

Influence of Open Source on Engineer Culture

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- The Open Source of Alibaba
- Influence of Open Source on Alibaba
- Strategy and Advices for using Open Source Software
- Challenge of Enterprise System



Self Introduction

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- Joined Taobao in 2010, served as the architect for Wangwang, Dingding and Lawing, Currently responsible for the open source business
- Member of Alibaba Open Source committee



Alibaba Open Source Practice

- In 2009, Dr. Zhang Wensong(Author of LVS) joined Taobao, then built Alibaba open source culture
- In 2010, Tair——the first Ali heavyweight open source was released (Distributed caching system)
 - » the QPS peak was more than 10 million per second
- In 2011, Open Source Committee was set up, in 2015 the Open Source Group was set up
- Covers front-ends,back-ends,database,filesystem,kernel,hardwares, etc
- 100+ Open Source Projects, 150+ active open source Contributors















Open Source projects Alibaba mainly Involved

- Linux Kernel/XEN/KVM
- Hadoop/HBase/Spark
- MySQL
- OpenJDK









Objective of Alibaba Open Source

- Giving back to communities, we use many kinds of open source softwares meanwhile we should make contribute to open source development
- Technology innovation &Improving infrastructure software with the industry
- To establish the effect of technology of Alibaba, attract more talents and to meet the greater technical challenge
- As a cloud company, Aliyun should participate in building better open source infrastructure, which could reduce the cloud cost of Enterprise





Engineer Culture — Influence of Open Source





Free Open Source Services — Influence of Open Source

- Code Hosting: http://code.taobao.org
- Mainstream Linux distributions, Apache, CPAN and other open source software mirroring service http://mirrors.aliyun.com/
- » Characteristic image warehouse
 - » RubyGems: http://ruby.taobao.org/
 - » Python: http://mirrors.aliyun.com/pypi/
 - » RaspBian: http://mirrors.aliyun.com/raspbian/
 - » MacPort: http://mirrors.aliyun.com/macports/
 - » Maven、 Android: On-line in December 2015
- » Others: ali-yum@alibaba-inc.com



R & D efficiency improvement ——Influence of Open Source

- » Using plenty of open source softwares during R&D process
 - » Migrating from Subversion to git.
 - » The fully open source solution help us support the 80000/ second trading peak
- » Reduce the cost of using commercial software.
 - Full Linux operating system on sever side, we can customized Kernel according to the growth of requirement
- » Faster to apply the new open source softwares
 - » Docker、Spark、HBase、Nodejs have already been used widely when they were beta versions



Promotion of Technical Strength — Influence of Open Source

- Optimization ability of basic service software
 - » Faced the Vulnerability of 2015-03 Xen Hypervisor XSA-123, Aliyun used HotPatch to avoid large-scale downtime repair.
 - » OpenJDK、ARM low power server、Myql.
 - » Over 1PB data on Spark
- » Ability to promote the commercial service based on the new open source technology
 - » Launched PAAS cloud service based on Docker technology
 - » RDS、Mysql、CDN ...



Open source software help reduce the cost of cloud

- Use open source software to reduce the migration cost to public cloud
 - By using mainstream open source, you can use following softwares on both public cloud and proprietary cloud:
 - Try to use the open source softwares which support the standard:
 - » SDN components Support OpenFlow
 - » deploy the Swift System support S3(©) interface



Enterprise System should adapt to open source

- Make active use of open source softwares
 - » Most of the open source software have been tested by large Internet companies.
 - » For variety of open source softwares, we should make full preparations for calling works
 - » Adopt the universal open source softwares based on standard and ensure the R&D investment ,such as HDFS
- Reduce R&D cost using open source
 - Community development is the trend especially for the basic
 softwares .Hadoop \ Spark \ Docker are all developed by Community .
 - » 80% features of open source are deckled by Community, which could reduce cost









Enterprise should have open source strategy

- Learning and improving
 - The open source software development route should match the rhythm of its own software development
 - Using and contributing open source software can enhance the enterprise's standardization, scalability, and reduce costs
 - » Understand the open source licensing agreement
- » Contribution
 - Encourage engineers to contribution open source and then form the engineer culture
 - Interact with the community, to help each other is the required course for each company
 - Engineers could get a sense of achievement, at the same time ,enterprise' could enhance the ability of the R & D delivery

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Cases of using Open Source Softwares in Alibaba

- » Database: Mysql、PostgreSQL、Sqlite
- » Application Server: Tomcat、NodeJS
- » Web Server: Tengine Apache
- » Code Management Tools: Git、GitLab、Subversion
- » Code CI: Jenkins
- » OS: Linux、XEN/KVM
- » Big Data Platform: Hadoop、Spark、jStorm、R、Hive、Mahout、HBase
- » Development Tools: Spring、OpenJDK、Python、Ruby、ReactNative、 Docker





- Aliyun: http://www.aliyun.com
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- Email: opensource@alibaba-inc.com
- Official Website: http://opensource.alibaba.com
- Code hosting: http://code.taobao.org



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