

EU to consider buying open-source software

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The European Commission will propose in the next few days to buy more of its computer software from open-source developers, a commission spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The move is a potential setback for Microsoft, the world's largest software maker. The company is trying to prevent an increasing number of defections by governments from its proprietary software toward software from open-source developers, who are allowed to modify the software source code, or underlying instructions.

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