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Microsoft Joins the Open Invention Network Community

Microsoft’s participation in OIN will drive additional innovation and enhance patent non-aggression in Linux and adjacent OSS technologies
Software
Microsoft has signed up to the Open Invention Network. We repeat. Microsoft has signed up to the OIN

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Microsoft Joins Open Invention Network with the Aim to Protect Linux and Open Source
Why?
OIN, by design, exists to preserve patent freedom for participants in Linux Foundation and other Key OSS projects.

Technical Development/Collaboration Occurs in Parallel with Legal Collaboration
Project-based Innovation
the HOW
OIN’S MISSION

OIN’s mission is to enable freedom of action/operation for vendors and users of LINUX/OSS-based technology. It does this through a patent non-aggression cross-license around the "LINUX System," which defines the scope of obligation.
Established in 2005

December 2013

June 2016

OIN Funding Member Make Up is ¼ European, ¾ Asian and ¾ American Reflecting Global Nature of Linux/OSS
OPEN INVENTION NETWORK IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PATENT NON-AGGRESSION COMMUNITY. ITS MISSION IS TO SAFEGUARD THE CORE OF LINUX AND OPEN SOURCE

~2800 PARTICIPANTS FROM START-UPS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS

~5.0M GLOBAL PATENTS AND APPLICATIONS OWNED BY OIN LICENSEES

~1300 GLOBAL PATENTS AND APPLICATIONS W/ BROAD SCOPE

~$100M SPENT ACQUIRING/INVENTING DEFENSIVE PATENTS

LINUX SYSTEM

>2500 Sample OPEN SOURCE CORE LINUX TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES COVERED

(sample Licensee Participants)
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATION

ZERO
OIN’S Licensee Community

OIN’s licensee community, by design, comprises global representation of circa 2,750 companies from over 35 countries to reflect the global reach of Linux and OSS. EMEA licensees currently represent 39 percent of the OIN community with Asia accounting for 24 percent and 37 percent coming from the Americas.

OIN is a Global Solution to Reflect the Global Reach of Linux and OSS!
THE BOTTOM LINE

Ultimately (i.e. over time), the only companies that do not sign the OIN license and agree to participate in the OIN Community are those that wish to reserve the right to sue on patents that read on “core” Linux and OSS functionality!
Thank You!

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