

OSMB2007 Day #1: venture capital, scientific blogger and Kepler

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Abstract

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Nothing much more I can tell about this, except for a few general quotes:

- 2% of the downloaders become paying customers
- an active community is important, cherish it
- support as business model is not interesting for venture capitalists
- don't think you understand the legal implications

Noteworthy is that we have free wireless at the conference site :) So I downloaded a recent [presentation by Jean-Claude about his open science work and blogging efforts](#), which I enjoyed watching very much. I skyped with my wife and children, and I booked a hotel for the [ACS meeting in March in Chicago](#), as chances are high that I will attend that meeting.

Last night it started snowing, and it is completely white outside right now. The temperature has dropped to normal winter season, which made the burritos in downtown Nuernberg extra nice. Later today, Christoph's [COSI](#) talk is scheduled, and I was delighted to learn via [Chemical blogspace](#) that [Carlos blogged about it yesterday!](#) Cheers Carlos! In the same blog he also mentions that he is integrating the [CDK](#) with something called Kepler. Carlos, if you read this: what is the URL for Kepler?