

Open Chain Global Update

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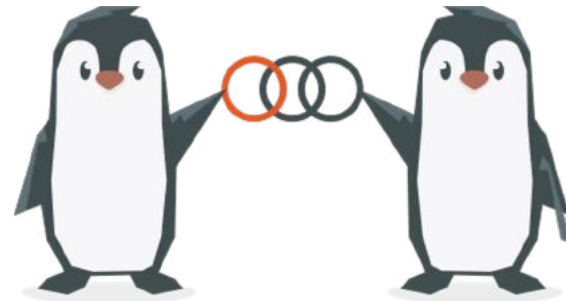
Our vision is a trusted supply chain

Our mission is to make that happen

Our standards are the *international baseline* for quality in open source license compliance and security assurance programs.

Our guides and reference material helps people solve compliance challenges.

Our community provides a space to share knowledge.



Platinum Members (Governing Board)



SONY

TOSHIBA

TOYOTA

Members Represent Trillions In USD Market Value

Example Verticals Impacted by OpenChain



Automotive	Banking	Cloud	Consumer	Industrial	SaaS	Service	Silicon	Telco

This is a snapshot based on membership and select conformant organizations currently listed on our website. Total conformant numbers are far higher.
 Example: [PwC Survey shows 20% of companies in Germany with over 2,000 employees already used ISO/IEC 5230.](#)

Trillions More In Market Value Touched



(Lockheed co-chairs our spec development)



This is a non-exhaustive list of participants on some of our community lists

Our Community Work Groups

Core Work Groups

Education (Autumn 2020~)

Specification (Spring 2016~)

Community Work Groups

AI (January 2024~)

Automation (Summer 2019~)

SBOM (July 2024~)

Industry-Specific Work Groups

Automotive (Summer 2019~)

Telco (Spring 2021~)

Regional User Groups

China (Sept 2019~)

Germany (Jan 2020~)

India (Sept 2019~)

Japan (Dec 2017~)

Korea (Jan 2019~)

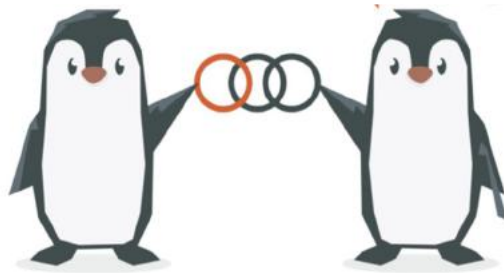
Meridian 22 (Sept 2025~)

Taiwan (Sept 2019~)

UK (June 2020~)



24 Global Ambassadors Supporting Our Work



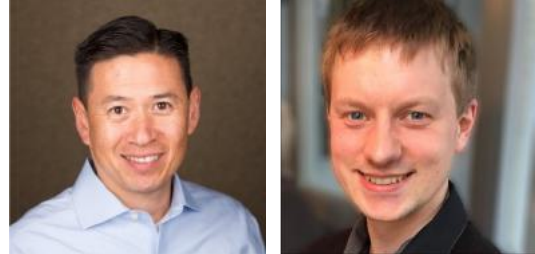
BUILDING TRUST IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN SINCE 2016



General Project News

- **We launched the Ambassador program in September:**
<https://openchainproject.org/news/2025/09/18/welcoming-the-openchain-ambassador-program>
- **Update on OpenChain ISO/IEC 18974 and the CRA:**
<https://openchainproject.org/news/2025/09/18/update-on-openchain-iso-iec-18974-and-the-cra>
- **RECORDING: OpenChain SBOM Work Group – Meeting – 2025-09-24:**
<https://openchainproject.org/news/2025/09/25/sbom-work-group-2025-09-24>

AI Compliance Coming in October



Our OpenChain AI Work Group completed work on an AI System Bill of Materials Compliance Guide in 1H 2025. This guide will officially be release on the 20th of October.

The Draft AI SBOM Compliance Guide:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XHztgMALwnu2D02bmWYyXeW3wE_Jw199/edit#heading=h.x3i92tls8mld

AI BOM Compliance in the Supply Chain Guide

Preview Code Blame 316 lines (177 loc) · 17.9 KB Raw

Artificial Intelligence

System Bill of Materials

Compliance Management Guide for the Supply Chain

Draft Document from the OpenChain Project AI Work Group

THIS IS NOT A PRODUCTION RELEASE OR OFFICIAL RELEASE DOCUMENT FROM THE OPENCHAIN PROJECT. AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT IS WORKING DOCUMENT DESIGNED TO ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO SHARE IDEAS.

This document is currently undergoing a Public Comment period as per the [OpenChain Project process outlined on our website](#).

YOU CAN SUBMIT A COMMENT BY:

- [Opening an issue on the OpenChain Project Reference Library Git-Hub Repository](#)
- [Emailing the OpenChain AI Work Group mailing list](#)

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS IS 2025-08-18 AT 20:00 JST.



SBOM Study Group Update



The SBOM Study Group has continued its discussion around SBOM Quality.

There are two key documents being talked about:

1. Version 1.1 of the Telco SBOM Quality Guide:

<https://openchainproject.org/featured/2025/05/09/openchain-telco-sbom-guide-version-1-1-now-available>

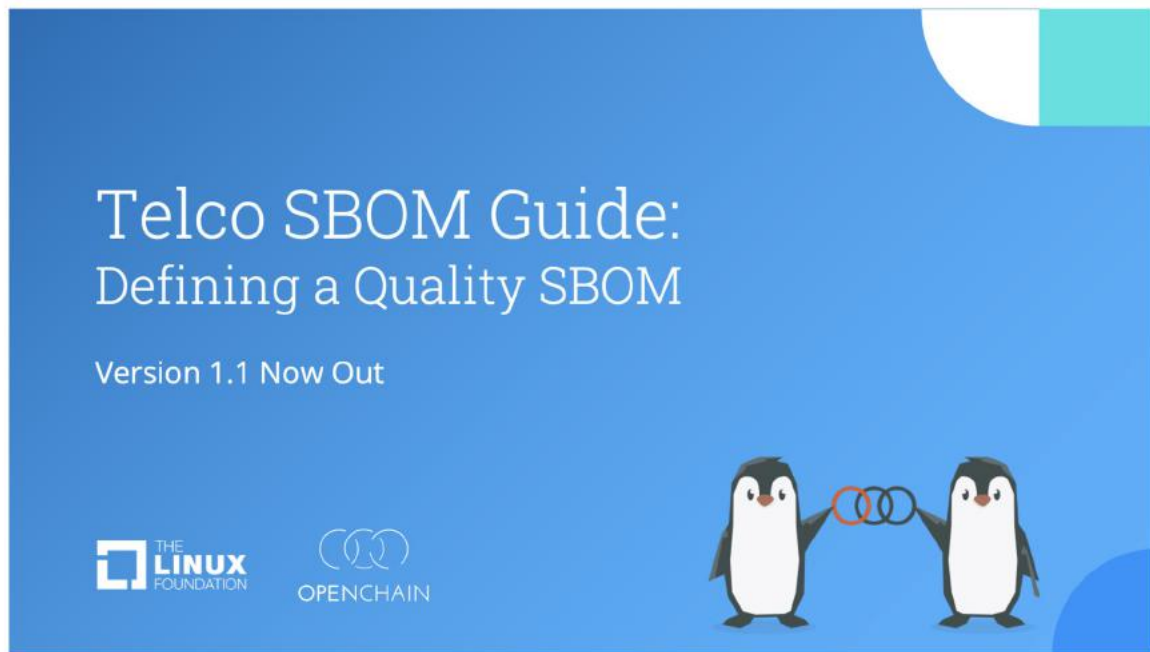
2. A new document designing a cross-industry, cross-format SBOM quality guide:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iuXX8j10N70dfce1-CZFWhW6S2jEqc--flcCgXMMdjg/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.xtogtsbrin0p>

Cross-Industry SBOM Quality Guide Concept



Telco SBOM Quality Guide



In April, the [OpenChain Telco Work Group](#) completed work on version 1.1 of the [OpenChain Telco SBOM Guide](#). This document helps to define what is a quality Software Bill of Materials in the context of supply chain management. It uses [SPDX](#), the [NTIA Requirements](#) and the experience of the Telco industry to provide a clear, simple and easily adjustable approach. Today, with the release of the [updated official validator](#), we are promoting the guide as generally available to the open source community.

Telco SBOM Quality Work ... EXPANDED



**Official
Validator**



**Third-Party
Tooling**



**ByteDance
Case Study**



**ByteDance
Schemas**



01

Reference Material



Updates to Policy Template + Training Course



Example Policy template

Reference training links (as shown last call) committed to master

"Require a procedure to create a SBOM" text updated, see:

<https://github.com/OpenChain-Project/Reference-Material/issues/112>

LFC193 Training

Proposed updated Ch4 diagrams - intention is that for the LF Training hosted course an AI presenter can talk the text with accompanying video animated diagrams. See latest version :

<https://github.com/OpenChain-Project/Reference-Material/tree/master/OpenChain-Training/en/Online-Training-Courses/LFC193%20Course%20Content>

Free Online Compliance Management Training

4.5 out of 5 star rating! ➡

**Introduction to Open
Source License
Compliance
Management (LFC193)**

4.6 out of 5 star rating! ➡

**Implementing Open
Source License
Compliance
Management (LFC194)**



Open Source Policy Template



A2	The focus of this template is to help apply the key requirements for a quality open source compliance program. It provides sample policy text that helps organisations select, classify, incorporate and publish open source code with a focus on legal compliance of open source. Companies may need to consider others matters related to business requirements, engineering requirements and inter-organization / inter-project relationships when completing their own open source policy.
1	The OpenChain Open Source Policy Template
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3	You can obtain a number of different types of policy and compliance materials from the TODO Group, a sister project to OpenChain at the Linux Foundation. Their reference and template material is here: https://github.com/todogroup/policies
4	
5	How the OpenChain Open Source Policy Template works
6	All of the template policy text is contained in the spreadsheet tab named "Policy"
	Column B of the OpenChain Open Source Policy Template shows the specific section of the OpenChain Specification that content relates to. The numbering conforms to the numbering in the OpenChain ISO Standard (ISO/IEC 5230:2020).
	Column C of the OpenChain Open Source Policy Template contains the text of the OpenChain Specification requirement.
	Column D of the OpenChain Open Source Policy Template categorises the text in each row as follows: H = heading RQ = requirement RT= rationale VM = verification material TX= supporting policy text
	Columns E and F Contain the corresponding question number and question in the OpenChain self-certification questionnaire
	Column G of the OpenChain Open Source Policy Template is sample policy text which addresses the specific OpenChain Specification requirement (usually against the relevant Verification Material, although definitions are also adopted).
	Column H Contains wording appropriate for a Foundation, following a similar format to Column G
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10	Example Appendix 1 - Roles and Responsibilities
11	This sets out an example of the roles and responsibilities of the individuals who are involved in managing and implementing the practices and procedures defined by the

A Reference Library Of 1,500+ Documents



Reference-Material

This repository contains reference material both directly related to the OpenChain Project and more generally to matters around license, security and other compliance topics in the open source supply chain.

How This Library Works

The library contains over 1,000 documents. To ensure ease of navigation and our ability to adjust and improve the library structure over time, you will find that navigation is primarily guided by this README file, which acts as the starting point for all navigation.

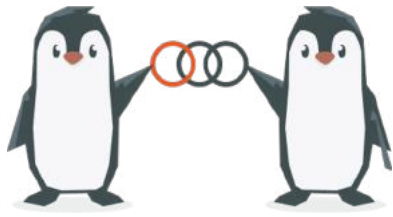
The intention is that:

1. You will enter this library at the top level of the archive
2. You will use this README file as your index
3. We will update the README as the library evolves

How To Navigate The Library (the Index of Contents)

As of 2025-05-08, the library is structured in the following folders alphabetically:

1. AI-SBOM-Compliance
2. Open-Source-Compliance-Support-Material
3. Open-Source-Policy-Templates
4. OpenChain-Adoption-Guides
5. OpenChain-Case-Studies
6. OpenChain-Explainers-For-Internal-Teams
7. OpenChain-For-Mergers-and-Acquisitions
8. OpenChain-Maturity-Models
9. OpenChain-Processes-and-FAQ
10. OpenChain-Promotion-Material
11. OpenChain-Standards-Self-Certification
12. OpenChain-Supplier-Education
13. OpenChain-Templates
14. OpenChain-Training



OpenChain
has
100+

**Webinars about open source
management and governance**



02

Keeping It Simple

Our Workflow



And
supportin
g
reference
material!

Sister Standards - Processes for Programs

ISO/IEC 5230 (License Compliance)



ISO/IEC 18974 (Security Assurance)



Flexible program size

Covering:

- Inbound processes
- Internal processes
- Outbound processes

Standards about process ***points***

Not about process ***content***

Self-Certification Checklists



Organization Name *(Required)*

Organization Website *(Required)*

Section 1: Program foundation *(Required)*

- ☐ We have a documented policy governing the open source license compliance of supplied software.
- ☐ We have a documented procedure to communicate the existence of the open source policy to program participants.
- ☐ We have identified the roles and responsibilities that affect the performance and effectiveness of the program.
- ☐ We have identified and documented the competencies required for each role.
- ☐ We have documented the assessed competence for each program participant.
- ☐ We have documented the awareness of our program participants on the open source policy and where to find it.
- ☐ We have documented the awareness of our program participants on relevant open source objectives.
- ☐ We have documented the awareness of our program participants on contributions expected to ensure the effectiveness of the program.
- ☐ We have documented the awareness of our program participants on the implications of failing to follow the Program requirements.
- ☐ We have a process for determining the scope of our program.
- ☐ We have a written statement clearly defining the scope and limits of the program.
- ☐ We have a documented procedure to review and document open source license obligations, restrictions and rights.



03

In Conclusion

There Is A Steady Trend:

Open source is becoming more professional

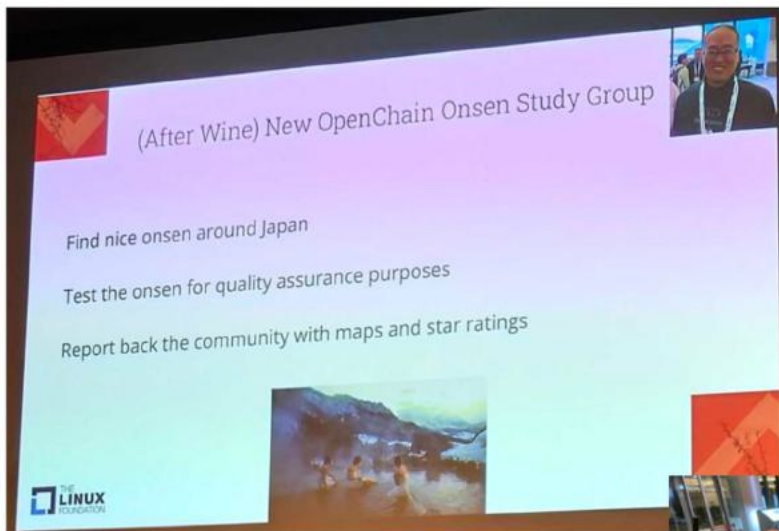
Open source is becoming more accountable

Open source is becoming more sustainable

OpenChain Has A Plan

- 1. We will assist in the professionalization of the supply chain**
- 1. We will continue to grow our reference material**
- 1. We will also support discussion in new area like AI Compliance**

Our Message: You Are Always Welcome!



Onsen Study Group

Craft Beer Club (unofficial)

New in Korea: Makkoli Study Group



It Has Been A Long Journey...

- 2006, FSFE creates a legal task force with support from Harald Welte
- 2007, FSFE creates a network for lawyers
- 2008, the legal network hosts its first major legal conference
- 2015, OpenChain concept by people who were part of the legal network and also LF
- 2016, OpenChain officially launched as an LF Project



Participate In OpenChain

- **Our calls are open and publicly listed.**
- **We publish a recording of every meeting not under Chatham House Rule.**
- **We provide access to work groups, special interest groups and local work groups by mailing list.**

