

# Debating The Welcome Mat for Redmond

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The current debate about whether the open source community should trust Microsoft as the Redmond company continues to make friendlier overtures towards open source practices is, to me, a very interesting discussion.

This is mainly because there hasn't been a cut-and-dried way to pin down true motivations, but rather a convoluted series of events that have led all of the players involved to this point in time. One could argue that this very convolution is, in itself, just a big elaborate deception on Microsoft's part, and solid evidence they are up to no good. But, this could be a prejudicial notion on my part.

So what is it I think the Linux and open source community should do regarding Microsoft.

Before I start this little mind journey, I wanted to make my starting position clearer...

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