Hi Patrick,

our interest in joining the OSI stems from being a mission-driven organization focused on providing open-source tools to independent media. Our very organizational origins lie in a project called Campware which was about developing user-centric, affordable and multilingual solutions for journalists in challenging environments. This was originally construed as developing countries but in recent years as political, economic and technological pressure on the media has increased all over the world, we are seeing our mandate expand.

We have been constituted as a nonprofit organization in the Czech Republic, Sourcefabric z.ú, for almost 10 years. In that time we have developed large-scale software platforms such as Superdesk in partnership with independent news organizations such as the Australian Associated Press. As we look forward to the next decade, we would like to forge stronger links to the wider open-source community by being part of OSI.

Attached please find a document with the links supporting our eligibility. Please let me know if everything looks good here or we need to supply anything further.

Also, I was not able to find a copy of the affiliate agreement, however - could you point me in the right direction?

Kind regards,

Anna

On Wed, Aug 14, 2019 at 8:53 PM Patrick Masson <masson@opensource.org> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Thank you for reaching out to the OSI regarding affiliate membership for Sourcefabric. You can find out more about our affiliate program at, https://opensource.org/affiliates/about. Also please take a look at the qualifications and criteria for membership here: https://opensource.org/AffiliateRequirements. OSI affiliate membership is available to qualified organizations at no cost.

If, after reviewing the the qualifications and criteria, you are interested in becoming a member simply provide us with the following (you can email me directly at masson@opensource.org):

- a letter of introduction describing your organization, and why you are interested in joining the OSI,
- evidence that your organization meets the above mentioned qualifications and criteria. This can simply be URL/links to information that satisfies the requirements.
- a signed the Affiliate Agreement.

Once your materials are in, I will review/confirm your eligibility, and put your affiliate application on the agenda of our next board meeting.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me again. I am happy to work through the process with you.

Thank you so much for your interest in OSI membership and your support of Open Source Software.

Patrick

On Wed, 2019-07-17 at 14:59 +0000, Open Source Initiative wrote:

Anna Rohleder (anna.rohleder@sourcefabric.org) sent a message using the contact form at https://opensource.org/contact. Dear OSI, I'm writing from Sourcefabric, where we develop open-source tools for journalism, especially as a means of supporting independent media in places around the world where freedom of speech is threatened. As to our interest in becoming affiliates of OSI: We are embarking on a new chapter as an organisation where we are aiming to build more of a community in the open-source world and to join with other like-minded individuals and organisations in general. We are registered as a nonprofit in the Czech Republic and all of our products are on Github (note that our organisation page on Github only lists a few legacy projects - https://github.com/sourcefabric while the other, ongoing projects such as Superdesk have their own dedicated pages - https://github.com/superdesk/superdesk) Please let me know what other information I can supply to complete our applications. Kind regards, Anna Rohleder
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