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# Collaborative Competition: the Open Source Solution

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Even though the conventional wisdom is to increase the breadth of intellectual property laws in order to make the country more competitive, software patents and copyrights overly protect and lead to many unintended consequences. We find that much greater availability of open source software will enhance the competitiveness of software development and of the national economy.*

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