Experiences From a National

Open Source Center

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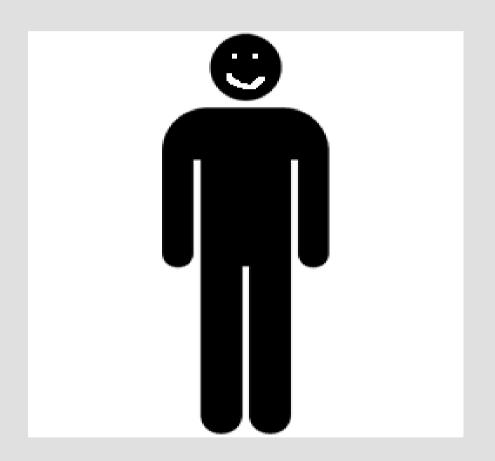Teknologi og Udvikling

A public sector has wishes

λVendor independence and competition

λCost reduction

λControl over used software

λSharing and reuse of software

Hi! I'm open source software

Open source fulfills wishes

λSource code available to all vendors

λFree of charge

λYou can have it your own way

λEverybody can reuse components

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National Open Source Centre

λEstablished in 2006

λFocus on competition

λFacilitate reuse of components

λRemove barriers

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Barriers

λ Legal aspects

λ Not familiar with the concept

λ Nobody is using it

λ You need to have inhouse competencies

Information on our site

- Legal issues

- Procurement guide

- Case studies

- Open source "strategy"

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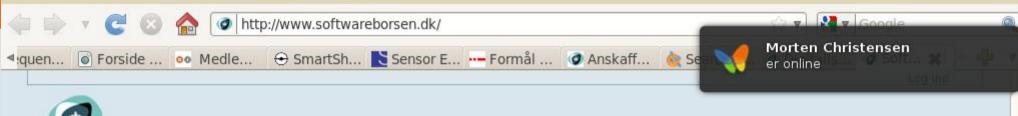Teknologi og Udvikling

Open Source Software in the public sector

λBacked by the minister of science

λOSS is a tool that can create value

λOSS should be used, where it creates value

λObama listens

Open source-software i det offentlige

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The Software Exchange

Why a dedicated public sector forge?

λTraditional forges are too nerdy

λPublic sector institutions need familiarity

λNeed to address nontechnical people

The Software Exchange

λ Only software <u>from</u> public sector

λ Suppliers can offer services

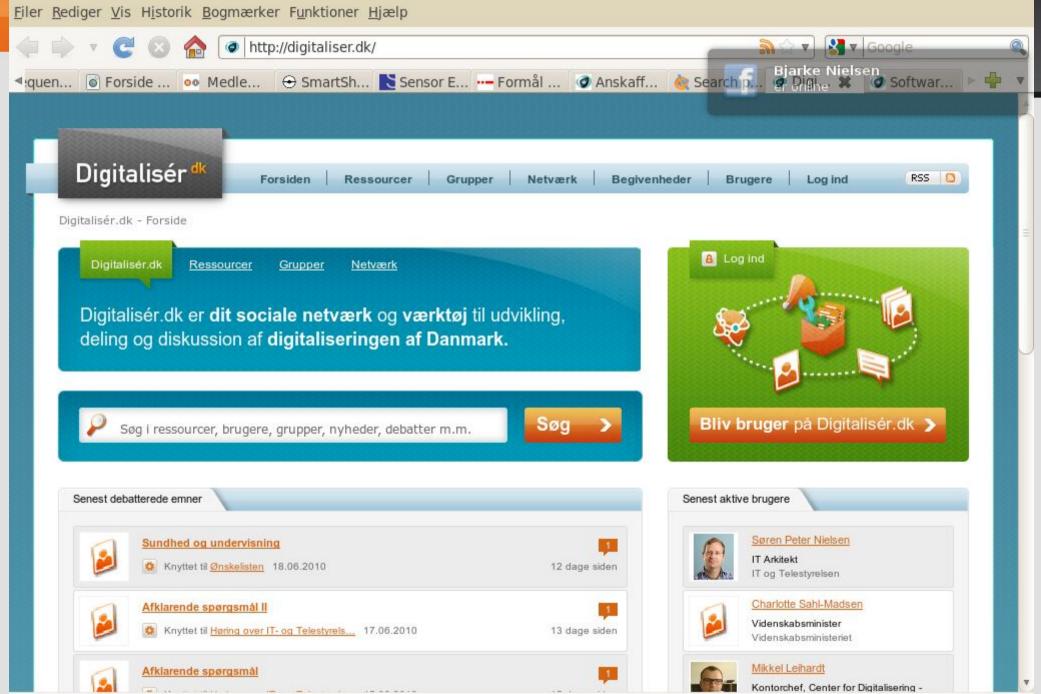λ Reusers can share their stories

λ General information about OSS

Challenges

λFeatures aren't being used

–Very few reusers share their stories

–Not enough serious suppliers

–Not enough software

To be: Digitalize Denmark
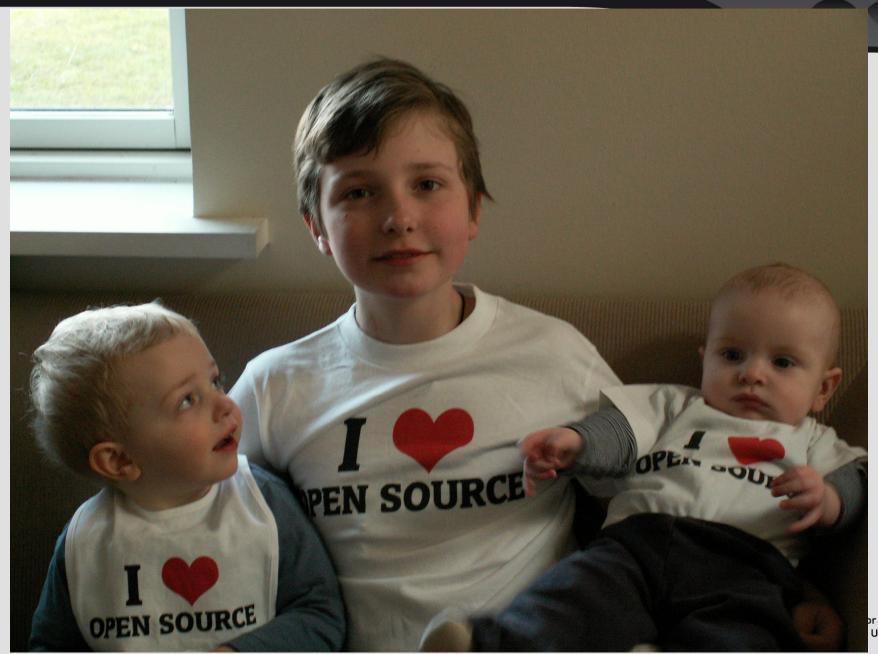
Focus right now

λ Community building

λ Increase quality in shared software

λ Emphasize the value

λ More focus on standard open source

But remember, it's all about choice

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