Open Source Innovation as a Potential Lever for Economic Recovery

Open source software is a low-cost, high-quality alternative to closed source software for digital innovation, especially during an economic downturn.

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Open source innovation may have the greatest impact in developing economies by enabling new modes of economic participation.

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Open Source Program Offices help to encourage an "open source mindset" within organizations.

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