Roadblocks to Open Source in Asia-Pacific

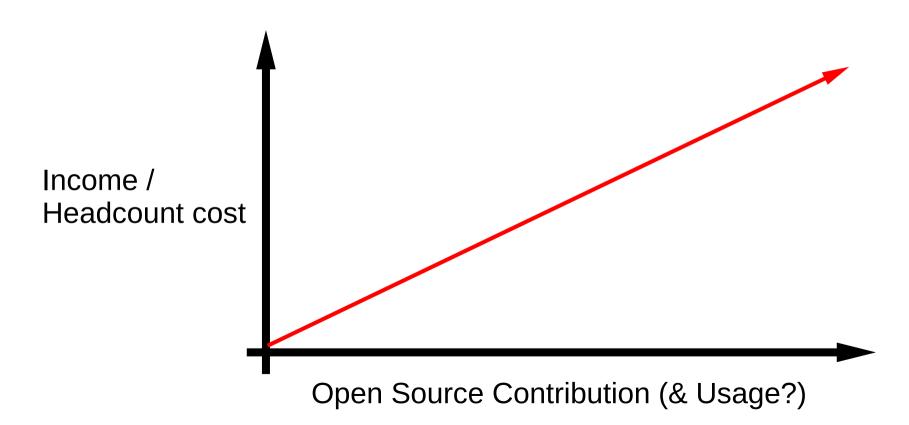
Results from discussions at Apricot 2024 (Feb 2024 in Bangkok)





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Income vs Open Source Usage



Countries ranked by number of OSS developers per capita (2021)

Rank	Country	Contributions	Population	Cont / 100k
1	Iceland	421	0.4 mil	105
2	Switzerland	7197	8.6 mil	84
3	Norway	4012	5.3 mil	76
11	New Zealand	2642	4.9 mil	54
12	Singapore	3102	5.7 mil	54
14	USA	144371	328.2 mil	44
16	Australia	10337	25.4 mil	41
32	Taiwan	4979	23.6 mil	21
33	South Korea	10921	51.7 mil	21
37	Hong Kong	1303	7.5 mil	17
43	Japan	15706	126.3 mil	12

Github Statistics based on Johannes Wachs, Mariusz Nitecki, William Schueller, Axel Polleres, The Geography of Open Source Software: Evidence from GitHub, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Volume 176, 2022, 121478, ISSN 0040-1625, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2022.121478

Reasons (based on Feedback)

Corruption?

- No purchase = No kickback for Management
- Rules/Laws influenced by companies for their own gain

Not familiar with it?

- No community / peers using it
- No Training / Training only on commercial products
- Prefer complete solution

Risk of failures

- Not aware of support
- Scared of their job if it goes wrong

How to fix this? Ideas?