# Never Alone: How Collaboration has Changed and is Changing in Software Development

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https://www.mytechlogy.com/IT-blogs/3312/do-we-benefit-from-the-eternal-microsoft-vs-apple-war/#.XKUsX-tKhSM



http://transformingbusiness.economist.com/negotiating-in-the-digital-age/



collaborate to innovate by leveraging talent at remote sites proximity to customers



#### distributed issue resolution 2.5 times longer than co-located

Herbsleb, J. and R. Grinter: Splitting the Organization and Integrating the Code: Conway's Law Revisited, ICSE, 1999

### CONWAY'S LAW

THE STRUCTURE OF SOFTWARE WILL MIRROR THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION THAT BUILT IT For example



# **OUR INVESTIGATION**





Wolf, T., T. Nguyen and D. Damian: Does Distance still Matter?, Software Process: Improvement and Practice, 2008



Effective communication through a core set of contributors

### **FOCUS ON PERFORMANCE**





# FOCUS ON PERFORMANCE



#### Communication model predicted about 70% of failed builds

Wolf, T., et al: Predicting build failures using social network analysis on developer communication, ICSE, 2009

### from Co-located to Distributed

#### communication matters!

### from Co-located to Distributed

#### collaboration quality greatly affects software success



# Closed source, corporate-led contributions, intra- and inter-organizational partnerships





#### awareness

### cultural affinity

aligned autonomy



#### Innovate through decentralized, large contributor base

https://medium.com/@Intersog/no-more-an-intellectual-property-destroyer-five-trends-in-open-source-cloud-computing-8887e5d23db9

## **EARLY STUDIES OF OSS**



socio-technical congruence

the more active contributors are also the more active communicators



Bird, C.: Sociotechnical coordination and collaboration in open source software, ICSM 2011

### from Closed to Open

#### communication medium might not matter!

# from Closed to Open

governance based on quality of work

### THE GITHUB REVOLUTION



Blincoe, K, F. Harrison, N. Kaur, D. Damian: Reference Coupling: An Exploration of Inter-project Technical Dependencies and their Characteristics within Large Software Ecosystems, *Information and Software Technology*, 2019





#### communities are highly interconnected



the largest connected component: 57% (about 10K projects)



#### largest connected (giant) component in Github

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# SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ALIGNED WITH TECHNICAL DEPENDENCIES?





Project Owners followed by other Owners in their ecosystem

## **FIRM-SPONSORED OSS**

"As a software company, it's impossible to keep up if you have to write every line of code yourself, instead of using solutions that multiple organizations and countless individuals are developing collectively on a massive scale"

Mike Evans, vice president of technical business development at Red Hat.

# THE COOPETITION ERA

"[Open] Software is becoming the leading technique by which companies both compete and collaborate with one another"

Mike Milinkovich, executive director of the Eclipse Foundation and a board member of the Open Source Initiative

### **APACHE HADOOP**



Linaker, J., et al., : How Firms Adapt and Interact in Open Source Ecosystems, REFSO, 2016



Linaker, J., et al., : How Firms Adapt and Interact in Open Source Ecosystems, REFSQ, 2016



#### **Social Network Measures**

#### and

#### Influence in the Ecosystem



### Influence through:

#### issues reported and included in release

issues interacted with and included in release



#### collaboration patterns

linked to

influence in the ecosystem



Teixera, J.: Understanding Coopetition in the Open-Open-Source Arena: The cases of WebKit and OpenStack, OpenSym, 2014
## from Cooperation to Coopetition

the Customer is King

## from Cooperation to Coopetition

### Increased collaboration –> competitive advantage



Open source platform and ecosystem, community contributions, software grows organically

# **PROPRIETARY PLATFORMS**

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#### Feature Suggestions

#### Plan, Track, & Support



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## **OPEN COMMERCIAL ECOSYSTEM**







Knauss, E. et al: Continuous clarification and emergent requirements flows in open-commercial software ecosystems, RE Journal, 2018



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## openness trade-offs



# **OPEN COMMERCIAL ECOSYSTEM**

Closed source, open stakeholder communication, corporate-led contributions, inter-organizational partnerships

# **COLLABORATION AT SCALE**

# **PROPRIETARY PLATFORMS**











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### from Product to Platform

providing the best products to developing the best network of complementors (collaborators)

### from Product to Platform

from end-user oriented to end-user and partner-oriented

### THE BUSINESS FLYWHEEL

A BETTER METAPHOR TO VISUALIZE YOUR BUSINESS

#### From the FUNNEL

CUSTOMER ENERGY IS LOST AT THE BOTTOM YOU START FRESH WITH EACH NEW SET.

### To the FLYWHEEL

CUSTOMER ENERGY AND MOMENTUM is HARNESSED, REDUCE FRICTION TO SPIN FASTER HAPPY CUSTOMERS SPEED YOU UP MORE MAKE THE

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sketchplanations

## from Product to Platform

from self-reliant to team player

## from Product to Platform

shared risk management in developing software

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Open API platform ecosystem, self-regulated community contributions, inter-organizational partnerships

### strategic governance



### quality of integrations

platform innovation to enable external product innovation







### OPEN COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION AT SCALE

### **COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION**







## **CO-INNOVATION AT LARGE SCALE**

# **A RESEARCH AGENDA**

### Models of innovation within different types of ecosystems



# Ecosystem tradeoffs and implications for Software Engineering platform openness <---> quality of integrations









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