International Workshop on Open Source Software Enablers and Practices (WOSSEP'08)

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The Free/Libre Open Source Software (F/LOSS) community has started to adopt practices from the "closed/proprietary world". On the other hand, there is a significant and growing interest from the software industry in methodologies and practices developed within F/LOSS communities. The goal of this workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners with experience in F/LOSS production, and to document the state of the art in practices and enablers meant to fill the gap between value creation with open source and commercial success. Contributions are sought on the following topics (but not limited to):

* **Requirements collection and engineering in F/LOSS projects**
* **Incorporating open source software into commercial products**
* **Determining compatibility between F/LOSS components**
* **Compliance to licensing terms of F/LOSS**
* **Firms' involvement in community-based F/LOSS projects**
* **License conflicts (GPL V2 vs. GPL V3 vs. other F/LOSS Licenses)**
* **Evaluating the quality of open source components**
* **Granularity of reuse (not limited to binary packaged components)**
* **F/LOSS and Projects Evolution (exposure to dependencies)**
* **Practices in project governance (community driven, business sponsored, hybrid)**
* **Impact of new component models (e.g. service oriented architecture)**
* **Open source adoption and corporate culture conflicts**
* **Lessons learned and case studies**

We also welcome a stream of short papers for work-in-progress and position statements (particularly from industry). The workshop also features a panel discussion session to discuss open challenges and trends directly related to the workshop's theme.

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