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
- **2005**: 7 patents & 21 patent applications purchased from Commerce One and transferred to OIN as a key part of early portfolio
- **2005**: Linux System Definition Expands with Tables 1 & 2
- **2008**: Keith Bergelt becomes CEO
- **2008**: OIN acquires 22 defensive patents from AST to protect Open Source from patent aggressors
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- **2010**: OIN introduces a new Associate Member Program; Recruits Canonical as its 1st Associate Member. Later, Google & TomTom become Associate Members
October 2020
8th Linux System Definition Expands with Table 10 to include #exFat among 520 new Open Source Software (OSS) packages, bringing OIN’s total software packages to 3,300

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)

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

February 2021
Wells Fargo Patent Troll Case has the finance world all aquiver; 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
2022 welcomes an influx of Banking & Financial Service company members

December 2022
Amazon becomes a OIN Member & commits its entire portfolio to OIN

OIN members now have royalty-free access to more than 2.8 million patents & applications in total.

2023

January 2023
11 of the World’s Biggest Open Source Companies are OIN members

U.S. Western District of Texas Court rules in favor of Defendant creating another win for OIN & those opposed to Patent Assertion Entities

April 2023
Study demonstrates companies that participate in OIN are more innovative
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