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Research Topic Proposal

Open Source Ethics

Given the all the publicity that has been given to the recent attempts to censor the Internet, more and more people seem to be taking sides on the idea. This got me thinking that maybe my positions on certain topics were not as black and white as I thought. For example Open Source being one of these topics. Open Source is defined as “a philosophy or pragmatic methodology that promotes free redistribution and access to an end product's design and implementation details”. Ethics is a branch of philosophy that seeks to address the concepts of right and wrong. I will be addressing the ethics of Open Source from different standpoints and present all information used by these differing sides to allow myself and others an opportunity to make an educated choice as to which side is right or wrong.