L10 Open Standards

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Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of L10 Open Standards students will be able to

• facilitate open standards.

Standard First

- start with user or dev-facing docu (man pages, ...)
- think of alternative implementations from the beginning
- don't be afraid to also decide (sizes, data structure)
 e.g. for portability and performance

Levels of Standardisation

- Filesystem or file content
- Network protocol
- APIs and ABIs
- screen content

 ${\sf KISS}, \ {\sf several} \ {\sf reference} \ {\sf implementations}$

Compatibility

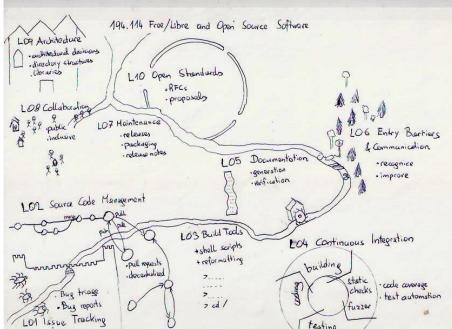
- semantics shouldn't change for the life-time of the standard
- users want to rely on standards

Testing

- does an implementation comply to an standard?
- e.g. HTML, documents: is the rendering result the same

Examples

- POSIX
- SANE
- gstreamer
- Elektra
- D-Bus
- Freedesktop.org



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