What is the Open Source Initiative?
The Open Source Initiative (OSI) is a non-profit corporation with a global scope formed to educate about and advocate for the benefits of open source & to build bridges among different constituencies in the open source community.

What is Open Source Software?
Open source is a development method for software that harnesses the power of distributed peer review and transparency of process. The promise of open source is higher quality, greater reliability, more flexibility, lower cost, and an end to predatory vendor lock-in.

What does the OSI do?
One of our most important activities is as a standards body, maintaining the Open Source Definition for the good of the community. The Open Source Initiative Approved License trademark and program creates a nexus of trust around which developers, users, corporations and governments can organize open source cooperation.

90% of organizations say open source improves efficiency, interoperability & innovation.

65% of organizations use open source software.

Primary reasons for using open source...
1. Quality, 2. Capabilities, 3. Customization

65% of companies contribute to open source projects.

59% of companies participate in open source projects to gain a competitive edge.

Figures based in 1,313 respondents of the 2016 Future of Open Source Survey
http://url.is/BU4

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Create a common attribution & licensing license
withGNU/LGPL-examples starting in 1996.

GNU Image Manipulation Program Multi-thread OpenGL open source license of 3.0 or greater. Community developed, this library is designed for interactive graphics. It gives applications, tools and technologies used to

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It’s time to commit
The Open Source Initiative protects and promotes open source licensing, software, development and communities, championing software freedom in society through education, collaboration, and infrastructure. As the internationally recognized steward of the Open Source Definition, the OSI works to promote best practices and prevent abuse of the ethos inherent to open source.
Beyond Licensing
statement of open source principles, inspired by the Open Source Definition, addressing topics beyond copyright licenses.

FLOSS_World
in line with the “Maker” movement, supporting STEM initiatives in education, this project helps schools and students learn about and use open source software.

LicenseAPI
machine readable publication of OSI approved licenses allows 3rd parties to become license-aware, giving organizations the ability to clearly determine if a license is, in fact, an Open Source license, from the single source of authority, the OSI.

Management
develop modular learning resources to help project managers gain advanced understanding of strategies and methods to optimize value through effective coordination and resourcing of open source software.

PublicPolicyWorkingGroup
an international network of policy practitioners and enthusiasts informing the public sector regarding policy for free and open source software.

TL:DR_Legal
provides simple, community-developed interpretations of open source licenses.