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“Open Source” is about as potent a buzzword as any modern technology phrase, but what does it **really mean**, and how does anyone involved **turn a profit**?

We'll discuss seven companies that **successfully incorporate open source** concepts into their businesses. Some are well-known, others are not, but each has taken a different approach for their own unique goals.

We'll also explore what it means to practice open development, and why it may or may not be such a good idea.

Phil Schwan is iVEC's visiting **Industry & Government Fellow**, consulting in the areas of open source business, software engineering process, and storage for high-performance computing.

He's been actively involved in open source and open development since 1992, contributing to a variety of technologies including enterprise desktop, Linux, privacy and security, network file systems, and consumer internet.

He co-founded CFS, co-developed its award-winning open-source Lustre file system, and oversaw the company's first four profitable years as Chief Executive. Lustre is used on most of the world's largest Linux supercomputers, providing high-speed, POSIX-compliant storage for governments, universities, and Fortune 100 companies worldwide.

At the Mozilla Corporation he directed an overhaul of internationalization of the Firefox 2.0 browser, featuring for the first time, its simultaneous release in 23 languages on 3 platforms. Approximately 20% of the world's internet population uses Firefox as their primary browser, including a growing proportion in languages other than English.

Previously, Phil executed the open-source strategy for zero-knowledge systems, one of the most widely-discussed providers of privacy and security software and services. He also helped develop a toolkit for private electronic cash and one of the first commercial anonymous IP networks.

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