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OIN Historic Timeline & Key Milestones

In the early 2000s, the idea for OIN was born. It was the 1st organization of its kind to create a new model where patents are openly shared in a collaborative environment to foster innovation in Linux and adjacent Open Source technologies. In no time, OIN became the largest Patent Non-Aggression community in history.



October 2005
OIN Funding Members join OIN



2005

OIN incorporates as a Limited Liability Company (LLC)

November 2005
Jerry Rosenthal becomes 1st CEO

7 patents & 21 patent applications purchased from Commerce One and transferred to OIN as a key part of early portfolio

Linux System Definition Expands with Tables 1 & 2



2008

February 2008
Keith Bergelt becomes CEO

September 2009
OIN acquires 22 defensive patents from AST to protect Open Source from patent aggressors



2009

2010

June 2010
OIN introduces a new Associate Member Program; Recruits Canonical as its 1st Associate Member. Later, Google & TomTom become Associate Members



May 2012
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 3

2012

October 2012
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 4

February 2013
OIN reaches **500 members**

2013

September 2013
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 5

November 2013
Google becomes an OIN Funding Member



December 2013
OIN extends Linux's protective network to cover OpenStack technologies

March 2014
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 6

2014

OIN, Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE) & the Linux Foundation launch & host the 1st Asian Legal Network (ALN) inaugural conference

September 2014
OIN surpasses **1,000 members**



2015

June 2015
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 7

May 2016
Toyota becomes an OIN Funding Member

2016

TOYOTA



July 2016
OIN membership grows to **2,000**

July 2017
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 8

2017

August 2018
OIN Funding Members unanimously support **General Public License (GPL) Cooperation Agreement**

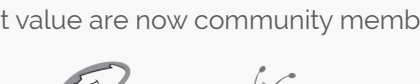
2018

GPL



October 2018
Microsoft announced its OIN membership, contributing 60,000 patents to the community; 50 of the "Top 10 Global Companies" based on market value are now community members

December 2018
Alibaba & Ant Financial join OIN, moving Open Source forward in the Fintech industry



TechRepublic names OIN among "The 8 Biggest Open Source Milestones in 2018"

January 2019
OIN makes *Security Boulevard's* list of "The Top 10 FOSS Legal Developments in 2018"

2019

January 2019
Linux System Definition Expands with Table 9

June 2019
OIN exceeds **3,000 members**, following 2 years of 50% growth



November 2019
OIN partners with IBM, Microsoft & the Linux Foundation to fund a multi-million-dollar, multi-year initiative with Unified Patents' Open Source Zone to further protect Linux Open Source from Patent Assertion Entities (PAE)

February 2020
OIN announces it will sponsor & support Software Heritage Foundation, which has more than 6 billion unique Open Source files archived

2020

Software Heritage

November 2020
Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for licensees represent over 50%; OIN's network includes members from 100 of 195 countries, 20 industry & 11 sectors based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)

October 2020
8th Linux System Definition Expands with Table 9 to include #exFat among 520 new Open Source Software (OSS) packages, bringing OIN's total software packages to 3,300



January 2021
Patent Innovation Magazine covers our 15th anniversary celebration & our commitment to protecting the greater Open Source community

2021

January 2021
OIN's worldwide membership reaches **over 3,500**

February 2021
Wells Fargo Patent Troll Case has the finance world all aflutter; Barclays, TD Bank Sign Up to OIN

March 2021
The Fintech Times reports how OIN protects innovation, specifically for Banking & Financial Services

August 2021
Linux & its beloved icon, Tux, **Celebrate 30 Years**



September 2021
Bloomberg breaks the news that Square "Joins Cryptocurrency Non-Aggression Pact on Patent Suits"; Over 12 other international & industry publications cover the story

January 2022
Linux System Definition expands with Table 11 to add 337 new Open Source Software (OSS) packages, bringing OIN's total software packages to 3,730

2022