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INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF OPEN SOURCE TOOLING

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Do we need to gather a set of success stories?

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