



# The Cathedral, the Bazaar, and the Coffeehouse

<https://github.com/Claudenw/Cathedral-Bazaar-Coffeehouse>

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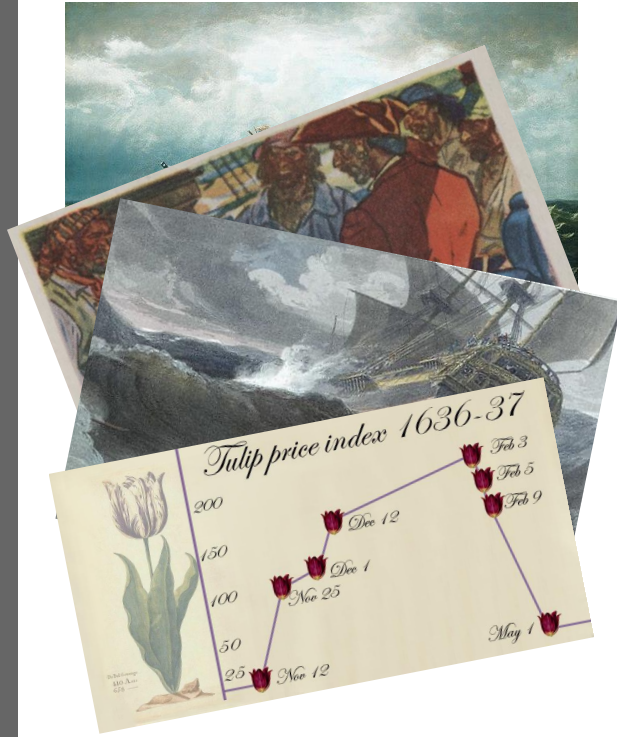
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- Prices crash before shipments arrive.

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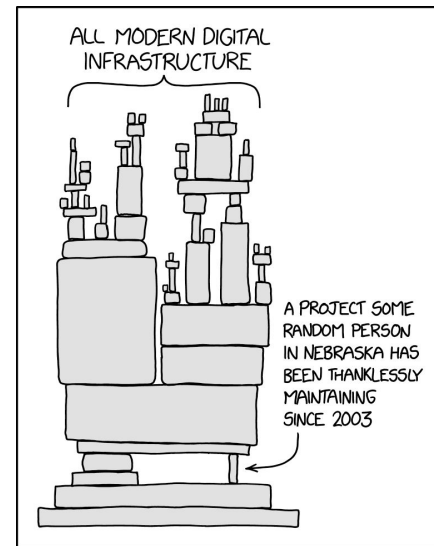
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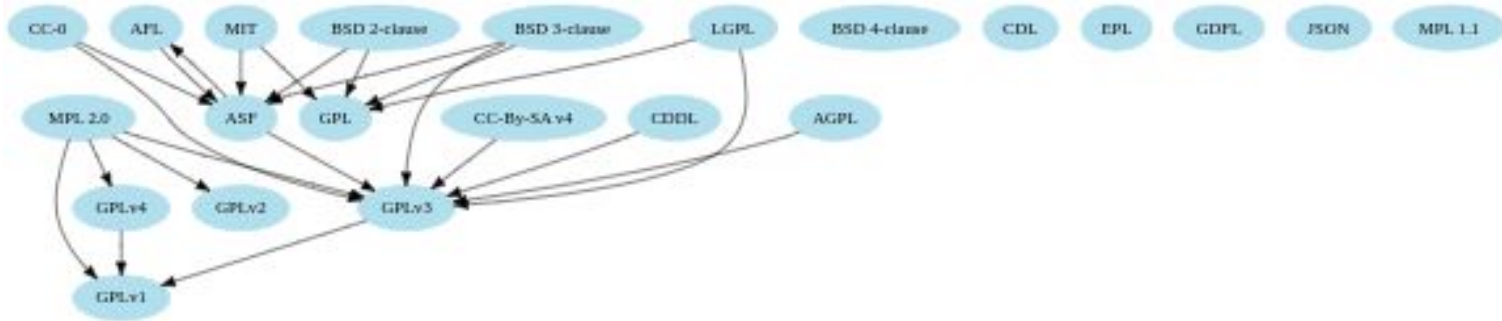
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# License Mess



This graph does not show

- Debian FSG compatibility
- FSF approval
- OSI approval
- Copyleft acceptance
- Allows linking from code with different license.

**I am not a lawyer.**

**Seek proper legal  
guidance before using.**



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Approx 54 million active projects

Approx 14 million active developer accounts

Almost 4 active project per developer

*X-Lab, Github 2020 Insight Report*

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Almost half of respondents listed lack of financial compensation as their top reason for disliking being a maintainer.

*Tidelift, 2021 Open Source Maintainers Survey*

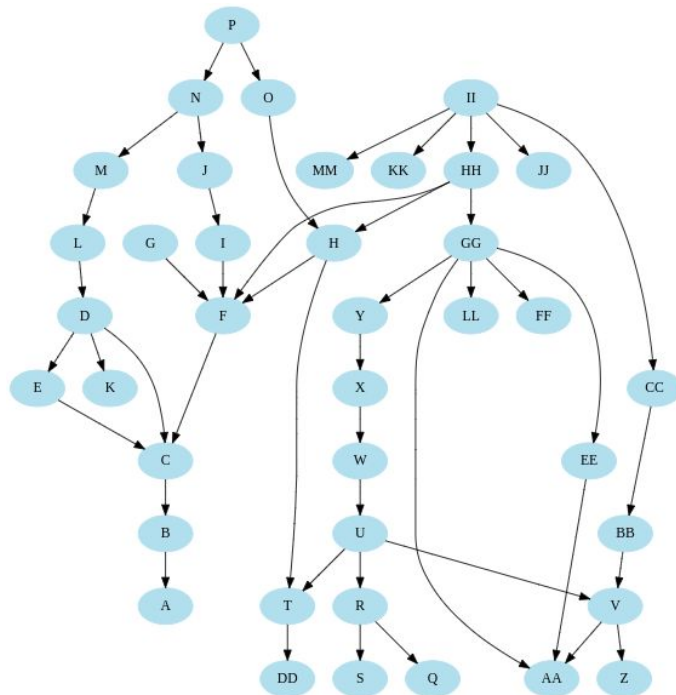
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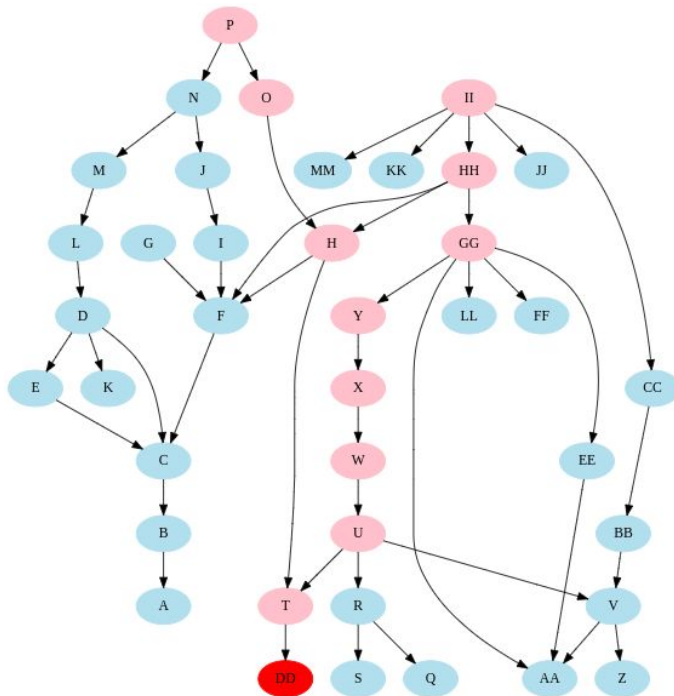
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- Transitive dependencies make any upstream issue your issue.

# A Nice Dependency Graph



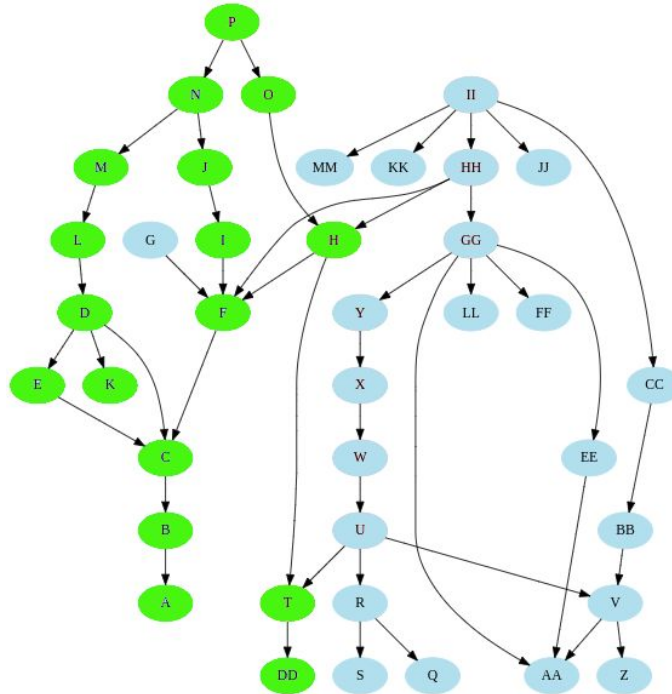
# A Hostile Dependency Graph

95% of vulnerable dependencies are transitive  
– Endor Labs, The State of Dependency Management, 2022





# A Worrisome Dependency Graph



# So What is This Cathedral vs Bazaar Thing?



1997 Erick S. Raymond speaking at LinuxKongress introduced the concept of the Cathedral and the Bazaar.

Cathedral, top down, a few developers have control over the project. Tight control can make contributing difficult



Bazaar, bottom up, more developers, distributed knowledge. Lack of tight control can lead to difficult to detect errors.

# Are you overwhelmed yet?

- Find all the upstream dependencies
- Analyze the issues
  - License conflict
  - Wrong development strategy for module
- Analyzing the risks
  - Developer community crash
  - License change
- Analyze the mitigation
  - Ability to contribute to upstream project
  - Ability to fork project if necessary
- The unknown unknowns
- The things you know that ain't so



# Have a Cup of Coffee

- Enhanced energy levels
- Less likely to suffer heart failure
- Not as likely to suffer a stroke



# Open a Coffeehouse

- Meet like minded people
- Meet people with different opinions
- Have open discussion on high tech topics



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# The Organizational Solution - Perception

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- Stop thinking of open source as a cost avoidance strategy.
- Start supporting open source development as an insurance policy.



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Create an OSPO

(Open Source Program Office)



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- Provide technical support to internal developers



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- Publish reports on common projects

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SECURING THE WAR IN A PARIS CAFE.  
MR. PAUL DE.

# Thank You

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