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Information request

Does the UK space agency use open source \ freeware for any of its computer systems?

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We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records and I can confirm that the Agency holds the information you have requested.

The laptops which are used by the UK Space Agency do contain open source software such as 7-Zip and users are also enabled to download Password Safe which is also open source. The two examples given above are used by UK Space Agency users however the Agency does not hold or have access to an exclusive list of the software available.