

openinventionnetwork®

*Enabling freedom of action in open source technologies
for the world's largest patent non-aggression community.*

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 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.

FUNDING MEMBERS:

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

GOVERNANCE:

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

WHAT WE DO:

- ❖ Deliver royalty-free access to the Linux System patents of our community members via cross licensing commitments
- ❖ Manage over 1,300 OIN patents and applications, licensed free of charge to all of our members
- ❖ Leverage our relationships to collect and share prior art when needed
- ❖ Challenge patent applications if appropriate
- ❖ Provide collective intelligence from a global community
- ❖ Support our members and those under attack from patent aggressors

BY THE NUMBERS:

- ❖ OIN has exceeded **3,000 members** from 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 million patents and applications**
- ❖ Our patent portfolio includes approximately **1,300 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 **2,800** open source core Linux technology packages

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- ❖ Everyone can join
- ❖ Everyone signs the same terms
- ❖ Membership is **free**
- ❖ No barrier to entry
- ❖ No requirement to hold patents in [the Linux System](#)
- ❖ [List of community members and licensees](#)
- ❖ Everyone makes the same cross license commitment in [the Linux System](#)
- ❖ No ongoing time commitment
- ❖ [Sign up on-line in less than 10 minutes](#)

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