. The second paper, “Using Open Source Software Components to Implement a Modular Web 2.0 Design for Map-Based Discussions” deals

with adoption of open source components in software development. This is often seen as a possibility for reuse, a goal in software development for decades which has given birth to approaches like object-oriented programming or software product lines. Finally, the third paper, “Open Source Adoption Index: Quantifying FOSS Adoption by an Organisation” turns to assessing and quantifying the adoption by organisations. This would enable important new analysis on this topic, because adoption as of yet remained difficult to measure.

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