

The Open Source Revolution: Early Failures --- and Future Prospects

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The End of Secrecy - The Transparency revolution

- For Centuries, nations used secrecy as a means of maintaining and expanding their powers.
- In future the basis of power will be openness and transparency.

Was it communism that killed USSR ?

- Not, it was secrecy
- Secrecy meant inefficiency, corruption, censorship
- To be powerful today, a nation needs to spread its secrets across the globe.

Why is the US the only superpower today ?

- Because it is the most transparent country
- How a country can lead the way by opening its secret archives earlier than other nations

Migration of Intelligence Techniques to the Private sector

- The striking example of cryptography
- The administration loses one battle after another

Intelligence software

- Topic of Verity,
- Sysran (presented at OSS'96)
- GPS
- Tempest
- Source Codes
- Satellite Imagery

The shortcomings of open sources

- There's no measuring stick to assess the reliability of the media.
- There is a long way to go to improve the accuracy, conciseness and quality of the news

Luckily, the Secret isn't dead

- The intelligent use of secrecy will become a key element in the competitiveness of countries.
- A strong nation will tend to let its secrets out of the bag. The weak will continue to over-protect theirs.

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