

Lessons I Learned Liberating Java

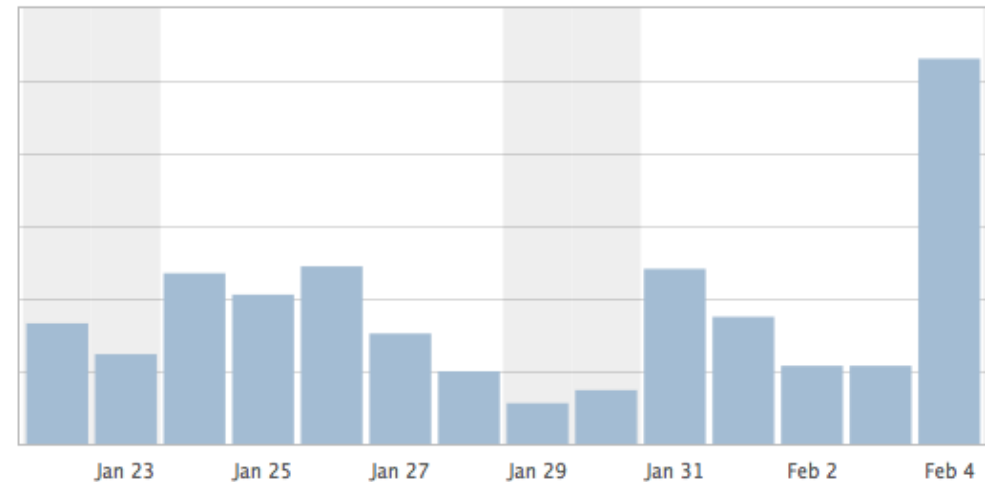
Warts & All

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OpenJDK Governance

- Obviously a hot topic
- Covered at <http://wmk.me/RateOJDK>



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- It's a mistake to assume a competitor can't help
- There are ~ 0 people who show up just to break things
- The rules you make to control them break things worse than they do



Real relationships help and heal

- Written communication only supports existing relationships
- Second languages always affect understanding
- Old hurts are cured by positive healing



Training reptiles takes time and reinforcement

- Corporations don't exist, people do
- Confronting corporate problems rarely works
- Solutions need to layer and build over time - create habitats not traps



Software Freedom is the guiding principle

- "when you're up to you ass in alligators..."



If it doesn't target freedom, it's wrong

- Software Business Value Is The First Derivative Of Software Freedom





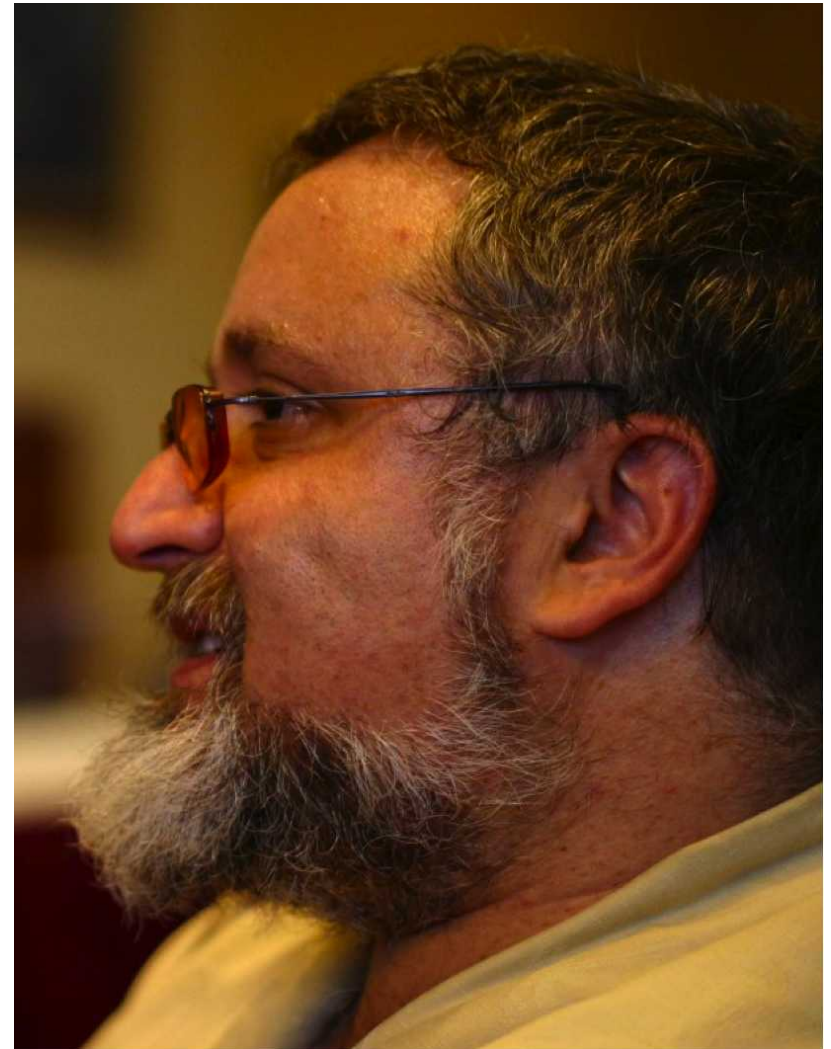
A pragmatic compromise to achieve a larger goal can be acceptable

- Contributor agreement necessary for a single Java
- Assembly exception necessary to allow mixed licensing environment



Licenses are constitutions for communities

- Pick the license to join the community you are seeking
- Use the license the way they do



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Thank-you!

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