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This is still the dark ages of software development. I don't mean that in the common nonsense sense of "methods," but of perception and of goals.

As a whole, this behaves exactly like a primitive age does: all effort spent solving the same problems over and over again.

A "technology," if it means anything, is something you do that stops you from solving the same problem over and over again. You can spend J energy solving every instance of problem X as it manifests into infinity, or you can spend J energy abolishing X through a "technology."

Capitalism rewards every industry, not only "tech," to never abolish a good X. Instead, it encourages us to create some machinery to sell temporary remedies for getting rid of every instance of X as it crops up everywhere.

If "technology is what matters," then we must change the social system and culture we live in, because that culture is the greatest meta-machine for mass suppression of technology that has ever been invented.

People's instincts, individually and collectively, are always to correctly decide when to erase instances of problem generators, and when to attack the problem generators themselves. The current system and culture eliminate 99%+ of that wisdom. It's massively stupid.

We are operating at <1% capacity and we're telling ourselves stories of how great is the culture and system that we were born in because we have an identitarian need to validate it. But it is garbage. Just look at it honestly for five seconds and tell me you don't see it.

What capitalism does is to cause atomization of effort; it causes technological feudalism. So the actions of "Businesses" make sense internally, for the survival of the "Business", but, collectively, the outcome is massively wasteful and stupid.

"Open source" and "Open protocols" and "Open collaboration" are meaningless garbage without widespread economic democracy, which means the abolition of "capitalism", a.k.a. economic techno-feudalism.

All social functions or value systems that attempt to measure the "merit" of things will cause divisions. Attempting a fully "meritless" society is not something that any serious thinker has ever proposed (unless it's their thing specifically to speculate about such limits).

The point is that capitalism is techno-feudalism and we need to get rid of it, and the only way we do that is with both effective political and economic democracy.