

Case Study: inBloom

- Your assignment is to provide a “post mortem” assessment of the inBloom open source project: why it failed and how it's failure can inform future projects.
- Using what you've learned so far in this class—the attributes of an open source project (as described in the Open Source Definition); best practices in open source communities as described by Raymond, the benefits of open source handout distributed in class, and various readings—review the inBloom project and evaluate why it failed as an open source project. Point to specific characteristics and behavior within the inBloom project, how those departed from best practice, and their impact on the project's success. Finally, provide recommendations for how the authentic use of open source best practices would have benefited the project.
- You should think of this as if you are a consultant providing a review and recommendations to a client.

Assessment Rubric

Evaluation Criteria	Characteristic / behavior	Departure from best practice	Impact on the project's success	Recommended approach
Meets expectations	At least 3	At least 2	At least 2	At least 2
Exceeds expectations	More than 3	More than 2	More than 2	More than 2
Below expectations	Less than 3	Less than 2	Less than 2	Less than 2
	This should be a well written, detailed description of a practice, policy or principle undertaken by inBloom, and should clearly state its desired role within the project, the rationale for including it, and its impact on the project.	This should describe a specific lesson from Raymond, a quality of the Open Source Definition, and/or a benefit not seen because of the characteristic/behavior	This should include how the project was negatively affected by the lack of expression or inauthenticity in a best practice.	You should include a recommendation, based on best practices, that would address the failing and how that adjustment will benefit the project.