

ChemWriter, Google Chrome, and Many Eyes in Open Source

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Linus' law:

| *given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow.*

Rich of [MetaMolecular](#) works on Open Source and closed source cheminformatics solutions. [ChemWriter](#) is one product he is working on which uses JavaScript and [SVG](#) (two Open Standards), and recently asked feedback on the new version. Test users found a problem on Google's [Chrome](#) browser, and Rich then [did something](#) that is only possible in an Open Source environment: he downloaded the buggy product (Chrome), started looking for the cause, found it, and filed a [detailed bug report](#). Just think that would have happened if this problem was in MS Internet Explorer...

Well done!