Building Software: Less Is More

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Focus on how open source software is built

The licenses play a **supporting** role.

Experience building open source software demonstrates that
simple rules can be remarkably effective in unleashing the innovative potential of collaborative development of software.

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Open Source Collaboration Features

Features that have been shown to yield remarkably powerful results in collaborative development of open source software:

- Ongoing work product (software) is visible to everyone
- Broad openness of participation
- Simple IP rules: contribution-based; no-strings.
  - You choose what to contribute.
  - Contributions are without strings attached - without expectation of subsequent fees for use of what you have contributed.

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