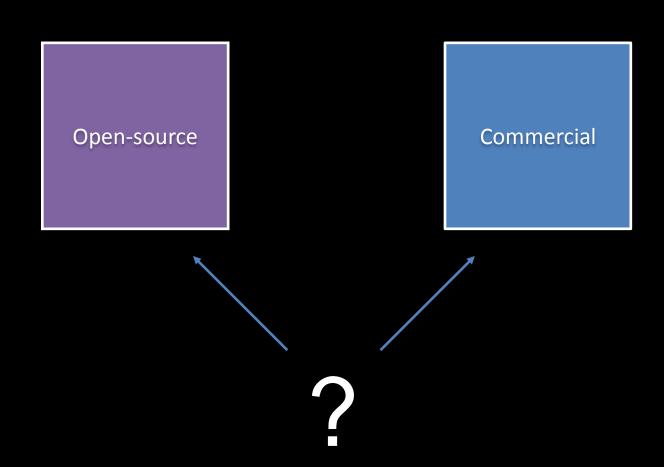
Open Community

(Or, why you can't just buy a digital preservation solution)



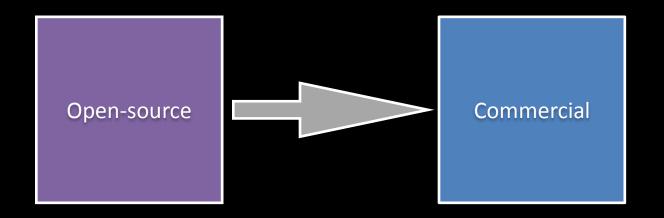




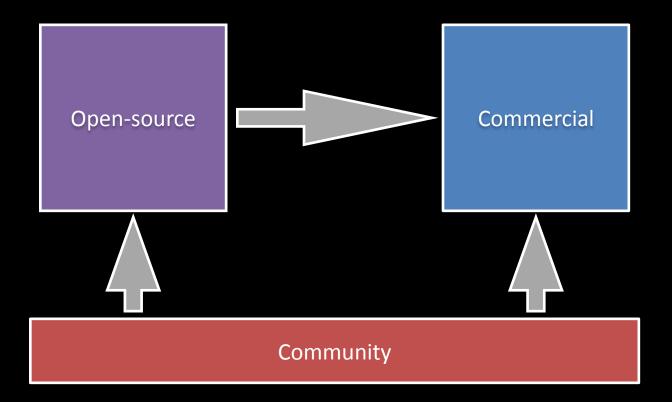
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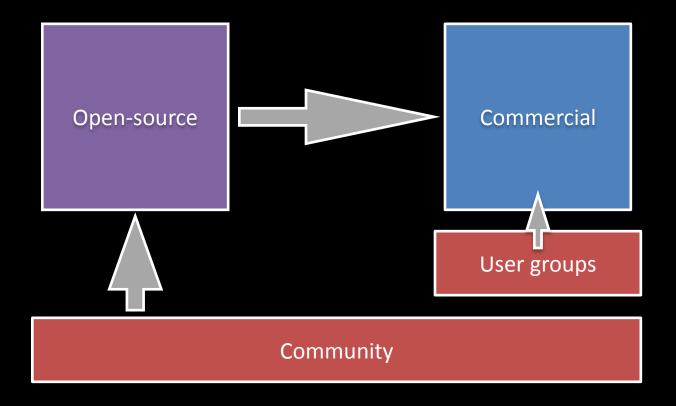














Digital preservation

- The system implementation is only one part
- Ultimately, digital preservation is about repositioning the organisation for the 21stC
- This requires investment in skills...



Digital preservation

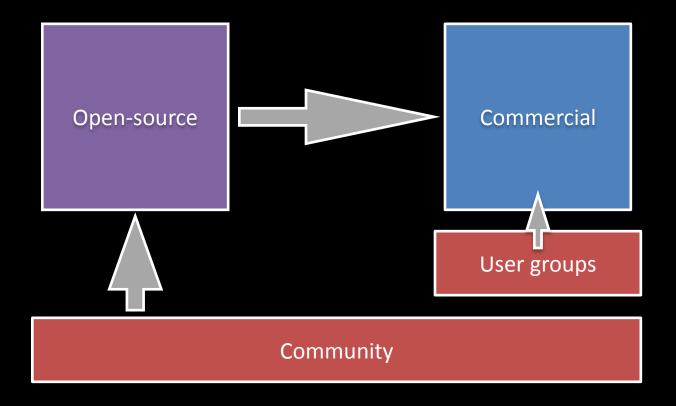
- Even if you plan to buy a system, you'll need to think about: policy, procurement, implementation, configuration—what do you want to do and how will you know if you've succeeded?
- Any system (commercial or open-source) can't tell you this!
 - ...(this is where community comes in...)



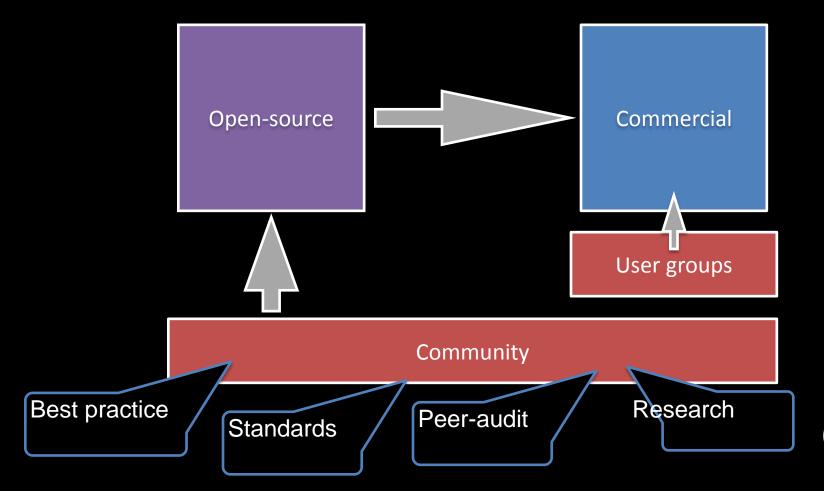
Open-community

- Sharing understanding, case studies, requirements, and policies
- Communicating about skills development and organisational positioning
- Connecting with research and development (best practice)

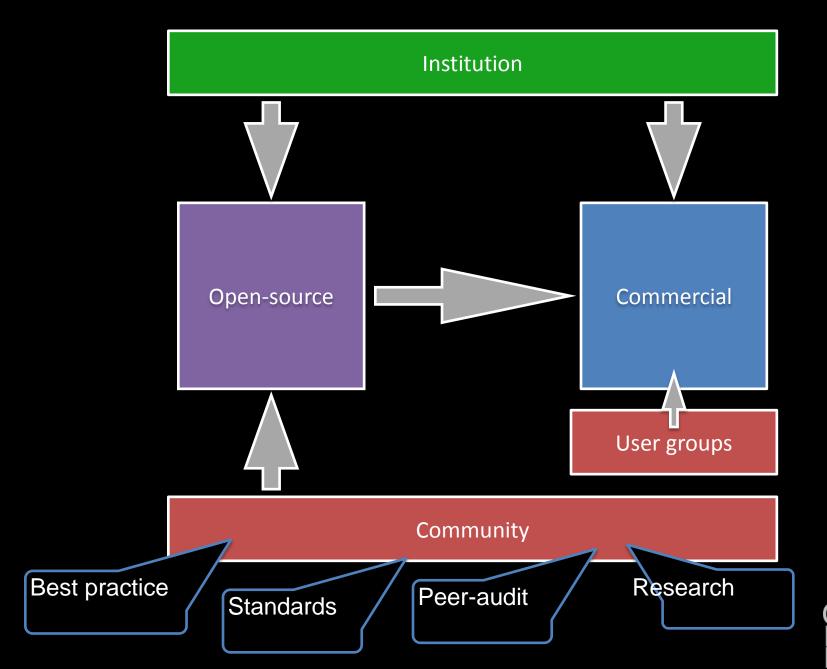




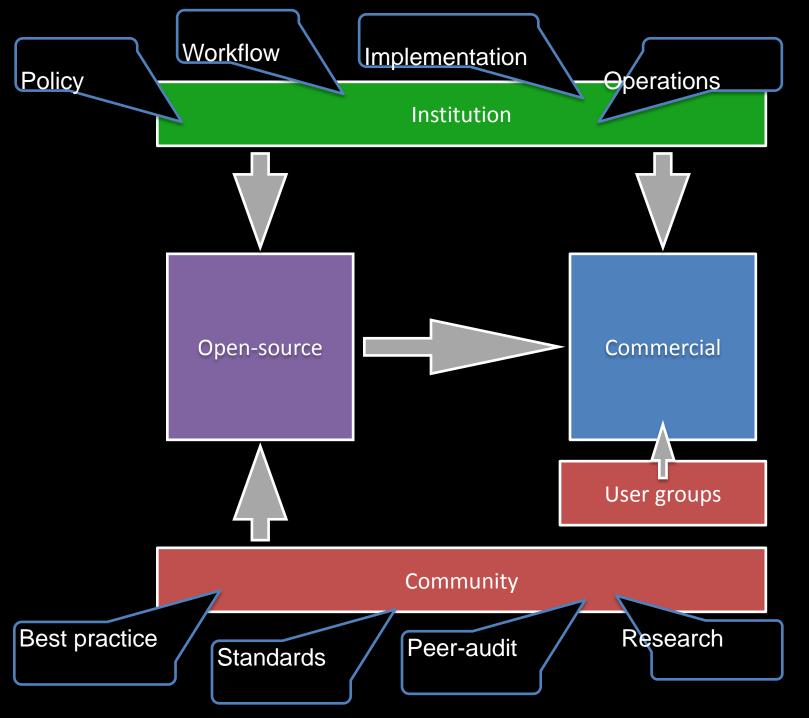














Open-source

- Is a viable approach
 - Tools and solutions do exist, you can test them now
 - There are strong communities (OPF is one)
- Requires a certain organisational attitude
 - Willingness to work collaboratively
 - Investment in technical skills rather than contracts
 (but don't imagine that commercial solutions mean you don't have to invest in skills...)



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Community

- currently national/large institutions (but not all...)
- strong technical community (practitioners becoming more involved, e.g. through SPRUCE)

Sustainable tools

PLANETS / SCAPE outputs

Future

- Move from technology to deployable solutions
- Re-articulate the value proposition, esp. for smaller members
- Position the organisation in context of the emerging market



Final thoughts

(you'll be glad to hear, lunch is next...)

- Open-source and commercial solutions aren't necessarily in conflict
- Community engagement is unavoidable, regardless of system implementation
- Digital preservation is still not a solved problem—collaboration (including public/private partnership) remains paramount

