Standardizing IPR

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This is not my idea of fun
Some people enjoy it
Circumstances

- Patent litigation
- 3 WG Collapses
Reasons for collapse

- Expectations
- Precedent
- Time
- Taint
...and one specification I would like to collapse
Standards are good
Standardized contract terms are useful

- Less scope for negotiation
- Set Expectations
Standards do not meet every need.
Observations
95% of IETF Standards must be open to succeed
Open means compatible with FOSS terms
Determining compatibility costs time and money
Lawyers like routine
Lawyers like reciprocity

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\left( \frac{a}{p} \right) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a square modulo } p, \\
0 & \text{if } p \text{ divides } a, \\
-1 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
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Lawyers Negotiate to win
Reduce the degrees of freedom
Proposal

- W3C puts its patent policy under Creative Commons License
- IETF adopts W3C policy as default conditions
  - Variation must be agreed by IESG
- Change control over future policy moves to legal forum
  - Folk who do enjoy it
  - IETF adopts result if it is satisfactory