Open Source Programs Offices

An Overview

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Open Source Collective Board.

Open Source Programs Office

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OSPO

What Is An OSPO?

“An open source program office (OSPO) serves as the center of competency for an organization's open source operations and structure. It is responsible for defining and implementing strategies and policies to guide these efforts. This can include setting policies around code use, distribution, selection, auditing, contributing, and other key areas; providing education and training to people (inside and outside the organization) involved in open source activities; supporting an organization's efficiency in developing software through encouraging sustainable usage of existing open source components and, where appropriate, contributing enhancements back to these project; when needed, guiding teams with open sourcing their software; ensuring engineering effectiveness; ensuring legal compliance; and promoting and building community engagement. InnerSource is a close sibling of open source and often collaborates with or is part of the OSPO.”

https://github.com/todogroup/ospodefinition.org

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https://opensource.org/blog/what-is-an-open-source-program-office-and-why-you-should-have-one

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“Where you send people when they need open source help.” - Me

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Overview

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As each EU member state, the Commission has an Open Source Programme Office(OSPO) facilitating activities around the open source.

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About

Open source is part of the fabric of each of our companies. Between us, our open source programs enable us to use, contribute to, and maintain, thousands of projects – both large and small.

These programs face many challenges, including ensuring high-quality and frequent releases, engaging with developer communities, and using and contributing back to other projects effectively.

The members of this group are committed to working together in order to overcome these challenges. We will be sharing experiences, developing best practices, and working on common tooling. But we can't do this alone. If you are a company using or sharing open source, we welcome you to join us and help make this happen.

TODO: talk openly, develop openly. We believe we can better improve our open source programs – and our contributions to the open source movement as a whole – by working together.

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Recent News

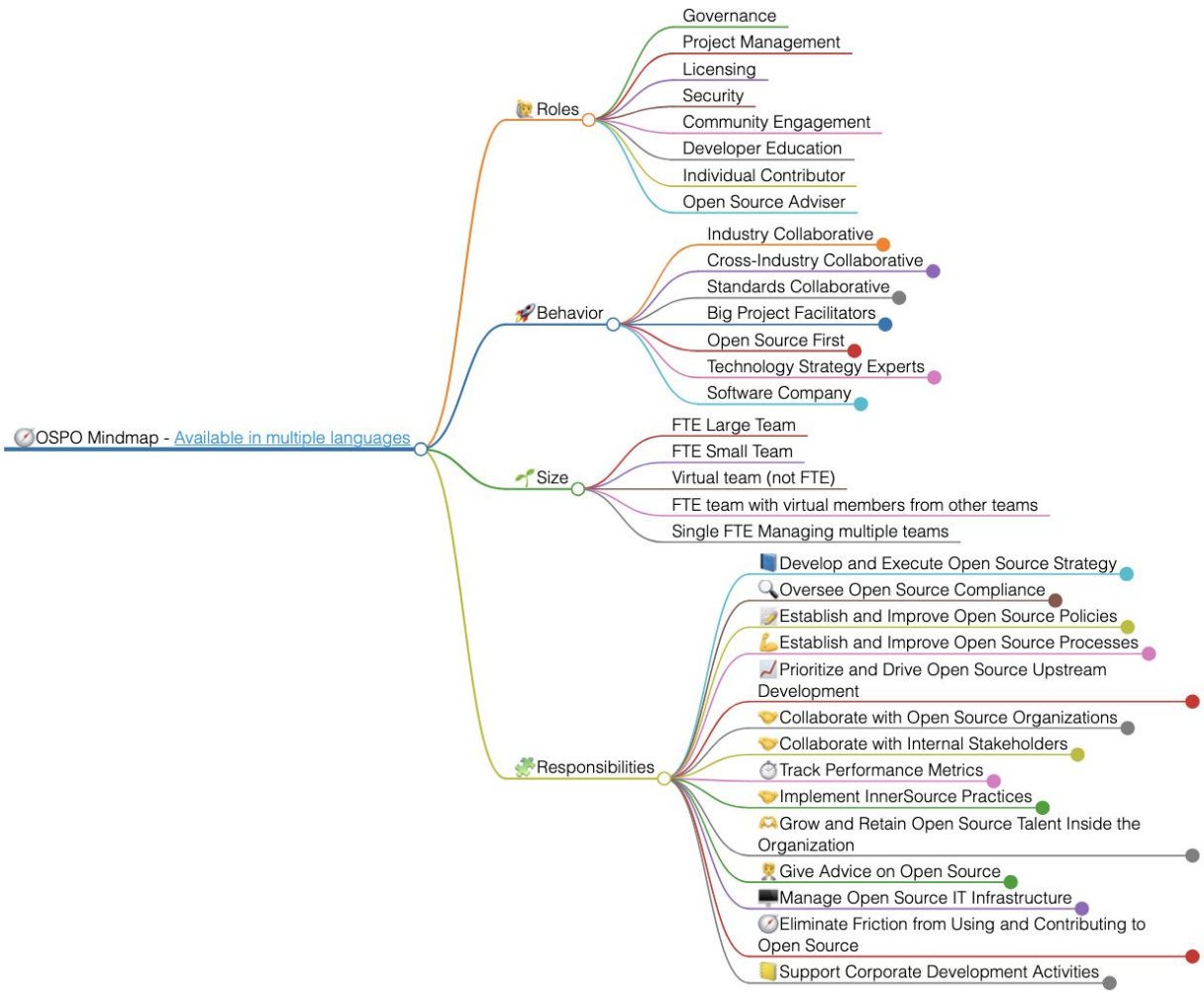
+ Taiwan opens door to open source

Taiwan is turning its back on software from the likes of Microsoft to develop its own open-source project, according to a recent report. The Taiwanese government plans to start an open-source project as early as next year that could save it as much as $295 million in royalty payments to Microsoft, according to a report from Taiwan's Central News Agency.

Projects that are currently available for participation

Brazil	
BRAZIL	Web Application Development, Sun Labs Projects
Grid Engine	
GRID ENGINE	Distributed Resource Management for Grid Computing
JRMS	
	Java Libraries and Services for Building Reliable Multicast-Aware Applications
JXTA	
Project JXTA	Project JXTA - distributed computing using peer-to-peer topology
NetBeans	
NetBeans	Java IDE
OpenOffice.org	

What Does An OSPO Do?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Develop and Execute Open Source Strategy
Oversee Open Source Compliance
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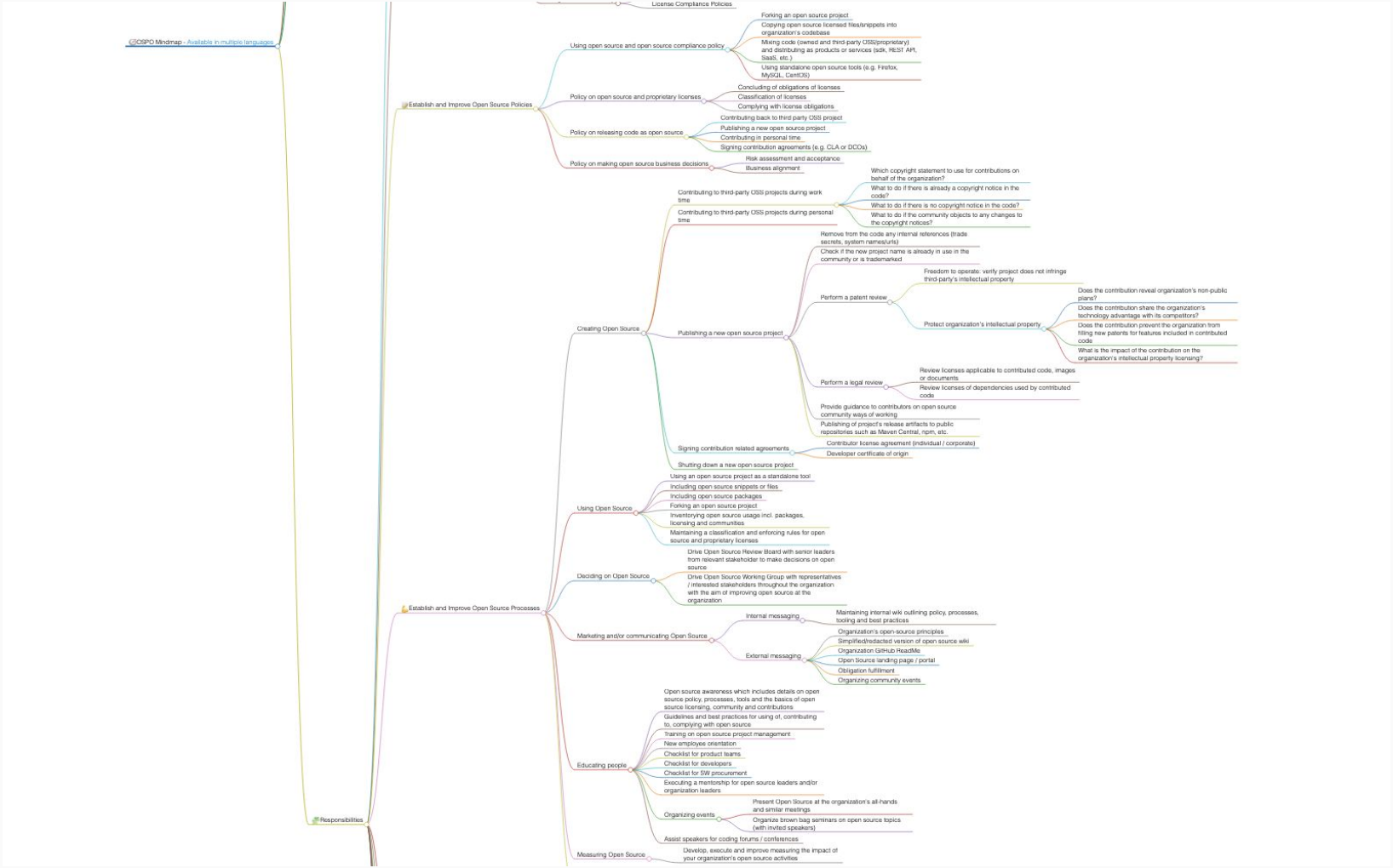
Prioritize and Drive Open Source Upstream Development
Collaborate with Open Source Organizations
Collaborate with Internal Stakeholders
Track Performance Metrics
Implement InnerSource Practices
Grow and Retain Open Source Talent Inside the Organization
Give Advice on Open Source
Manage Open Source IT Infrastructure
Eliminate Friction from Using and Contributing to Open Source
Support Corporate Development Activities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Responsibilities
Establish and Improve Open Source Policies
Using open source and open source compliance policy
Forking an open source project
Copying open source licensed files/snippets into organization's codebase
Mixing code (owned and third-party OSS/proprietary) and distributing as products or services (sdk, REST API, SaaS, etc.)
Using standalone open source tools (e.g. Firefox, MySQL, CentOS)
Policy on open source and proprietary licenses
Concluding of obligations of licenses
Classification of licenses
Complying with license obligations
Policy on releasing code as open source
Contributing back to third party OSS project
Publishing a new open source project
Contributing in personal time
Signing contribution agreements (e.g. CLA or DCOs)
Policy on making open source business decisions
Risk assessment and acceptance
Business alignment
License Compliance Policies
Establish and Improve Open Source Processes
Creating Open Source
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Which copyright statement to use for contributions on behalf of the organization?
What to do if there is already a copyright notice in the code?
What to do if there is no copyright notice in the code?
What to do if the community objects to any changes to the copyright notices?
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Publishing a new open source project
Remove from the code any internal references (trade secrets, system names/urls)
Check if the new project name is already in use in the community or is trademarked
Perform a patent review
Freedom to operate: verify project does not infringe third-party's intellectual property
Protect organization's intellectual property
Does the contribution reveal organization's non-public plans?
Does the contribution share the organization's technology advantage with its competitors?
Does the contribution prevent the organization from filing new patents for features included in contributed code
What is the impact of the contribution on the organization's intellectual property licensing?
Perform a legal review
Review licenses applicable to contributed code, images or documents
Review licenses of dependencies used by contributed code
Provide guidance to contributors on open source community ways of working
Publishing of project's release artifacts to public repositories such as Maven Central, npm, etc.
Signing contribution related agreements
Contributor license agreement (individual / corporate)
Developer certificate of origin
Shutting down a new open source project
Using Open Source
Using an open source project as a standalone tool
Including open source snippets or files
Including open source packages
Forking an open source project
Inventorying open source usage incl. packages, licensing and communities
Maintaining a classification and enforcing rules for open source and proprietary licenses
Deciding on Open Source
Drive Open Source Review Board with senior leaders from relevant stakeholder to make decisions on open source
Drive Open Source Working Group with representatives / interested stakeholders throughout the organization with the aim of improving open source at the organization
Marketing and/or communicating Open Source
Internal messaging
Maintaining internal wiki outlining policy, processes, tooling and best practices
External messaging
Organization's open-source principles
Simplified/redacted version of open source wiki
Organization GitHub ReadMe
Open Source landing page / portal
Obligation fulfillment
Organizing community events
Educating people
Open source awareness which includes details on open source policy, processes, tools and the basics of open source licensing, community and contributions
Guidelines and best practices for using of, contributing to, complying with open source
Training on open source project management
New employee orientation
Checklist for product teams
Checklist for developers
Checklist for SW procurement
Executing a mentorship for open source leaders and/or organization leaders
Organizing events
Present Open Source at the organization's all-hands and similar meetings
Organize brown bag seminars on open source topics (with invited speakers)
Assist speakers for coding forums / conferences
Measuring Open Source
Develop, execute and improve measuring the impact of your organization's open source activities

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