

Case Study # 1 - Consumer Devices

- Who
 - A storage company that has searched for different consumer markets to generate data.
- Why
 - The company wants to ensure that open source is a strength and not a weakness.
- How
 - The company implemented an OpenChain conformant process to ensure the use of open source was deliberate. This involved a business unit specific review of processes to audit the development cycle. Based on lessons learned a company-wide process was designed and implemented. This included the establishment of an open source council, policy and training process.
- Where
 - All business units were included in the process development and were required to conform.
- When
 - These activities were undertaken after integration across three separate companies, particularly with regards to training, in 2017.

Case Study # 2 - Consumer Devices

- Who
 - A company focused on personal and automotive audio equipment.
- Why
 - The company was targeted by a party seeking profit around GPL enforcement, leading to the creation/implementation of measures to ensure compliance with the GPL requirements and open source more generally.
- How
 - The company initially focused on addressing any GPL non-compliance from a technical perspective. It then identified gaps in the open source compliance process and began to loosely follow the OpenChain process. The company also focused on supplier's diligence around compliance via contractual requirements regarding warranty / indemnification and Bills of Materials / disclosure.
- Where
 - The company focused on refining the open source policy. It then shifted focus to external requirements via procurement towards suppliers and their obligations to provide accurate Bills of Materials.
- When
 - The open source compliance activities are continually refined. There is an understanding that there is a need for continued education and obtaining both executive support and budget to support refinement.

Case Study # 3 - Consumer Devices

- Who
 - A microchip company with 5,000 employees worldwide.
- Why
 - The company wants to ensure integrity and transparency.
- How
 - The company deployed scanning tools to capture and analyze open source flowing through the teams. One goal was to clearly separate internal use and external use. The process has an open source manager (ex-engineer), review engineers and final legal approval. The training staff get input from legal, engineers train engineers, and open source questions are addressed with a project management checklist.
- Where
 - There is one open source manager per team. There is an open source group to deal with policy. There is supervision from legal.
- When
 - Open source has been reviewed by tools and captured in spreadsheets since 2016. The company is currently working on fully analyzing legacy open source. Training is a continuous process.