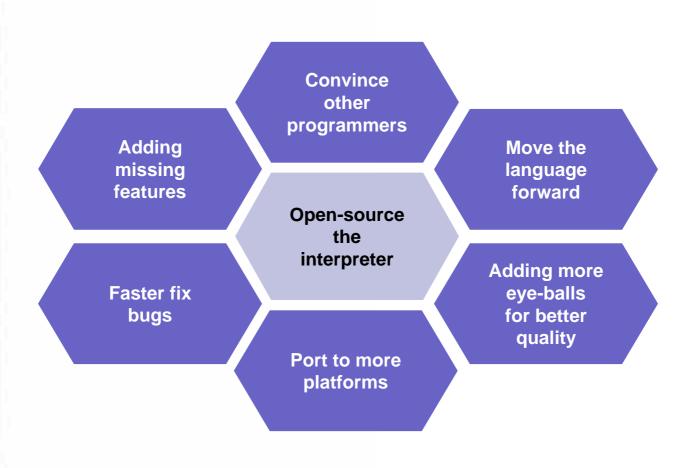
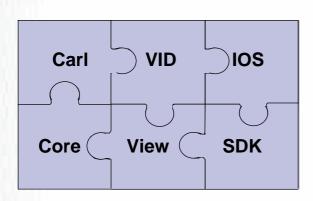
Is commercial success of Rebol bound to open-source the interpreter?

By open-sourcing the interpreter real commercial success with Rebol is inevitable.

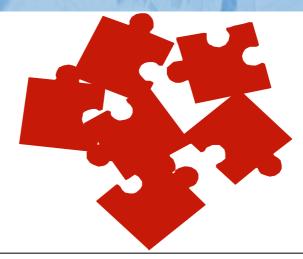


By open-sourcing the interpreter real commercial success of Rebol isn't influenced at all.



 Mostly everything fits together today
 The base will be kept together and ensure investment security
 There are no showstoppers for commercial applications

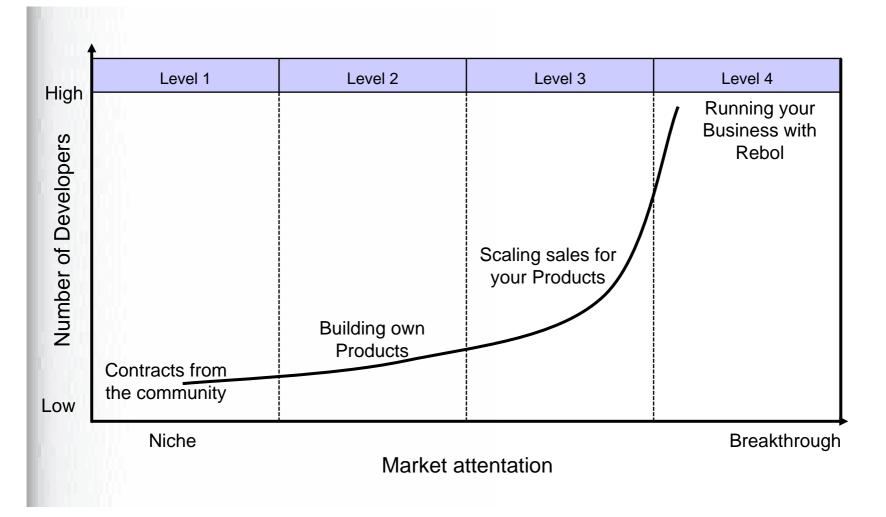
We all need to speed up New stuff must be delivered faster



Only few will contribute
 The quality level will differ a lot
 Forking will happen
 The language will fragment
 The community will fragment

We will not convince those crying for open-source Rebol to use it than.

The biggest challenge for us is to build up a critical sized market for Rebol developers.



It's not open-sourcing the interpreter but the available applications that will create the success.

What does "commercial successful" mean?

We need a lot of developers using Rebol
 We need a lot of people using Rebol applications

The difference are only two words! (exclude)

People & Applications

Commercial success is all about applications being available and used by a lot of people.

Examples we all know:

- AltMe
- Qtask
- RebGUI
- Detective
- xpeers

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The key part is about "a lot of people" This implies
"a lot of applications"
for all those different
needs

Tow options are available



Mass applications

Custom applications

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Mass application challenges

1.

High upfront investment necessary
Support infrastructure needs to be build up
A lot of marketing activities required to raise market recognition
Unknown base technology, no access to a lot of developers

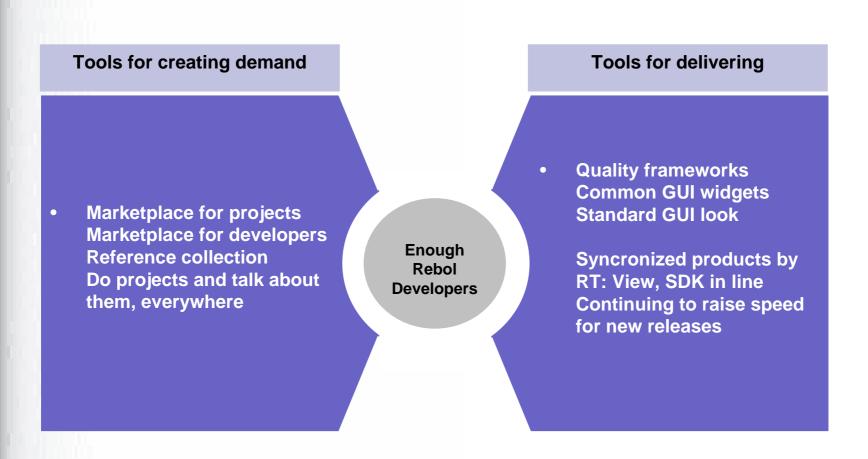
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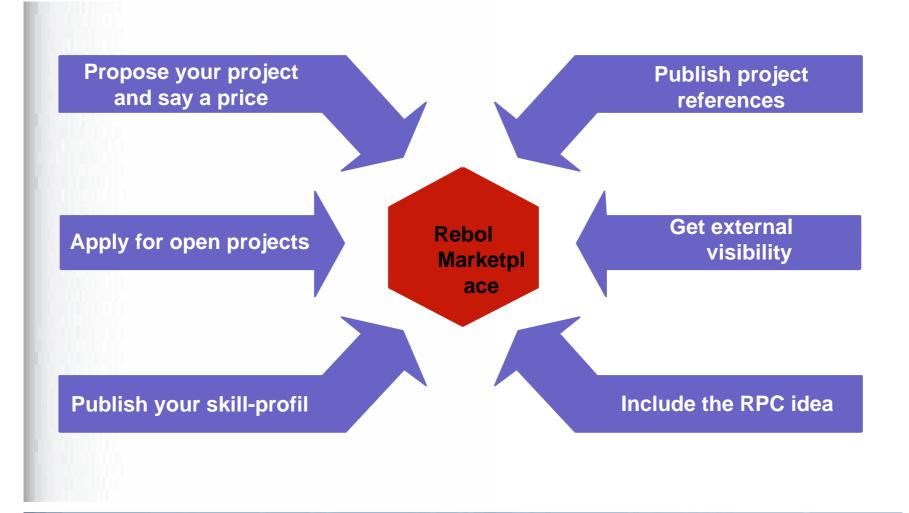
Unknown base technology to the customer

Only few Rebol developers that can be contracted Lock-in-danger for the customer because no Rebol developers can be found

At the moment the number of professional Rebol developers is to low to speed up the success.



A Rebol marketplace will show the opportunities to the world and get more people involved.



Open-Discussion: How about starting the Rebol marketplace today?

