

A background image showing a network of glowing white lines and nodes overlaid on a view of Earth from space. The nodes are represented by small icons of people, and the lines connect them across the globe, symbolizing a global network.

Building Community. Safeguarding Open Source.

Communities are vital not only for Open Source projects, but to the greater Open Source ecosystem.

Open Invention Network (OIN) is a free Open Source community and the largest Patent Non-Aggression community in history with nearly 4,000 worldwide members. Together, we believe Open Source collaboration fosters faster innovation, reshapes human experiences, and creates unimagined technologies that improve our daily lives.

Despite another difficult economic year, OIN has continued to gain members. We've especially seen a rise in membership in two industries — Banking & Financial Services and Retail & eCommerce because:

1. Consumers are demanding digital transformation with products, services and deliveries.
2. Patent attacks are targeting these industries:
 - Financial Services patent litigation by Patent Assertion Entities (PAEs) — from 2020 to 2021 — grew more than 100%, and is on pace to grow another 200% in 2022
(Source: Unified Patents)
 - eCommerce & Software had the most patent litigation activity in 2021, with 624 cases
(Source: RPX)

"By joining OIN, we are continuing to strengthen open source communities and helping to ensure technologies like Linux remain thriving and accessible to everyone."

— Amazon

▶ Here are a few new OIN Members by industry:

Automotive _____



Banking & Financial Services _____



Capital Goods & Materials _____



Consumer Electronics _____



Internet _____



IT Services _____



Medical Devices, Biotech & Life Sciences _____



Retail & eCommerce _____



Technology Hardware/Semiconductors _____



Transportation & Logistics _____

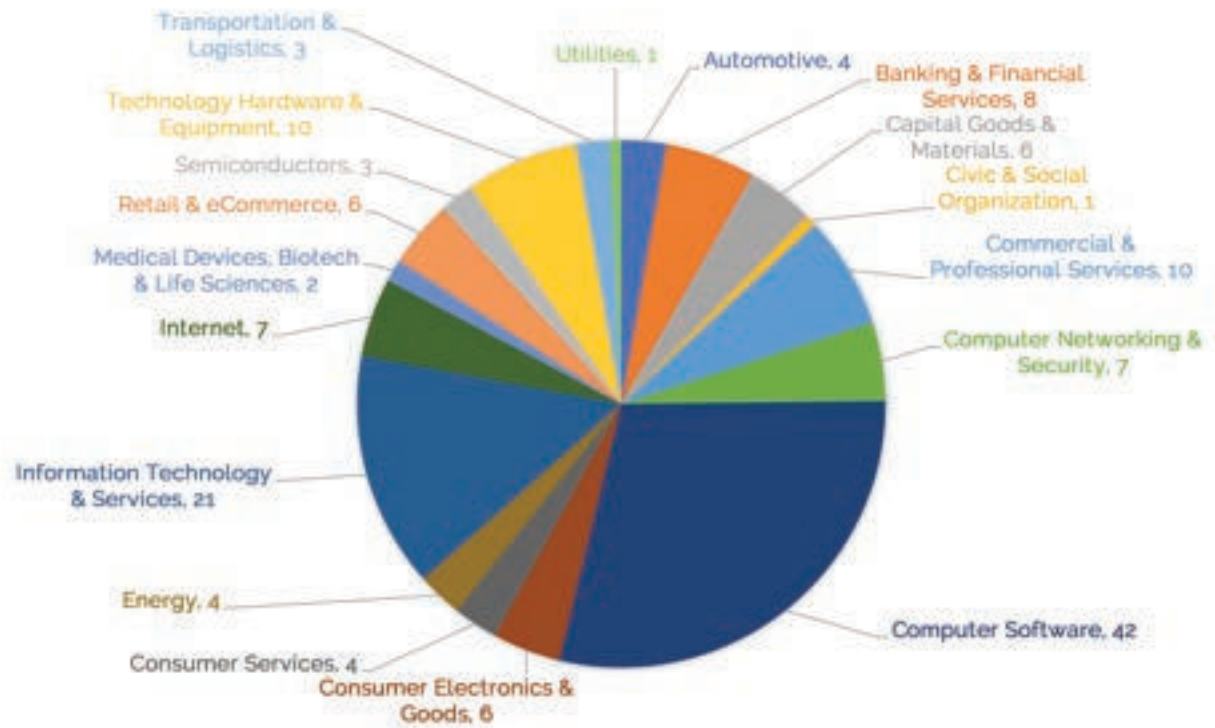


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▶ 2022 OIN Community Members by Industry

Through early December, we have had 145 new community members sign up across a broad range of industries:



- Along with Linux Foundation, Meta, and Microsoft, continued to fund the Unified Patents Open Source Zone to facilitate the invalidation of PAE patents that read on Open Source functionality
- Expanded our Linux System definition by 337 new software packages for a total number of 3,730 protected packages protected under OIN's cross license
- Had multiple OIN participants contribute to the 2nd edition of Open Source Law, Policy, and Practice

"We support OIN because it's important to us to keep the Linux kernel free of patents and possible lawsuits. The network enables a lot of interaction within the community. By joining, we are saying that we stand behind Linux and want it to stay open."

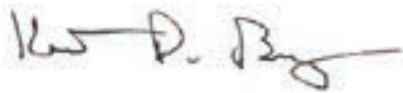
— MTU Aero Engines

▶ **Thank you to our Members**

On behalf of our Board of Directors & Leadership Team, thank you for being part our community, for your referrals to potential members, and for helping make 2022 another successful year as we continue as a community to support Open Source.

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Keith Bergelt, CEO



"RBC recognizes open source as a significant enabler of innovation, and it was important for us to join the Open Invention Network and support its role in protecting Linux system open source software from patent litigation risk."

— RBC