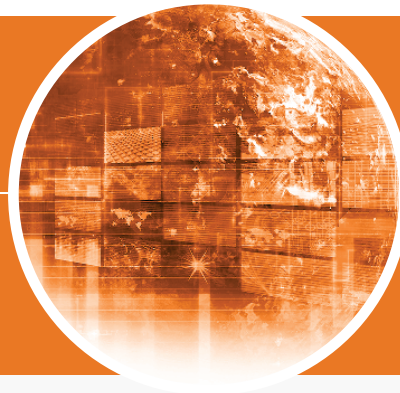


# openinventionnetwork®

## 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.



2005

October 2005

OIN Funding Members join OIN



Red Hat

NEC



PHILIPS

SONY

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

2009

September 2009

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



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2010

June 2010

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

## 2012

● **May 2012**

Linux System Definition Expands with Table 3

● **October 2012**

Linux System Definition Expands with Table 4

## 2013

● **February 2013**

OIN reaches **500 members**

● **September 2013**

Linux System Definition Expands with Table 5

● **November 2013**

Google becomes an OIN Funding Member

**Google**

● **December 2013**

OIN extends Linux's protective network to cover OpenStack technologies

## 2014

● **March 2014**

Linux System Definition Expands with Table 6

● 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

## 2016

● **May 2016**

Toyota becomes an OIN Funding Member

● **TOYOTA**



● **July 2016**

OIN membership grows to **2,000**

2017

July 2017

Linux System Definition Expands with Table 8

2018

August 2018

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

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"

2019

January 2019

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

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)

## 2020



## Software Heritage

### February 2020

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

### 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)



## 2021

### January 2021

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

### 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

### July 2021

*Tech Company News* interviews our CEO Keith Bergelt about the state of Open Source

### 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

2022



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

December 2022

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

OIN publishes reports about the rise of patent litigation in Retail & eCommerce, and Banking & Financial Services

Dealmakers conducts an in-depth interview with OIN's CEO, Keith Bergelt, about the significant changes in Big Tech & whether the fundamental relevance of patents and their future value in the space is shifting

Unified Patents Open Source Zone has challenged 50 patents so far, with an excellent success rate, invalidating 34, determining 7 to be flawed & 3 are awaiting review

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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