Open Source Initiative
Collaborate, Contribute, Co-create

The Open Source Initiative (OSI) is a non-profit corporation with 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.

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.

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.

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Since defining the term "open source" in 1998, the OSI has dedicated itself to increasing the awareness and adoption of open source software, as well as the development methods and supporting communities which enable its advancement, through education, advocacy & collaboration.

"Abstraction" By: fshein
GNU Image Manipulation Program 2.6.12
Mozilla Firefox 30
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Scribus 1.4.1
Ubuntu 12.04 LTS

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...educating developers, users and
decision makers about the benefits
of open source software, projects
and collaboration techniques.

...advocacy takes the form of quiet persuasion
rather than public activism - offering background
to reporters, policy suggestions to politicians, and
business cases to executives.

Open Source Definition
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Nexus of Trust
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do more to spread open source and help
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