

Digital rights fuel open-source debate

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A weeklong conference of open source developers ended Friday in Portland with a battle cry.

Eben Moglen, legal counsel to Free Software Foundation, declared that the war against closed, proprietary software controlled by Microsoft and others is far from won.

"Do not think for an instant that the powers of the 20th century have faded away," the Columbia University law professor warned hundreds of software developers at the closing address of the O'Reilly Open Source Convention at the Oregon Convention Center.

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