

FOSSBazaar, the Open Source Governance Community

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Why is Open Source Different?

To use commercial software in your development process you must go through. . . procurement



Make FOSS 'Business as Usual'

- How is it acquired?
- How is it chosen?
- How is it used? Where?
- How is it supported?
- How is it updated and secured?
- How is the project tracked?
- How is it licensed?
- How mature is it?



- An open community
- Mission to develop and share open source governance information and best practices
- Supported by the Linux Foundation and a diverse set of partners



Who Can Benefit From FOSSBazaar?

The Experienced Open Source User

- Benchmark with others in the industry
- Interested in working on defining 'standards' and 'best practices' to make consumption easier

The Inexperienced Open Source User

- Learn from other organizations that already use open source with confidence
- Learn in which ways managing open source is different to proprietary software
- Offer a fresh perspective



- Governance documentation and best practices
- Blogs from industry experts
- News about governance and business aspects of open source
- Mailing list for communication with other organizations
- Phone calls for specific workgroups



- Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX), led by Kate Stewart (Canonical) and Philip Odence (Black Duck Software)
- Governance Best Practices documentation: Jack Manbeck (TI)



Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX)

- Collaborative effort to create standard to capture and exchange meta-data about open source (copyright, licensing)
- Beta of version 1.0 released in August, final release in Q4
- Part of LF's Open Compliance Program
- Active contributors: 80 members; roughly 30 active



Governance Best Practices documentation

- FOSSBazaar's FOSS Governance Fundamentals document as basis
- Currently gathering input on topics to be covered



Linux Foundation's Open Compliance Program

Six elements:

- 1 Tools
- 2 Self-Assessment Checklist
- 3 The SPDX Standard and Workgroup
- 4 A Compliance Directory and Rapid Alert System
- 5 Training and Education
- 6 FOSSBazaar Community



<https://fossbazaar.org/>

