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Software Patents and FOSS


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Software patents

- A difficult (impossible !!!) debate
 - Difficult dialog between various industries
 - Difficult progress about patent in general because of the linguistic question
- A collision between
 - Evolution of technologies
 - Evolution of IPR/licensing practices
- A 100M Eur question: what is a software patent?

How to survive in a patent world?

- Companies develop defensive use of the patent system : “patent left”
- With the objective to secure the accessibility of certain patents
- And using the patent system to minimize patent risks



How to secure access to certain patents

- Strategic standardization
- Collaboration
- Defensive patent aggregation
 - e.g. OIN



How to clear certain landscape

- Defensive patenting
 - Peer to patent project
 - Defensive publication
- Patent re-examination / opposition



Thanks

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