Is this just a misconception? Discover your biases toward OSS

On November 16, 2024, during the Code for Japan Summit 2024 session titled "OSS Critique Q&A Compilation Project Kickoff Meeting," a real-time survey was conducted with the question, **"But you know, OSS is ○○○, right? What do you think ○○○ is?"** We have compiled the responses received.

Technical literacy issues

Concerns about security/vulnerabilities

- Low security
- Security vulnerabilities embedded and unnoticed

Concerns about quality

- Poor quality

Difficulty with OSS "etiquette"

- It's hard to clean up the code before release
- Version compatibility is troublesome
- Difficult to understand the licensing concept

Responsibilities of the product owner

Concerns about responsibility

- No guarantee
- Unclear responsibility for quality
- Irresponsible
- The government (the client) has a distorted understanding

Concerns about sustaining operations

- Maintenance is very hard work
- Difficult to maintain
- Updates may be discontinued at any time
- May have a short lifespan
- Nothing will happen even if I publish it
- It's hard to keep things lively
- It's hard to gather collaborators and continue the project

Concerns felt by those who are involved in or want to be involved in the community

- The first step seems difficult
- High barriers to participation
- I don't know where to start
- I don't get paid even if I contribute
- Developers are unlikely to benefit
- There are only older men

Policy-related issues

Financial and other rules/system barriers

- Difficult to get funding
- Difficult to contract
- Even if I try to make a system created through public procurement open source, the finance department will get angry
- Not in line with government property rules
- Open source is not considered deliverable

Vague concerns

Impressions of OSS＝"free to use"

- Free of charge
- Feeling poor
- Unprofitable

The "intimidating" nature of OSS

- Difficult to use
- I don't know which to choose
- I am worried if it will be usable
- English
- Known only to those in the know

Other meaningful responses

- Not sold at the supermarket
- It's sauce, but you can't eat it!
- IPA will take care of it somehow