Openness and the Information Age

Rufus Pollock @rufuspollock[.org] Founder, Open Knowledge



About Me



Summary

1. Entering an information age

2. This age **can** and **should** be open *Open = all non-private information is free and open to everyone. All research, all music, all software, all drug formulae* ...

This Information Age

Information is Different (Non-rival)

Have a Choice Apply the old rules or invent new ones

Dystopia is the Default A closed world - the gravity of power

Open World is Possible and Desirable

Music \$1 a month

Pharmaceuticals

\$210bn with \$25bn private + \$30bn public =>
\$160bn from openness
\$374 bn in 2014 => \$250bn from openness

Essential To realise the true possibilities of this information age

Summary

- 1. Entering an information age
- 2. This information age is different
- 3. There is a choice: open vs closed
- 4. Closed dystopia is the default
- 5. Open world is possible & necessary
- 6. We must fight for an open world