New dynamics needed: Standardisation and Open source in a successful ecosystem of open collaboration



Overview

1 Open source challenging standardisation

2 The interplay of standardisation and open source

3 Regulating software means regulating open source

4 The urgency for a standardisation ecosystem meeting the needs of IT



Challenging

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... have increasingly been done in open source projects

Open Source has been highly disruptive to traditional standardisation

Open Source is running code – fast way from innovative development to deployment

Standards bodies are looking for ways how to include Open Source into their scope and work

A Standard ...

Al Management System ISO 42001



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- 315 perform their duties.

16 A.3.3 Reporting system

817 Control

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- 819 organization's role with respect to an AI system throughout its life cycle.

820 Implementation guidance

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- b) available and promoted to employed and contracted persons and others;
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837 A.4.1 General

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- 840 system in order to fully understand and address risks and impacts.

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This algorithm allows the user agent to accept multiple, valid strong hash functions. For example, a developer might write a script element such as:

EXAMPLE 7

which would allow the user agent to accept two different content payloads, one of which matches the first SHA384 hash value and the other matches the second SHA384 hash value.

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Subresource Integrity

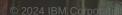
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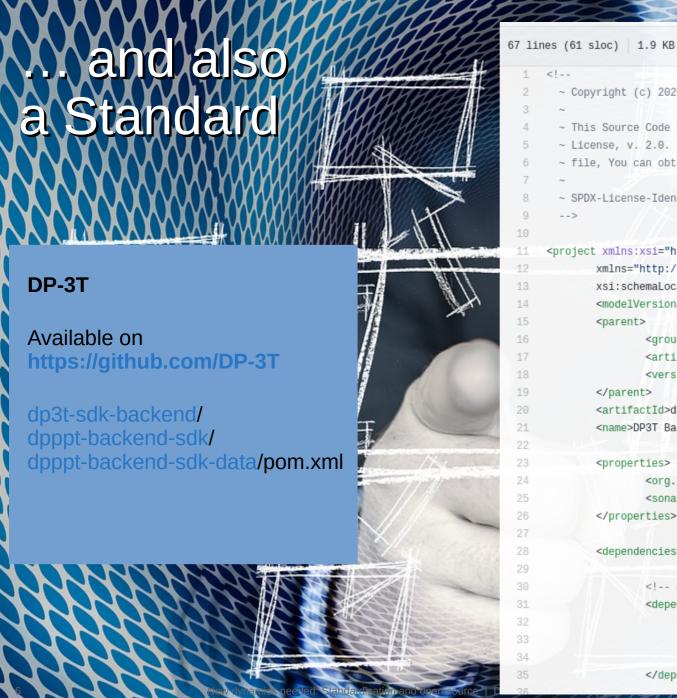
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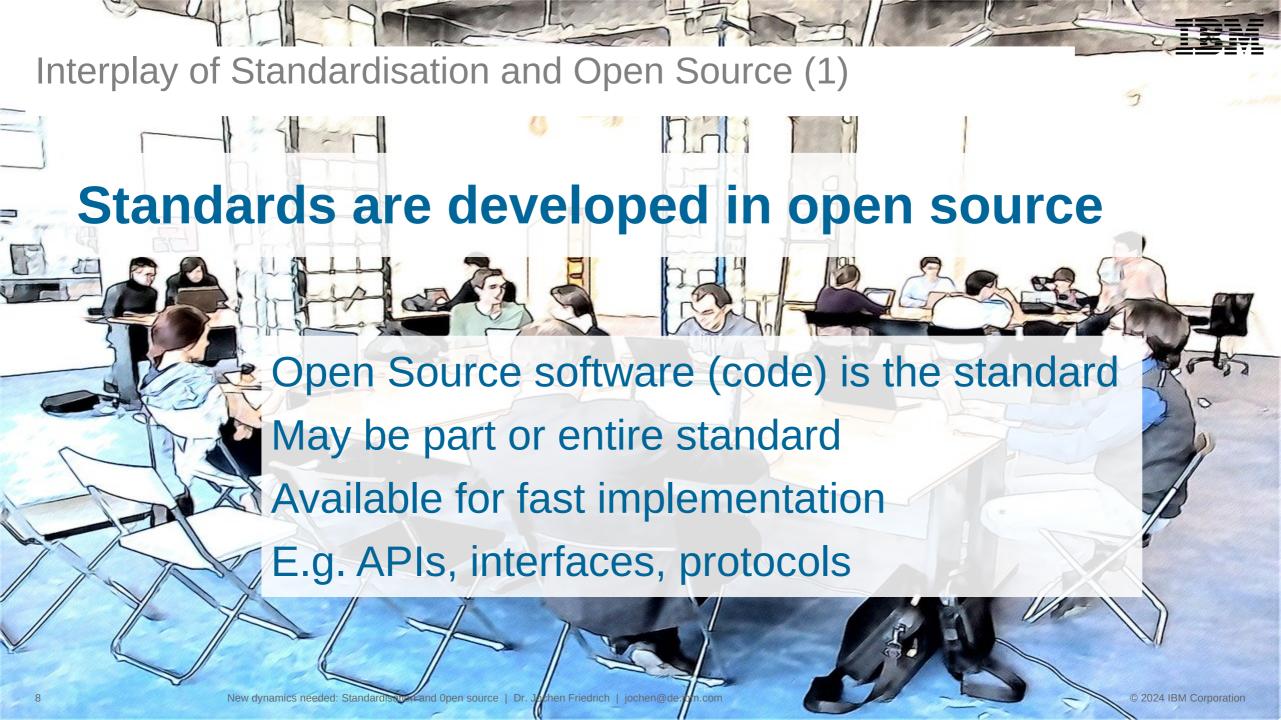
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The form(at) of a standard can be very different

Open Source Software can be a standard – often APIs, protocols, etc.

Agile standardisation taking place collaboratively, e.g. on github





Interplay of Standardisation and Open Source (2)

Standards are implemented in open source

Reference implementations, test implementations

Promulgation of standards

Standards are maintained in open source

Dynamic relation between open source implementation and standard

Release cycles, fast feedback cycles, stable code



Open Source implements standards

Like any other software open source software may implement standards

The standards need to be implementable in open source (IPRs; "restriction free")

Important in areas like software interoperability



Interplay of Standardisation and Open Source (4)

Open Source complements standards

Non-normative parts around standards

Platforms
E.g. service layer,
service delivery

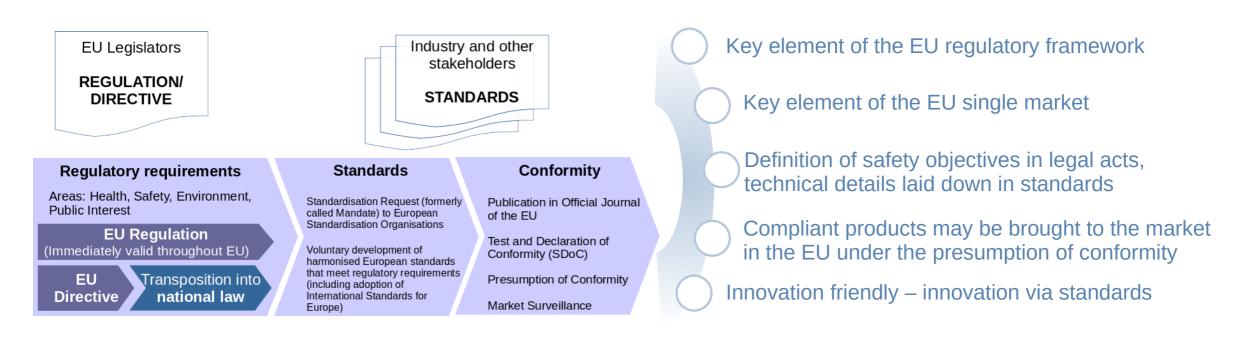
Tools

E.g. test environment, implementation environment

AI Act, Cyber Resilence Act, Data Act: Extension of EU safety objectives into the virtual world



Success Story for Europe: New Approach – New Legislative Framework (NLF)

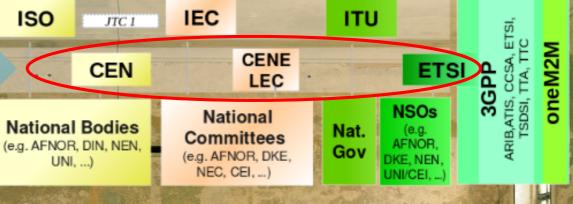


Highly successful instrument for EU technical regulation for decades.

NLF processes have now been applied for the new regulations, the Al Act, the Cyber Resilience Act, the Data Act



European Standardisation Organisations (ESO)
Development of Harmonised European Standards



Structures and processes don't meet the needs of the IT sector

Distance between the actual stakeholders and the decision makers in the organisations.

Lack of agility and direct open collaboration – in particular with open source communities.

Different structures and processes are needed for having an attractive and effective ecosystem in Europe for the development of IT standards that can be globally influential.

Do we need a fourth ESO?

European standardisation needs different and new processes for supporting a successful environment for IT standardisation.

CEN-CENELEC should play a key role in developing new structures and processes.

Europe should have the ambition of becoming the place where the IT sector innovates and standardises.

4 KEY POINTS

1 Link to international standardisation(ISO/IEC JTC 1)

IT standardisation is global – a close link to ISO/IEC JTC 1 is of key relevance.

3 Free availability of standards "by mouse-click"

Free availability is a key principle of the IT sector.

Open source communities need to implement the standards which makes free availability a must.

2 Direct participation

IT is dynamic, agile and direct – this includes SMEs and civil society

4 Implementability in Open Source

IPR Policies need respective option(s) that allow for open source to work and implement the standards, e.g. Royalty-free, non-assert clause.



Thanks very much for your attention

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