



Open Source Commercialization

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**10+ years
with Atos**

Various positions:

- **CTO** for Public Sector France
- **Deputy-Bid Manager Director** for Public Sector France
- **Head of Open Source** for Public Sector France
- **Head of Innovation and R&D** for Public Sector France
- **Global Business Development Director** for Atos International

Core Skills / Years of experience

CEO
12+ years

COO
4 years

CTO / Open Source
24+ years

Innovation, R&D
7+ years

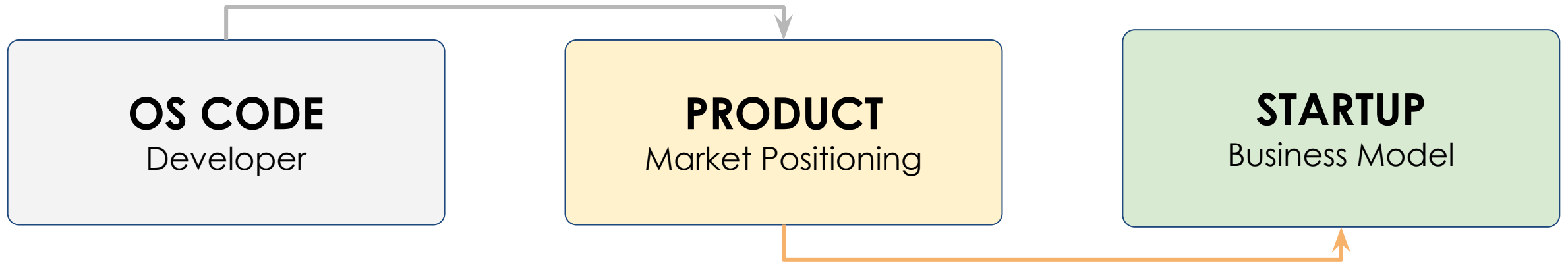
Business Development
7+ years

**Startups Advisor &
Venture Capital**
15+ years

- + started working on open source code in 1995 (PHP, Apache)
- + member of OW2 (formerly ObjectWeb) since 2004
- + former member of OpenStack Foundation (2012-2016)
- + Represented Atos on several OSS events
- + Advised open source startups (Videolabs/VLC, Wakanda JS, Fenq Office)

- ❑ How to transform an open source code into a product?
- ❑ Example of successful open source business models
- ❑ Tips from my experiences

How to transform an open source code into a product?



Main Challenges

Adoption by the community

Market Penetration

Revenue Models

How to select the right **open source license model** from the beginning !

The OS license selected will impact your entire project, product, and business model - You can decide to have a DUAL license (open source and commercial)...But selected wisely!

100% my code and I don't plan to integrate any third-party OS code and I allow my code to be integrated to any third-party solution. I want any modification (including derived work) of my code by a third-party to be reversed to my project.

Strong Copyleft Licenses

- GPL license (GPL v2 and GPL v3),
- AGPL License,
- SSPL (MongoDB)

Not 100% or 100% my code and I allow my code to be integrated to any third-party solution. I want any modification (including derived work) of my code by a third-party to be reversed to my project.

Weak Copyleft Licenses

- LGPL License,
- Mozilla Public License 2.0

100% my code and I want to integrate third-party OS code or allow my code to be integrated to any third-party solution. I'm ok if a third-party uses my code without reversing the changes back to my project.

Permissive Licenses

- MIT license,
- Apache License 2.0,
- BSD clause-3, clause-2

At this stage don't forget that **your OS CODE is your PRODUCT!**

And **your target CUSTOMERS are THE DEVELOPERS**



Developers must see/understand the

Value of your project

Engage & Listen to your community

Developers will engage also based on your

License Model

Meet your developers (online/offline events)

Developers need to see a clear

Road Map & a Good documentation

Invite key contributors to join the core team

It's just another **PRODUCT** !

What is the Core Purpose
of your product?

Who are your Tiers 1, 2 & 3 users?

What are your key user needs and challenges?

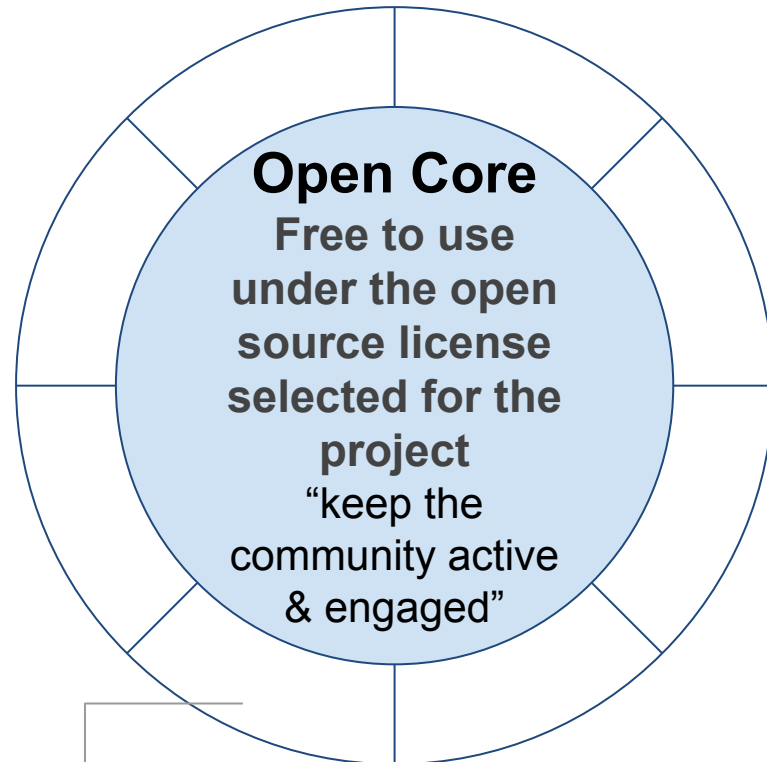
What are your product foundations?

What are your product keys success indicators?

What are your product keys features?

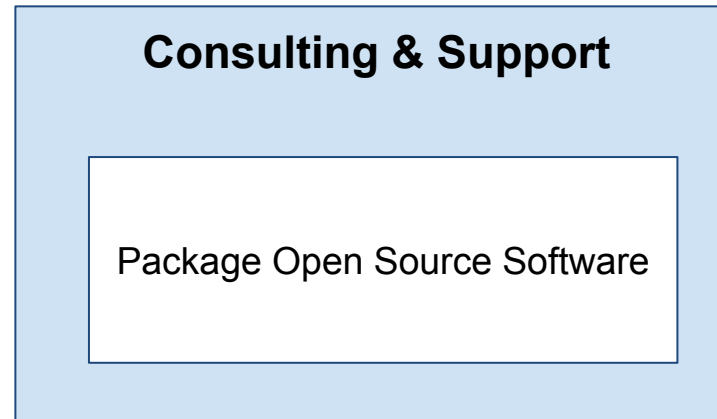
Define and execute **online/field marketing plan** to initiate **market penetration**

Open-Core business model

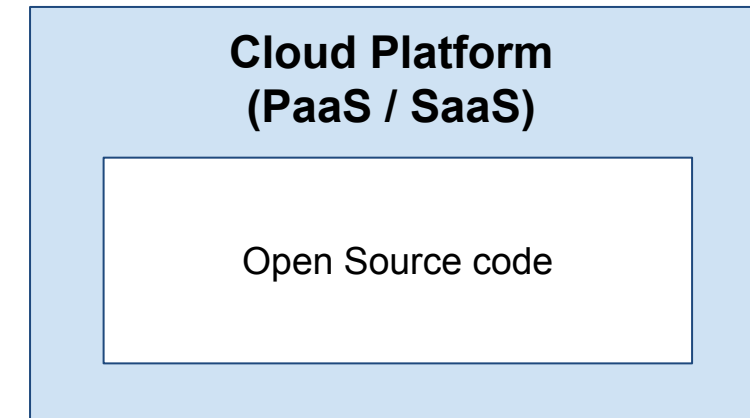


Premium features
Consulting + Support + Maintenance

OSS Professional Services business model



OSS Hosting business model



**It's also possible to combine
business models**

Open Source Business Models Compared

@imranghory / Blossom Capital



Open-Core



Proserv



Hosting



Marketplace

Margins	>80%	20% - 40%	40% - 70%	>60%
Defensibility	High	Low	Low	High
Scalability	High	Medium	Medium	High

Example of successful open source business models?

Open-Core business model



talend

Bonitasoft



KNOWAGE

NUXEO



OSS Professional Services business model



Atos



OSS Hosting business model



License: SSPL



License: BSD-3 (Open-core),
RSAL (commercial)

NGINX

License: BSD-2 (Open-core),
NGINX Plus (commercial)



Example of an Open Core Stack




- Bundles of Enterprise products
- Advanced features
- Platinum support

- Commercial license
- Subscription model
- Support included

- Open source license
- Free of charge
- Optional support

Zooming Inside the Stack



	Talend Platform for Data Management	Subscription, commercial	All of below, + <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data quality & profiling• High availability
	Talend Enterprise Data Integration	Subscription, commercial	All of below, + <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deployment environment• Collaborative repository• Productivity features
	Talend Open Studio for Data Integration	GPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development environment• Graphical studio• All connectors & components• Metadata management

The Trade Offs



- “Community” Edition(s) vs. “Subscription” Edition(s)
 - Terms may vary... need a way to express clearly what is each
- Careful arbitrage
 - Weigh each feature
 - Contribute equally to both
- Must maintain the balance
 - Fork as way for community to react



Standing on a Narrow Ridge



→ Permanent balancing act

- Add too much to Community Edition/
too little to Enterprise Edition
 - Adoption up
 - Conversion down
- Add too much to Enterprise Edition/
too much to Enterprise Edition
 - Adoption down
 - Conversion up
- The key: keep the balance



Tips: from my open source experiences

Advisor (Business Development & Partner Network)



Open-Core Business Model with dual license

- + **Open Source License:** unclear
- + **Enterprise License**

Advisor (Revenue & Business Development)



Professional Services Business Model



Strategy And Agility Knowledge And Innovation

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