

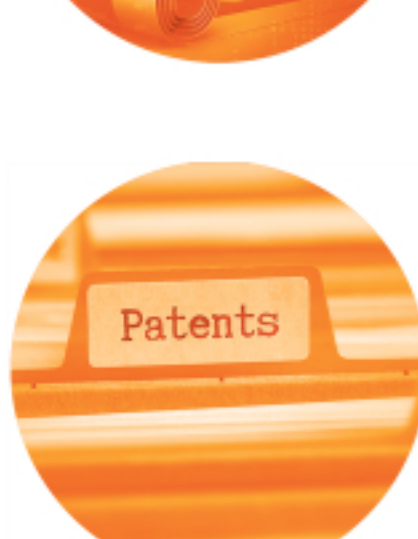


Hi,

Our success hinges upon our ability to deliver value to our members. We do this through our growing community and by regularly expanding the scope of our cross-license, and by ensuring freedom of action from patent risk for Open Source Software developers and users worldwide.

As we look back upon 2021, here are some of the highlights.

OIN by the Numbers



The community surpassed
3,600 members



Another 242 new members joined OIN in 2021.
In aggregate they own over **80,000 patents and applications**. Additional Linux System patents that are cross-licensed lower patent risk for all OIN's members



We received many quality nominations from the community for inclusion in the Linux System definition and will be adding **hundreds of strategic software packages** to the Linux System via an update in **early 2022**, increasing the scope of the OIN cross-license across numerous key technologies

Community Growth

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

One of the most noticeable shifts for the OIN community has been in Banking & Financial Services. These companies are increasingly using Open Source, to leverage collaborative innovation and more efficiently respond to customer demands. As they have turned to Open Source from a technological perspective, and to combat rising patent threats in the industry, financial services companies are joining the OIN community in greater numbers.

Here are a few industry members who joined our community:

Banking



Ally Financial is an award-winning leading digital financial services firm, one of the largest full-service automotive finance operations in the United States and an online-only bank



Barclays becomes our 1st major European-headquartered bank member



HDFC Bank is India's largest bank in terms of market cap and profitability, and the third largest company in India by market cap. HDFC Bank is a globally respected brand for its history of consistent growth and profitability over the last 20 years



National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) runs the entire payment backbone of India. Every Indian bank and financial services company must go through this backbone. It was set up by a consortium of Indian banks with support from the Reserve Bank of India

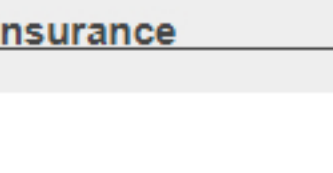


Canadian-based **Toronto-Dominion (TD) Bank** joins as our 1st major North American bank

Fintech



Since it was established in 2009 by Jack Dorsey and Jim McKelvey, **Square** has become the financial services and digital backbone for approximately 30 million eCommerce companies

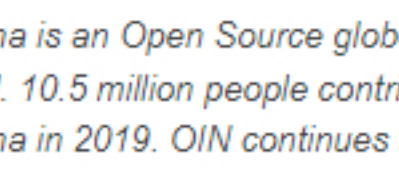


Millions of businesses in more than 100 countries rely on **Stripe's** cloud-based software to power their eCommerce

Insurance



Anthem, as the largest provider in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, is the United States' leading health care benefits company



An American Fortune Global 500 services leader, **Prudential Financial** is the largest insurance company in the United States

CHINA

China is an Open Source global leader in terms of the number of people working and contributing to the field. 10.5 million people contributed to Open Source worldwide, with 3.8 million from Asia & 31% from China in 2019. OIN continues to grow its membership of Chinese-based businesses.

Here are a few 2021 community newcomers from greater China:



Bilibili delivers "All the Videos You Like" — from lifestyle, games, entertainment, and technology — and represents an iconic brand in China as a leading video community



D-Link has implemented Open Source Software (OSS) in more than 70% of its networking and communications solutions since the beginning phase of Research & Development (R&D)



China's leading cloud computing and big data service provider, **Inspur** was founded in the 1940s as one of the country's 1st Information Technology brands with many accolades



Kuaishou "Embraces All Lifestyles" every day. The app — which uses Open Source Software — topped Google Play and Apple App Store's "Most Downloaded" lists in 8 countries in 2020



TikTok — a Chinese-based video-sharing social networking service owned by **ByteDance** — is the leading destination for short-form mobile video & the 3rd fastest growing international brand of 2020



Xiaomi — a Chinese multinational home electronics company — is the 4th largest global firm that develops mobile System-on-Chip (SoC) capabilities & the youngest *Fortune* 500 enterprise

RETAIL & COMMERCE

Open Source is revolutionizing the way people shop throughout the world, impacting virtually every industry, and adoption is growing exponentially. OIN's community growth reflects this trend.

A few new members in this category, include:



The 75-year-old global leader & 3rd generation-owned business in prestige beauty, **Estée Lauder**, is the 1st beauty retailer to publicly express its commitment to Open Source & Patent Non-Aggression



Grab — the leading app for deliveries, mobility, and financial services in Southeast Asia — has become a household name in the region



Shopify, a Canadian multinational eCommerce commerce company — provides a platform for online stores and retail Point-of-Sale (POS) systems

OIN Makes International Headlines



- Barclays and TD Bank have faced threats of litigation from patent trolls with the express purpose of monetizing from financial services companies. Learn more about the new wave of major banks who have joined OIN in [The Register](#)
- [The Patent Lawyer Magazine](#) announced **Shopify** —one of the largest global commerce platforms that provides tools to start, grow and manage a retail business of any size — is reinforcing its commitment to Open Source Software (OSS) as an enabler of its growing business by joining OIN
- [ZDNet](#) broke the story that **Kuaishou Group**, **TikTok Parent ByteDance** and **Bilibili** — 3 of the biggest social video heavyweights in China — joined OIN
- Read [Bloomberg's](#) coverage of the news that **Square** joined OIN in an effort to promote cryptocurrency while avoiding patent suits
- [The Fintech Times](#) publishes "[Open Invention Network: Protecting Innovation in Fintech](#)"
- [Tech Company News](#) interviews OIN about the State of Open Source — "[Energy, Utilities and Financial Services Sectors Look for Open Source Patent Peace with Open Invention Network Community](#)"
- OIN makes the list of the biggest events in Linux's history. Read [ZDNet's](#) article: "[Linux Turns 30: The Biggest Events in its History So Far](#)"

OIN Member News

While there is no way we can cover all that our members do to contribute to Open Source, our year-end wrap up wouldn't be complete without some highlights.

Here are a few items related to our members and partners that we want to recognize for 2021:

- The Open Source community's beloved penguin — [Tux](#) — [turned 30!](#)
- 10 OIN members are among the [World's Top 15 Companies Contributing to Open Source in 2021](#), including **Facebook**, **GitHub**, **Google**, **Huawei**, **IBM**, **Microsoft**, **Red Hat**, **SAP**, **SUSE** & **Tencent**.
- The Supreme Court's 6-2 decision in [Google v. Oracle](#) is a win for developers and the software industry. The Court ruled that **Google's** use of the Java APIs was within the bounds of fair use, reversing the Federal Circuit Appeals Court ruling. This recognizes the critical role of software interfaces to promote innovation, interoperability, and new technologies.
- Our **Social Networking community members** & Open Source advocates, including **Google**, **Facebook**, **Microsoft**, **Tencent** and **Twitter**, [have performed especially well](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- OIN community member **eGov Foundation** announced that 1 billion vaccination certificates have been issued on CoWIN, the Indian government's COVID-19 vaccination portal using eGov Foundation's technology platform **DIVOC (The Digital Infrastructure for Vaccination Open Credentialing)**. The Philippines and Sri Lanka are also adopting DIVOC-based COVID-certificate services, while new launches are planned for more countries throughout the South/Southeast Asia & African regions.

On behalf of our Board of Directors & Leadership Team, thank you for participating in OIN and for helping make 2021 a good year as we continue to grow in support of Open Source.

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Keith Bergelt, CEO

