



Best Practices Standard

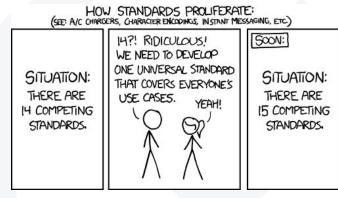
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Introduction to the idea



Open Source Good Practices - Yet Another Standard

- Standards are based on v-model
- No OSS project is strictly following v-model. Q
- ASPICE or CMMI are main argumentation for quality management in Automotive
- Safety standards require a quality baseline to support safety claims.
- No existing quality standard matches established open source development practices! (code-centric, CI driven and agile focus)



https://xkcd.com/927/





Open Source Good Practices - Goal

The goal of this project is to <u>evaluate and document</u> established <u>open source</u> development <u>best practices</u>

&

to provide an <u>assessment guide</u> for the user to <u>rate the quality</u> of open source projects.



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Open Source Good Practices - Overview

Phases

- 1. Determination of status quo
- 2. Definition of practices
- 3. Assessment of pilot projects

Contribution

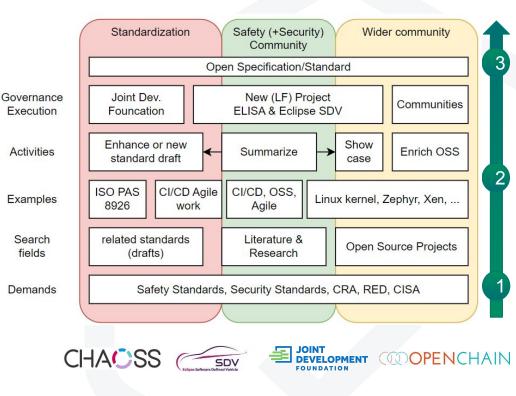
- Academia, Public sector, OSS communities
- Industries: Medical, Robotics, Avionics, Automotive, Railway, Automation, ... (SME to industry leaders)

Funding

- Funding to be clarified (PfP or by members?)

Reach out, if you are interested in this effort.

Press Release & Survey under preparation







Survey Sneak Peek



Some numbers

- ~88% responses from Industry/Company
 - Others: Academia, Pubic Sector, Open Source, Freelancer, ...
- >50% from Automotive. ~10-12% from Robotics and Aerospace

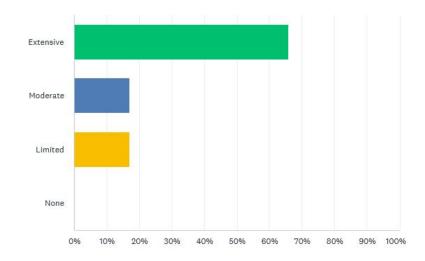




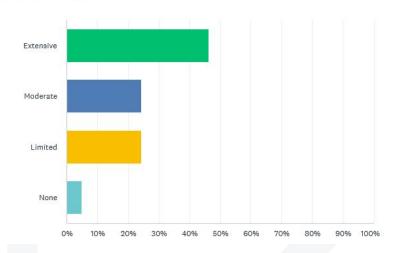
Existing experience and expertise

Your experience with Open Source Software

Answered: 41 Skipped: 0



Your experience with quality management systems (like ASPICE, CMMI) or standards (like ISO26262, ISO21434, IEC61508)



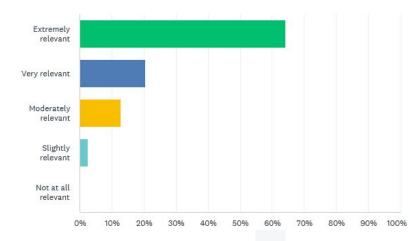
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Relevance of quality standards

How relevant is a "Quality Standards based on Open Source Best Practices" to your work or interests



Answered: 39 Skipped: 2





Areas of participation

- Most respondents prefer to review or participate in meetings/workshop
- 50% show interest in actively engaging in the working group
- 40% could imagine to pilot the standard

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Participate in meetings/workshop	84.38%
Providing feedback on the proposed standard	93.75%
Reviewing draft documents	90.63%
Working actively in the working group	50.00%
Piloting the standard within your organization/project	40.63%
Funding or raising funds for the activities	15.63%





Brainstorming and directions during ELISA workshop



The proposed phases and key challenges

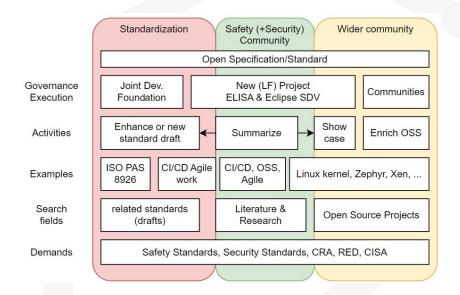
- 1) Analyzing existing OSS development practices
 - a) Which standards already exist?
 - b) Do they define KPIs that increase quality (i.e. reduce the probability of systematic bug)?
- 2) Identifying key performance indicators (KPIs), and
 - a) Can we re-use KPIs from step 1)?
 - b) Which Open Source project pilots should we consider to define KPIs?
 - c) Which additional OSS projects shall we use to validate our KPIs?
- 3) Creating a framework to evaluate how well OSS projects align in front of the objectives safety & security standards as well as regulations.
 - a) Are the defined KPIs suitable for supporting an automated framework?
 - b) Can we consider a common framework implementation across (at least some) OSS projects?





Discussion points

- What to consider?
- Are we missing something?
 - Communities?
 - Technology?
- Is it over-engineering?
- What are the biggest risks?
- Which skill sets do we need to make it a success?







Taking a poll on 3 questions!





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Which related standards do you know?

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Which related standards do you know?

Brainstorming non-checked results to be analyzed further:

- ISO 5230,18974,21434
- DO-278C
- SOTIF (ISO/PAS 21448)
- MIL-STD0882
- ED-12C/ED-109A
- lec 50716
- NASA-STD-8739.8B
- ISO 17978
- NPR 7150.2
- EN50128
- DOT/FAA/TC-15/27

- DO 178C
- Ece r137
- ISO 8926
- ISO/IEC 12207
- ISO/SAE 21434 standard: the importance of Threat Analysis and Risk Assessment (TARA)
- AS9100
- ISO9001





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Non-checked results from 3 different AI models needing further analysis.

- ISO/IEC 25010: Systems and Software Quality Models
- IEEE 12207: Standard for Software Life Cycle Processes
- ISO/IEC 90003:2014 Application of ISO 9001 to Computer Software Engineering
- IEEE 1012: Standard for Software Verification and Validation
- IEC 62304: Medical Device Software Software Life Cycle Processes
- IEEE 829: Standard for Software Test Documentation
- Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)
- ISO/IEC 9126 Software Quality Model
- SPICE (Software Process Improvement and Capability dEtermination)

- IEEE 830: Standard for Requirements Specification, focusing on defining requirements for software systems.
- BOK (Body of Knowledge) Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)
- Capability Maturity Model for Software (CMM-SW): Developed by the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute (SEI)
- ISO/IEC 12203 Software and System Development Life Cycle Processes – Supplemental
- ISO/IEC 19769 Requirements Engineering
- ISO/IEC 42001 Software Development
- IEEE 61012 Software Testing





Which OSS projects should be considered?



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Which OSS projects should be considered?

- Linux Kernel
- Most used projects
- glibc
- nixOS
- The biggest ones!
- Curl
- AutoSD
- Zenoh
- musl
- rustc
- Kuksa databroker
- Uclibc
- CIP
- Arduino IDE 🙂

- Zephyr
- Xen Project
- uProtocol





Which publications already exist?



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Which publications already exist?

- <u>https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/what-most-common-open-source-software-quality</u>
- Thesis S. Tatschner: Towards a More Sustainable and Secure Software Tooling in Free/Libre Open Source Software Environments
- Tracking software cluster bombs: <u>https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4847570</u>
- The process of quality assurance under open source software development https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/5958975
- Aspects of Software Quality Assurance in Open Source Software Projects: Two Case Studies from Apache Project https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/4301084
- Open Source software best practices and supply chain risk management on www.gov.uk
- Journals: IEEE Software admits papers from inudtry, not heavily based on research, including work in progress. There is (or at least there was) also an open source section on it.
- Perhaps RISE ?
- MSR (Mining software repositories), ICSE (Int. Conference on Software Engineering), ICSME, ASE (Automated Software Engineering), FSE (Fundaments of Software Engineering)
- Julia Lawall papers
- Draft RTCA DO-395 is an RTCA document that supplements DO-178C/ED-12C and DO-278A/ED-109A, focusing on the use of Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) and/or Open Source Software (OSS) in airborne systems. It provides guidance on integrating COTS/OSS into software development processes and ensuring their compliance with airworthiness requirements.
- Ask ChatGPT 😏 / I don't know, but Philippe Quéré may know 😊 / talk to Claire Dillon to ask if Lero has published something





Results will be incorporated into lighthouse-oss repo in ELISA



