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Microsoft CEO and incontinent over-stater of facts Steve Ballmer said that "Linux is a cancer that attaches itself in an intellectual property sense to everything it touches," during a commercial spot masquerading as an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times on June 1, 2001.

Ballmer was trying to articulate his concern, whether real or imagined, that limited recourse to the GNU GPL requires that all software be made open source.
mapgears/mitab

MITAB is an Open Source C++ library to read and write MapInfo .TAB (binary) and .MIF/MID files.
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- RDBMS
- Geometry, indexes, and attributes stored in file system (may also be stored in BLOBs in RDBMS)
- Attributes stored in RDBMS tables

Third-Generation GIS:
- GIS Tools
- SQL
- Spatial RDBMS
- Geometry stored in ADTs in RDBMS tables with related business data
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NOUN

1. A loud and impassioned noise or disturbance.
   ‘the room was in an uproar’
2. A public expression of protest or outrage.
   ‘it caused an uproar in the press’

(Lexico Dictionary)
Has OGC Lost its Way?

By Arup Dasgupta - 06/25/2013  8 Minutes Read

Geoservices REST API, an implementation specification by Esri which was to come up for voting for adoption at OGC, has created uproar in the geospatial community. Even though Esri has now withdrawn the specification from voting, questions remain over OGC’s role and vision
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