### **Upstream First**

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### Why?

### marginal cost = market price

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# open source = efficient market

### Failure Stories

### confidentiality disclaimers

### «we're special»

## «It is in my self-interest to ignore your patch»

Greg KH, kernel maintainer

# rotating engineers through projects

# complicated internal design compromise

### outright paranoid

### denial

## radical customer orientation

### But my Career!

or product, company, income, ...

#### no food

#### be the best

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(pretend to)

### wait for bankruptcy

### complementary product

### CLA

### Be First

### **Upstream First**

- open source = efficient market
- radical customer orientation
- complementary non-software product
- years of culture clash
- need to be first

### Backup

### Stages of Grief

- 1.denial
- 2.anger
- 3.bargaining
- 4.depression
- 5.acceptance

### sunk cost: culture vs. code

# open source = software strategy

### shipping vendor lock-in