

ABOUT:

Established in 2005, Open Invention Network (OIN) is the world's largest patent non-aggression community and free defensive patent pool.

We remove patent friction in core Open Source technologies, which drives higher levels of innovation. Open Source Software (OSS) distills the collective intelligence of a global community.

MISSION:

We enable freedom of action for Open Invention Network community members and users of Linux/OSS-based technology through our patent non-aggression cross-license in the Linux System, which defines the commitment.

We will continue to grow our worldwide membership and the Linux System over time, thereby strengthening our patent non-aggression coverage through the power of the network effect.

VISION:

We will execute our mission by growing our patent non-aggression community and engaging with companies of all types — from start-ups to Fortune 100 enterprises — across diverse industries.

We will continue updating the Linux System through a conservative, consensus-driven process to keep up with technological advances.

We will actively monitor for patent-related threats to Linux and adjacent Open Source technologies and encourage open source community intellectual property-related initiatives.

We will continue to promote and educate our community on complementary defensive Intellectual Property (IP) strategies and support key Open Source projects.

KEY APPLICATIONS:

Apache, Eclipse, Evolution, Fedora Directory Server, Firefox, GIMP, GNOME, KDE, Mono, Mozilla, MySQL, Nautilus, OpenLDAP, OpenOffice.org, Open-Xchange, Perl, PostgreSQL, Python, Samba, SELinux, Sendmail, Thunderbird

GOVERNANCE:

Led by CEO Keith Bergelt, in coordination with OIN's Board of Directors, who are senior executives from OIN's Funding Members.

FUNDING MEMBERS:

- ❖ IBM, NEC, Philips, Red Hat, Sony & SUSE (2005)
- ❖ Google (2013)
- ❖ Toyota (2016)

WHAT WE DO:

- ❖ Deliver royalty-free access to the Linux System patents of our community members through cross-licensing commitments
- ❖ Manage over 1,100 OIN patents and applications, licensed FREE-of-charge to all our members
- ❖ Leverage our relationships to collect and share prior art when needed
- ❖ Challenge patent applications as appropriate
- ❖ Provide collective intelligence from a global community
- ❖ Support our members and those under attack from patent aggressors

BY THE NUMBERS:

- ❖ OIN is **3,400+ worldwide members strong** and includes start-ups to Fortune 100 corporations
- ❖ Members gain access to a cross-licensee pool of patents - in total, the OIN community owns more than **2.6 million patents and applications**
- ❖ Our patent portfolio includes approximately **1,100 global patents** and applications with broad scope
- ❖ We have invested over **\$100 million** in acquiring defensive patents
- ❖ Within the Linux System, we have more than **3,300** Open Source core Linux technology packages

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- ❖ Membership publicly demonstrates open source & patent non-aggression advocacy
- ❖ Lifetime membership is FREE without entry barriers
- ❖ Patent cross license in 3,300+ Linux and core Open Source technology packages
- ❖ Patent peace in a community which owns 2.6 million+ patents & applications in total
- ❖ Member access to OIN's patent portfolio of approximately 1,100 global patents & applications
- ❖ Membership is available to ALL Open Source advocates — businesses & individuals
- ❖ Members become part of a global, Open Source network of 3,400+ members from start-ups to Fortune 100 firms
- ❖ Everyone signs the same agreement terms
- ❖ Holding patents in [the Linux System](#) is not required
- ❖ You get the opportunity to network with our rapidly growing [community members](#)
- ❖ Free bi-monthly INSIDER eNews