



Ten Ideas That Are Killing Open Source

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Fedora packager and infrastructure

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I do not own the code

- Not much we can do

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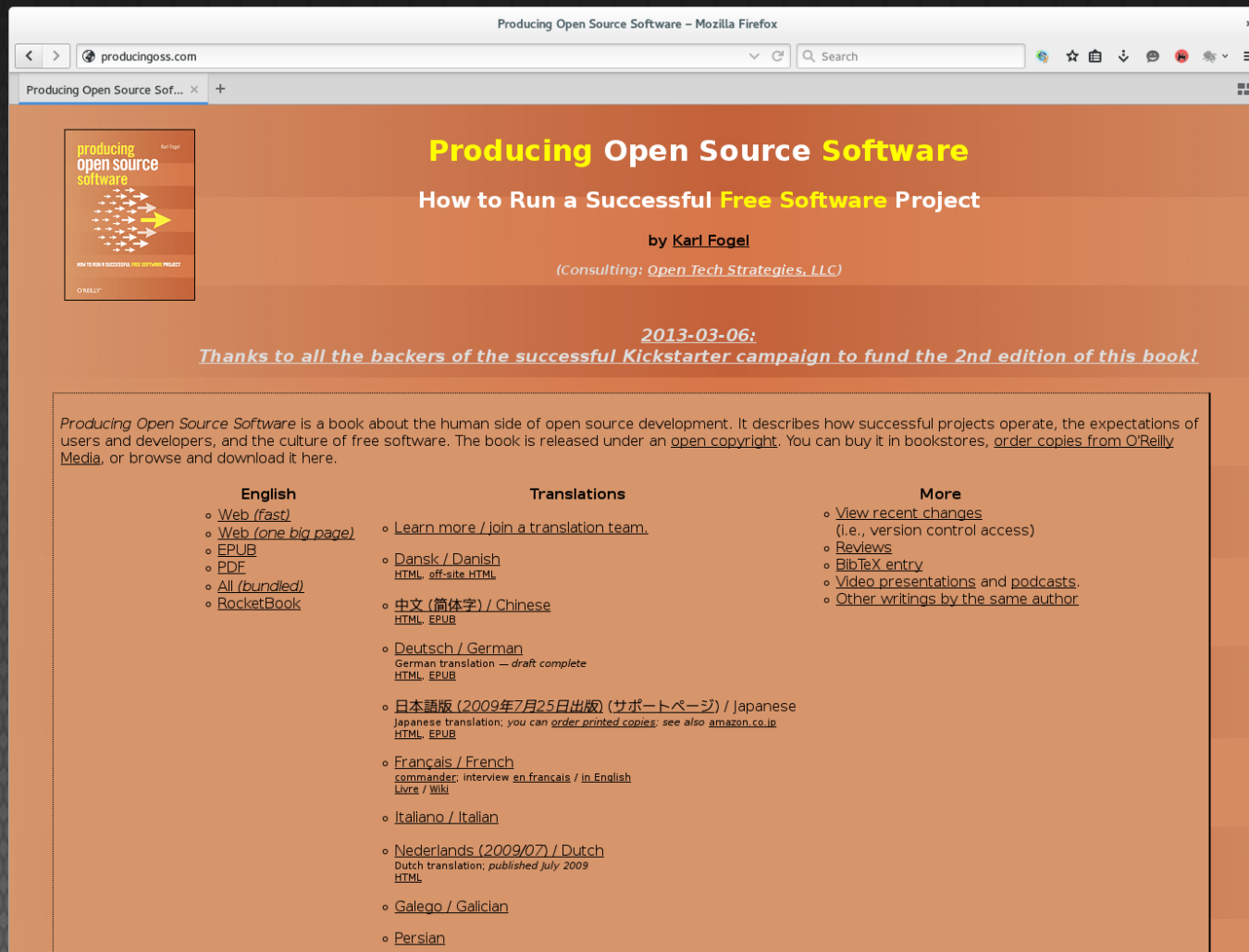
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“I do not know how”

- Resources available
 - Books
 - Websites
 - People
 - Conference
 - Community Manager
 - Teams (OSAS in RH)
- Start from the start:
 - Make the sources public

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The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the website producingoss.com. The page title is "Producing Open Source Software" and the subtitle is "How to Run a Successful Free Software Project" by Karl Fogel. The author's name is "by Karl Fogel" and his affiliation is "(Consulting: Open Tech Strategies, LLC)". The page features a book cover on the left and a main content area on the right. The main content area includes a date "2013-03-06:" and a thank-you message: "Thanks to all the backers of the successful Kickstarter campaign to fund the 2nd edition of this book!". Below this, there is a paragraph describing the book: "Producing Open Source Software is a book about the human side of open source development. It describes how successful projects operate, the expectations of users and developers, and the culture of free software. The book is released under an [open copyright](#). You can buy it in bookstores, [order copies from O'Reilly Media](#), or browse and download it here." The page is organized into three columns: "English", "Translations", and "More".

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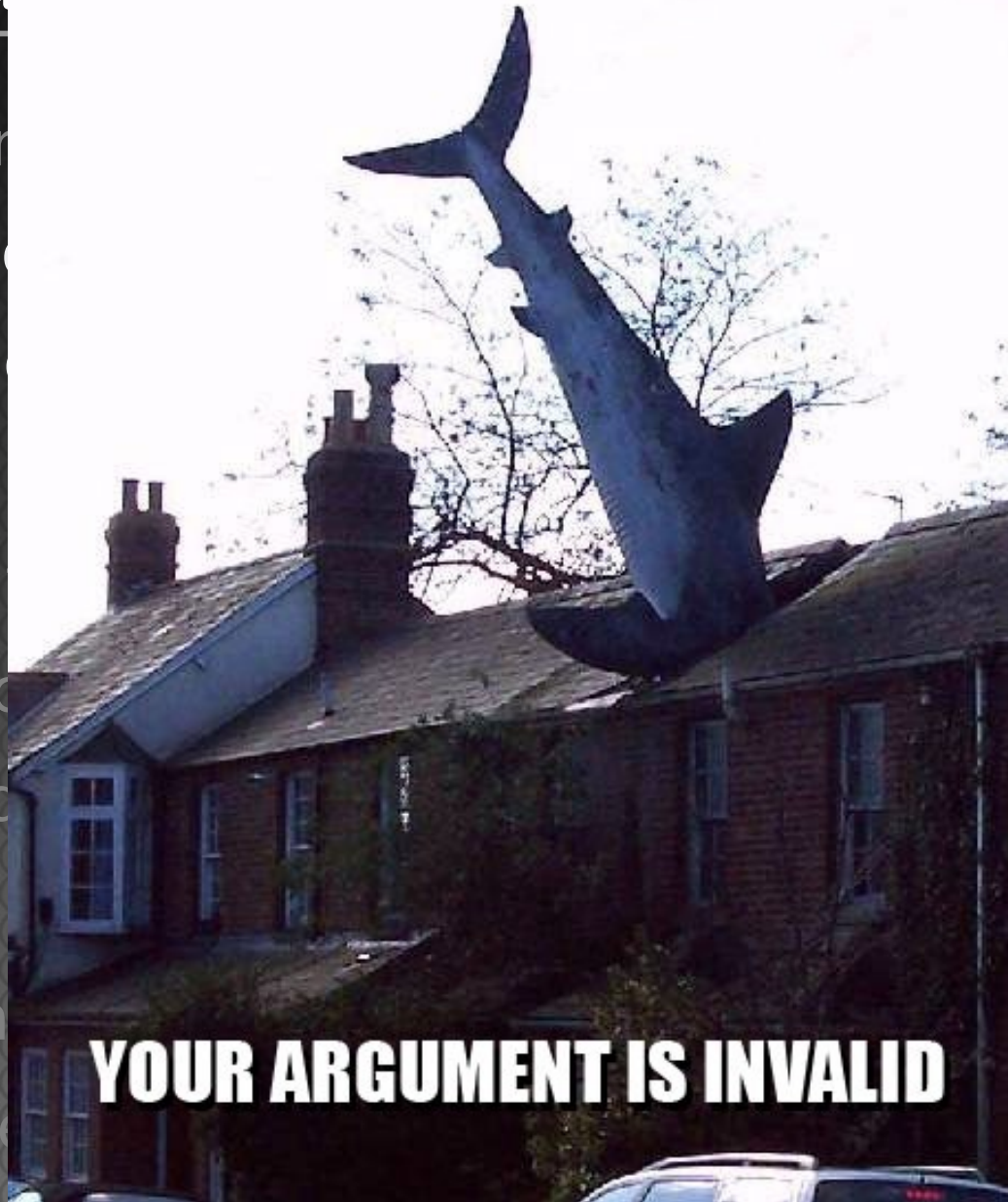


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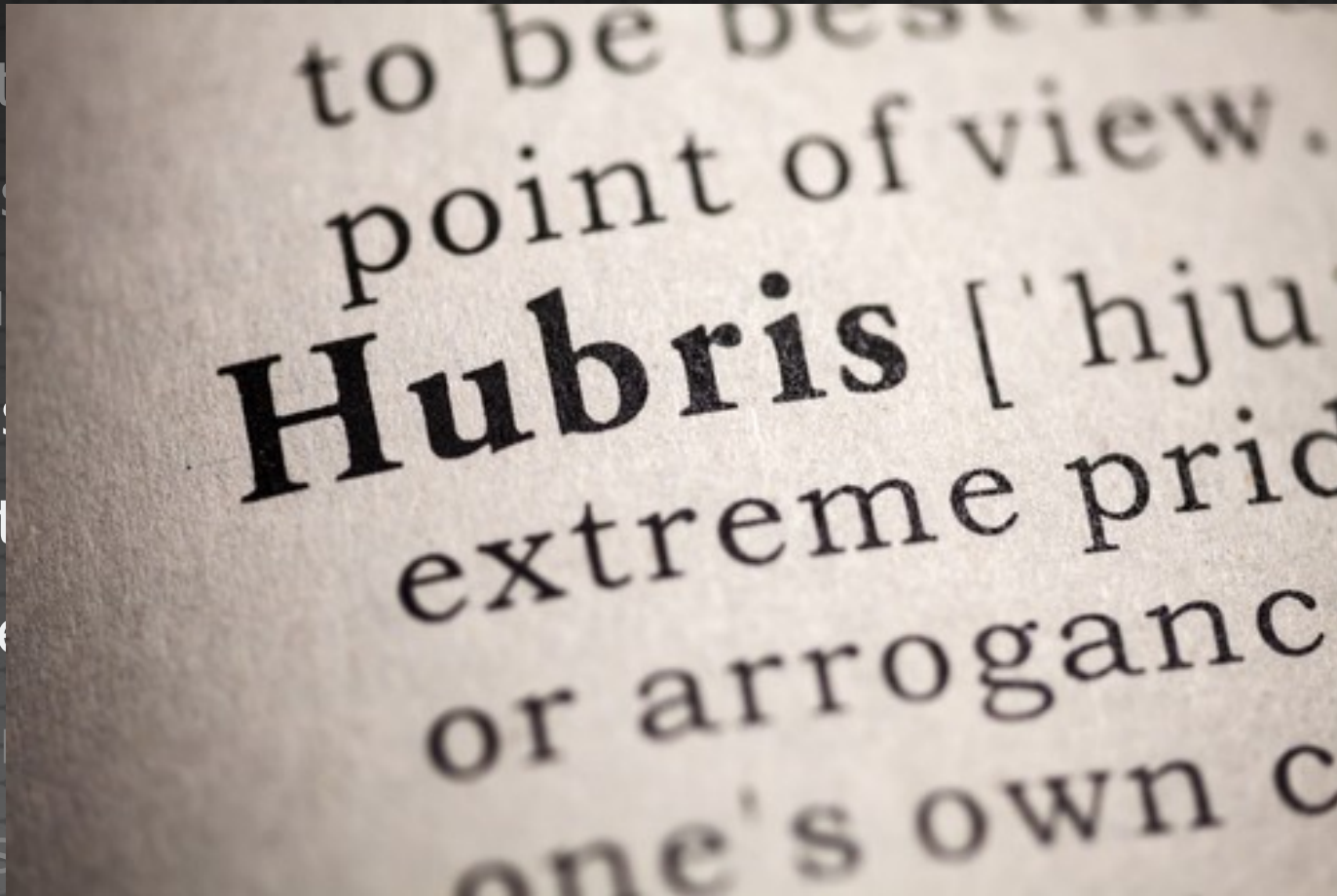
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Three Virtues

According to Larry Wall⁽¹⁾, the original author of the Perl programming language, there are **three great virtues of a programmer**; Laziness, Impatience and Hubris

1. **Laziness**: The quality that makes you go to great effort to reduce overall energy expenditure. It makes you write labor-saving programs that other people will find useful and document what you wrote so you don't have to answer so many questions about it.
 2. **Impatience**: The anger you feel when the computer is being lazy. This makes you write programs that don't just react to your needs, but actually anticipate them. Or at least pretend to.
 3. **Hubris**: The quality that makes you write (and maintain) programs that other people won't want to say bad things about.
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- Hubris: the quality that makes you write (and maintain) a welcoming community around your project

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Cogito ergo sum

René Descartes

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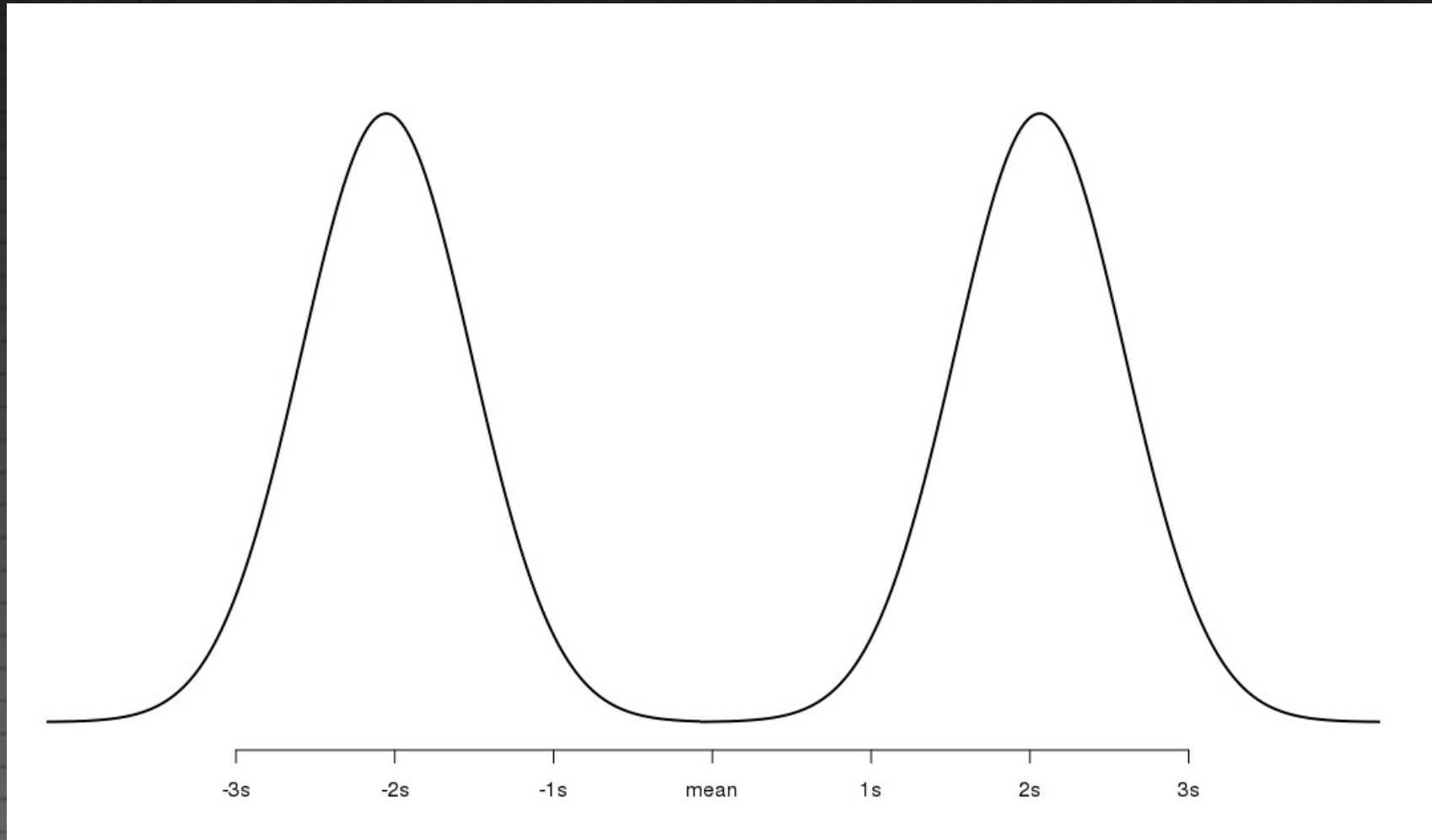
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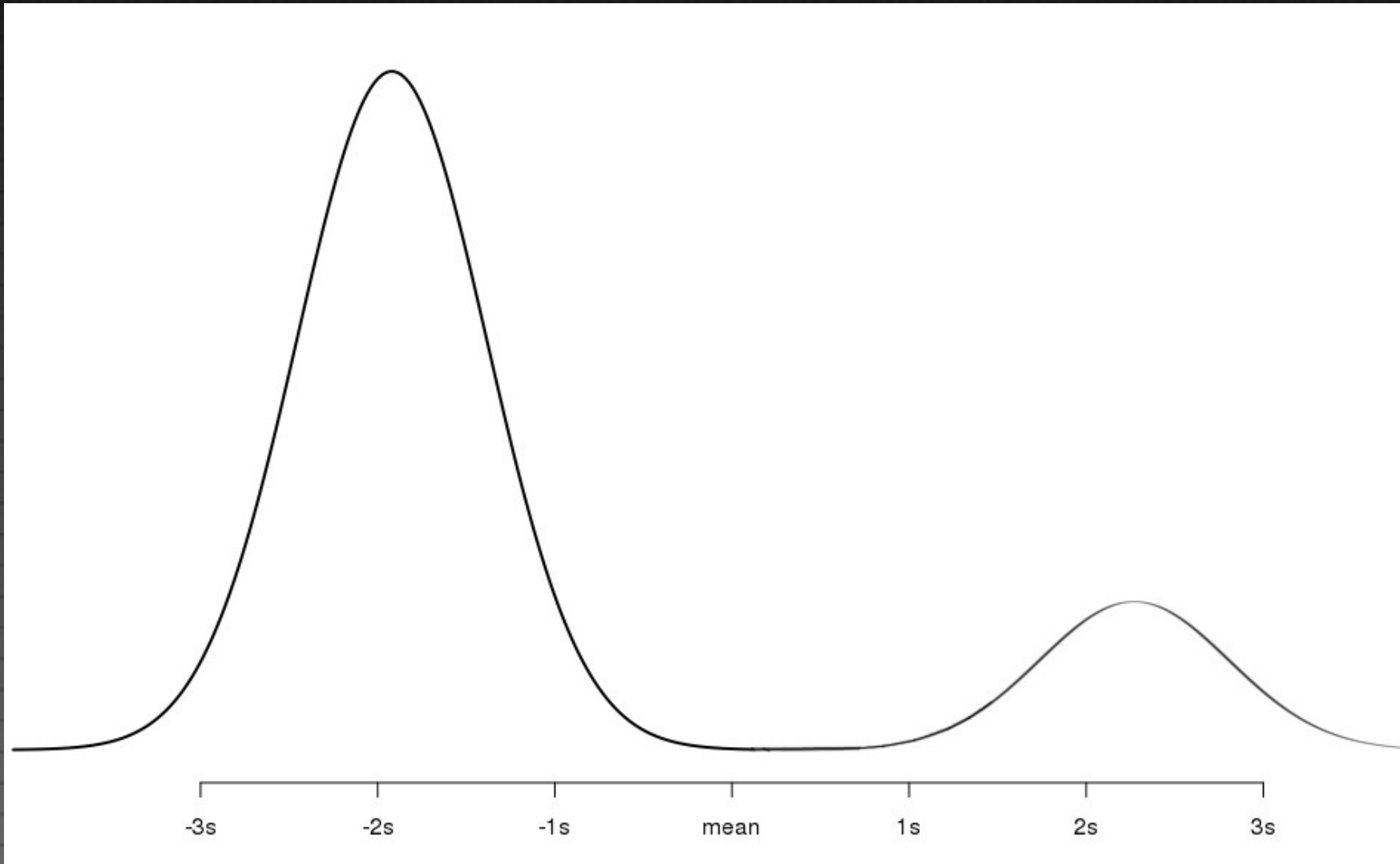
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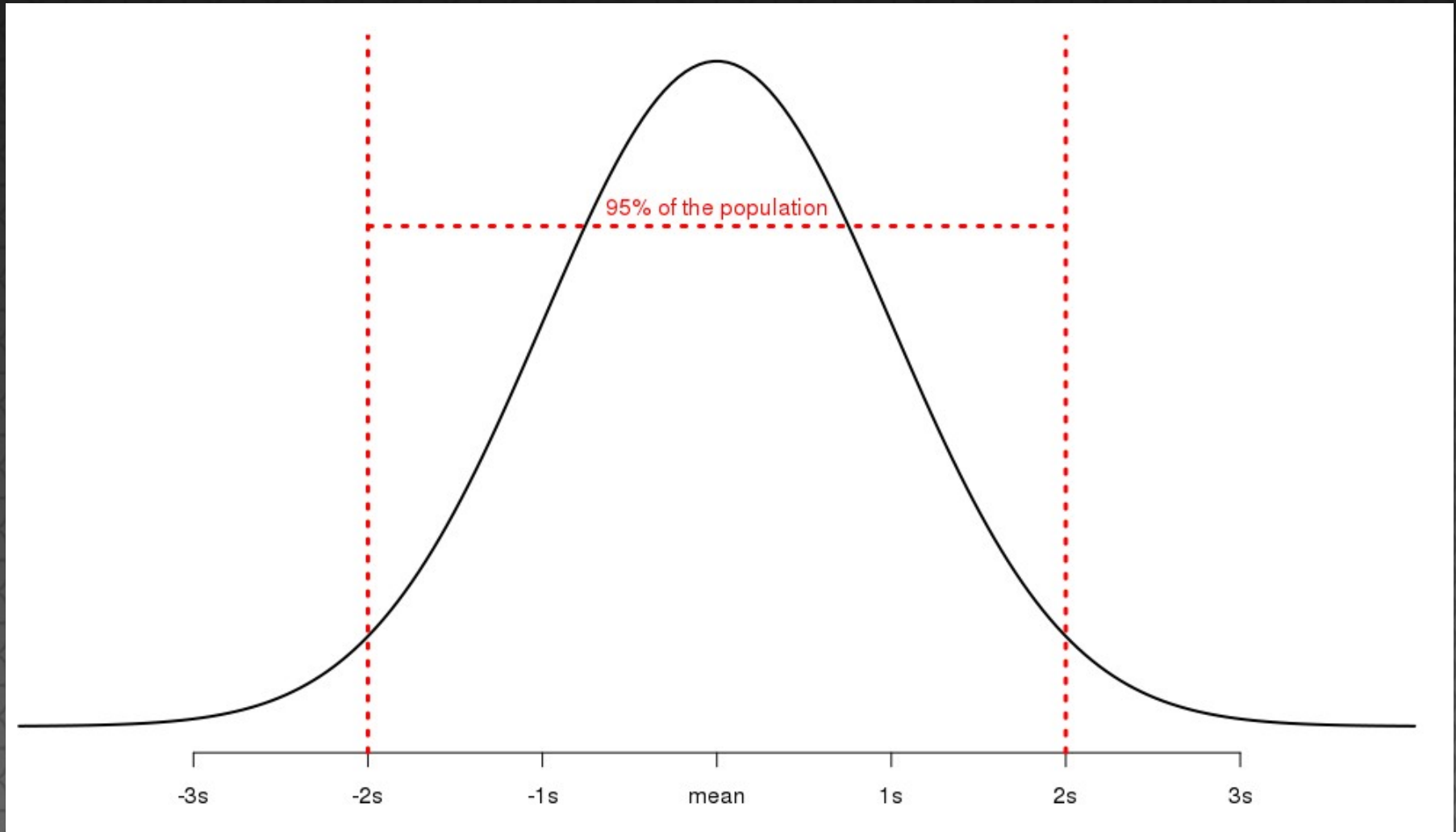
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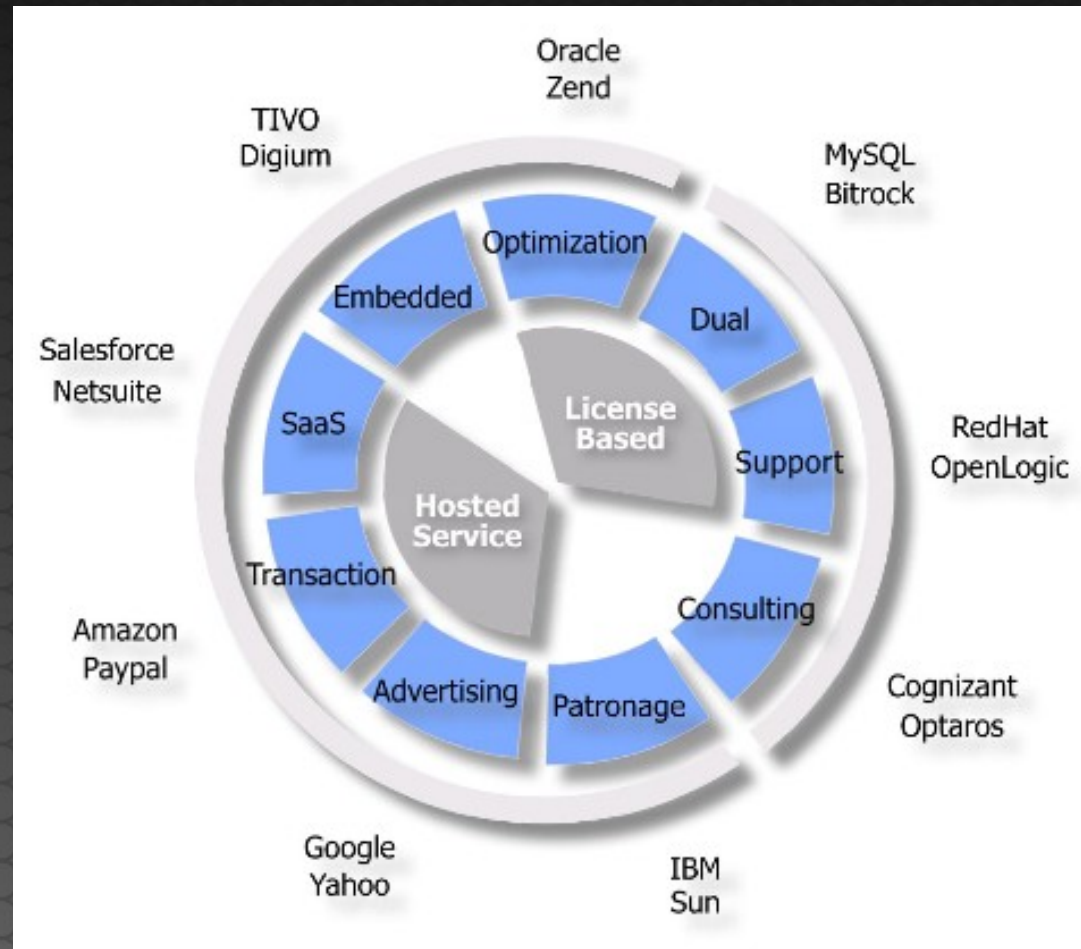
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 - License!
 - GPL, AGPL...
 - <http://tldrlegal.com>
 - Can, Cannot, Must

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- What is my business model then
 - FOSS != free beer
 - Android, RHEL, emacs, Transifex (before)
 - Experts
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Seven Open Source Business Strategies for Competitive Advantage – John Koenig

<http://bit.ly/ossbizmodels>

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 - All of it?

Questions?



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