

OPEN SOURCE DIGITAL LIBRARY SOFTWARE (OSS-DL): ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

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ABSTRACT

Open source software (OSS) have gained lot of acceptance in libraries all over the world to save exorbitant costs incurred in procuring commercial software as well as paying annual maintenance costs and upgrading costs incurred by commercial suppliers.

A range of open source software are available today for use in libraries for various applications. Use of open source software in libraries has made a good impact in libraries because library profession is highly collaborative and has a history of sharing successful approaches.

The objective of the present work is to evaluate major Open Source Digital Library Software (OSS-DL) available free and preferably under Open Source License terms and conditions.

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