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Future World Symposium debates the domino effects of open source

The National Microelectronics Institute (NMI) has announced that a panel debate on open source models will take place at the [Future World Symposium](#).

Entitled ‘the disruptive effect of open source’ the session has been created to bring a fresh perspective on the far reaching consequences for traditional commercial models. It will examine the benefits and tradeoffs that open source brings and address how companies can simultaneously scale innovation and deliver profits using the approach.

The panel will be chaired by the journalist, author and passionate open source advocate [Glyn Moody](#).

Starting on the 15th September at London’s historic Lord’s Cricket Ground, the two-day conference seeks to unveil the paths of global technological innovation throughout the next decade.

“The open source business model has been used in the IT industry for a long time, be it Linux, MySQL or Mozilla, and has delivered some great success for

companies trying disrupt the established order,” said John Moor, VP of design innovation at the NMI.

“The model is applicable to both hard and software and, with Android shining a spotlight on open source, many companies are adopting this approach too. The event’s panel of experts will examine the pros and cons in doing so.”

Tickets and further Future World Symposium information is available on the [FWS-2010 website](#). You can also follow Future World Symposium news announcements on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

The symposium has been organised by the NMI, the UK’s semiconductor industry trade association.

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About the Future World Symposium

The Future World Symposium is a two day conference and showcase of international appeal where thought leaders and industrialists engage the connected, smart and electronically-enabled worlds of innovation, opportunity and challenge.

It seeks to explore the road ahead and during the event thought leaders, researchers and industrialists will help us see the digital opportunity through their eyes.

The event will be held at Lord’s Cricket Ground on the 15th and 16th September 2010.

About NMI

The National Microelectronics Institute (NMI) is the premier trade association representing the semiconductor industry in the UK and Ireland.

Its aim is to help build and support a strong micro and nanoelectronics community by acting as a catalyst and facilitator for commercial and technological development.

A not-for-profit organisation funded by its members, the NMI has a membership that spans the supply chain and includes fabless semiconductor manufacturers, IDMs, foundries, design services, IP providers, business associates, research and academic institutions.

The NMI's work includes:

- Encouraging innovation, communication and collaboration through networking, funding, brokering and sign-posting activities.
- Representing the micro and nanoelectronics sector to government, policy makers and regulators.
- Supporting skills development, education and training.
- Improving operational efficiency through benchmarking and best practice initiatives.
- Providing an industry specific information flow.

The NMI also welcomes collaborations on a national and global basis, to ensure it delivers the very best service to its members and partners. More information can be found at: www.nmi.org.uk