

Open Source Software

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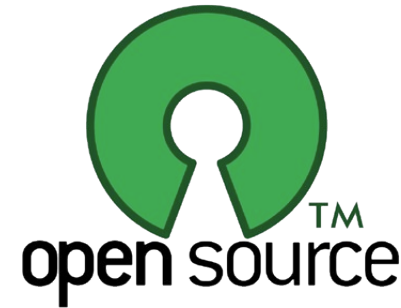
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5. Open source governance
6. Problems with using open source
7. Open source control mechanisms

1. What is Open Source Software?

Legal Definition of Free and Open Source Software

- Software is **free software** [1] if
 - The user is granted rights to
 - Use, study, modify, and distribute the software
 - Free of charge and other restrictions
- Managed by the Free Software Foundation
- Software is **open source software** [2] if
 - The user is granted rights to
 - Use, modify, and distribute the software
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- For all practical purposes, free and open source software are the same

[1] See <https://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html.en>

[2] See <https://opensource.org/osd>

Example Open Source Software



debian



2. A (Very) Short History

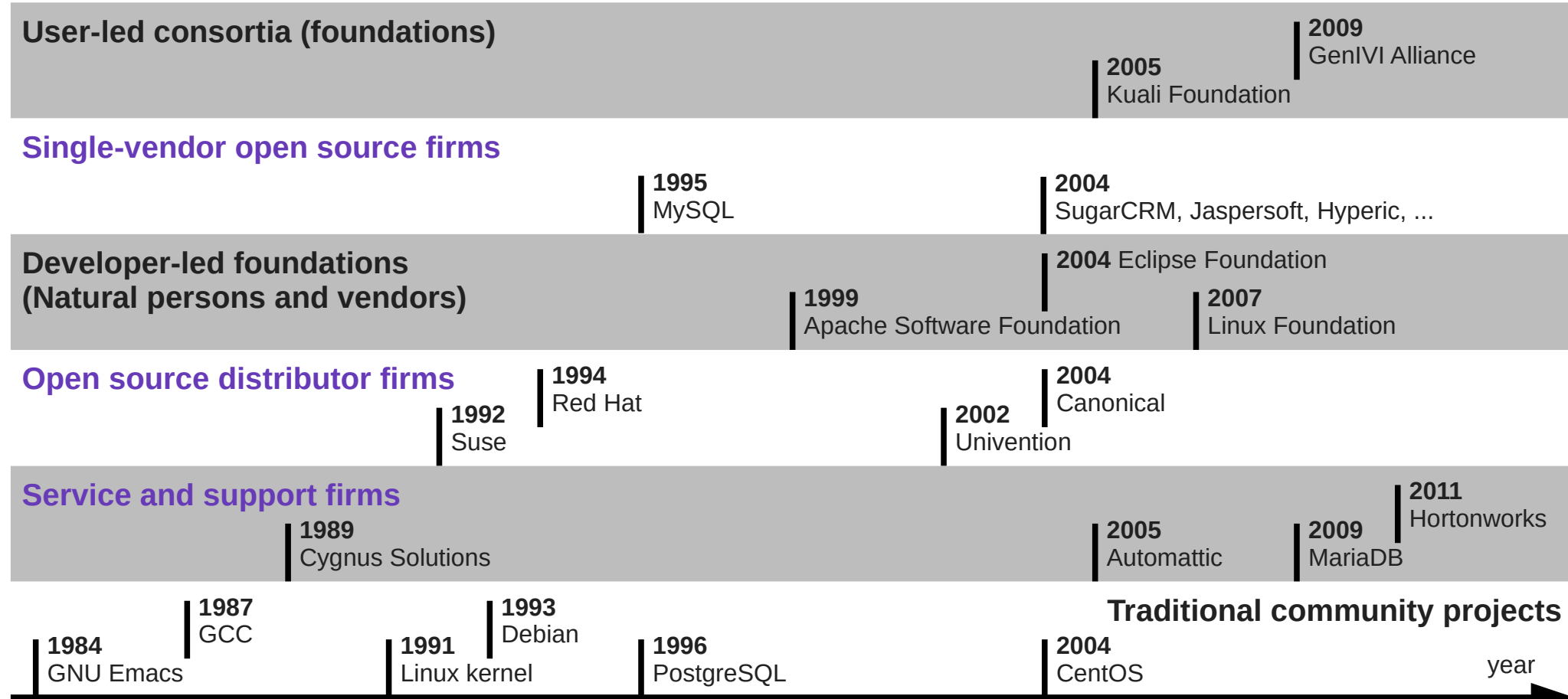
Short History of Open Source

- 1960-1979: Not-born-yet (the first era) [LT02]
 - Little or no recognition of software as intellectual property
 - Free sharing of source code, allowing for rapid diffusion and innovation
- 1980-1989: Philosophy (the second era)
 - Founding of the Free Software Foundation by Richard Stallman in 1985
 - Invention of GNU public license for “freeing software”
- 1990-1999: Pragmatism (the third era)
 - Founding of Open Source Initiative in 1998, increased pragmatism
 - Start of growth in number of projects as well as open source licenses
- 2000-2009: Professionalization (the fourth era)
 - Professionalization of open source, away from pure volunteerism
 - Increased focus on commercialization
- 2010-today: Mainstream (the current era)
 - Continued strong growth, simplified access, improved tooling
 - Open source as an on-ramp to the cloud

Traditional Open Source

- A traditional open source software
 - Is software owned by a large number of contributors
 - Who all individually own the copyright to their contributions
- A traditional open source software project
 - Is an open source software + associated community that
 - Has no formal organizational backing but rather relies on individual people

Open Source Project Strata and History



Not a complete history: Events have been chosen for illustration purposes

Sustainable Open Source Projects

- Traditional community projects [1]
- Non-profit open source organizations
 - Open source **community-led foundations**
 - Open source **vendor-led foundations**
 - Open source **user-led foundations**
- For-profit open source firms
 - **Single-vendor** open source **firms**
 - Open source **distributor firms**
 - **Service and support firms**

[1] Riehle, D. (2020). What to Call Traditional Community Open Source Projects Not Hosted by a Foundation?

3. Open Source Licenses

Anatomy of Open Source Licenses

1. Copyright notice

- The name of the owner and when this work was created and updated

2. Rights grant

- The rights granted to a user if they fulfill obligations matching the use-case

3. Obligations to fulfill

- A set of obligations (requirements) before the rights grant becomes valid

4. Prohibitions (none in the MIT license)

- A set of things the user is prohibited from

5. Disclaimer

- The usual disclaimer of warranties, guarantees, etc.

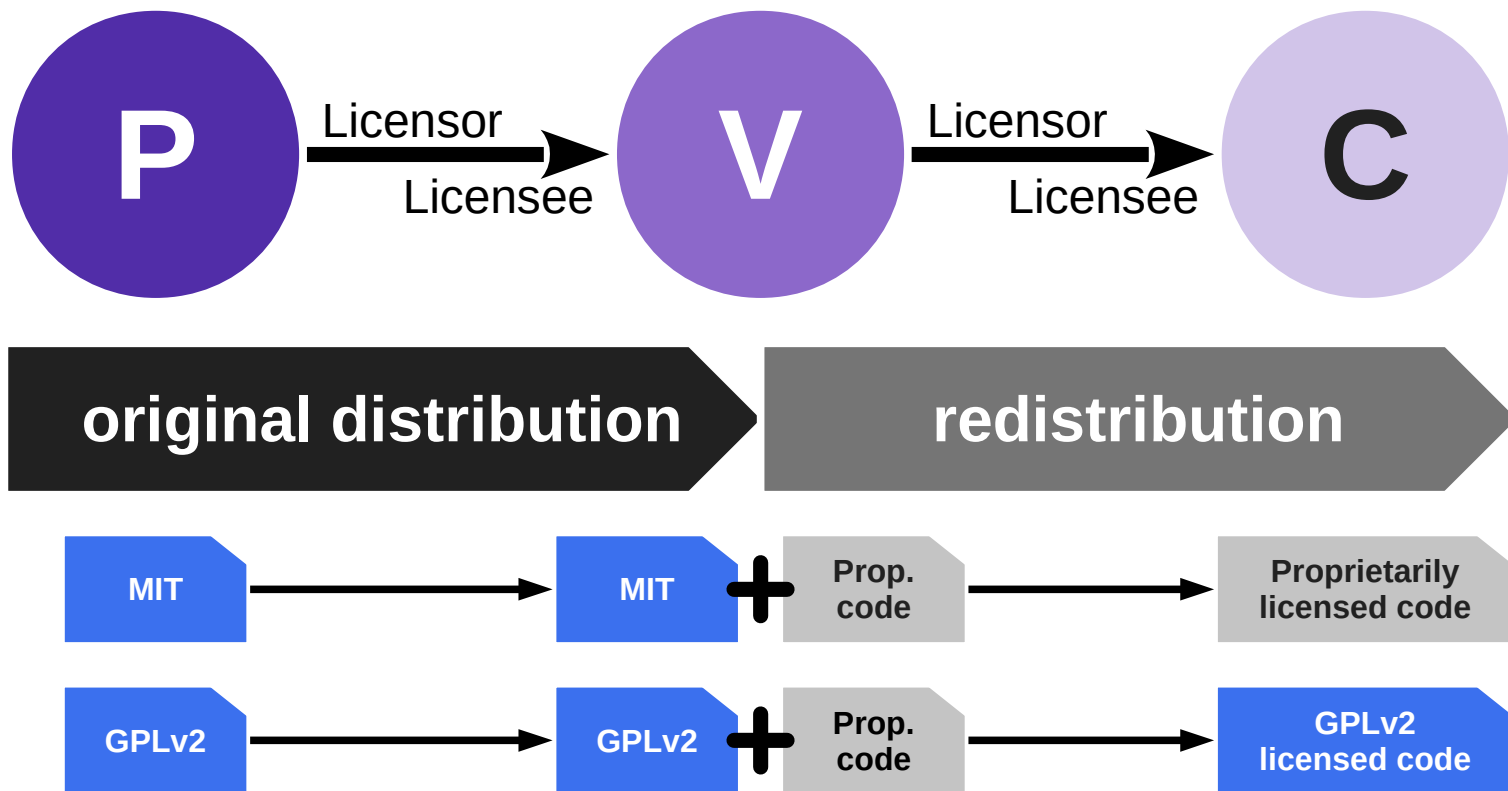
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C = Customer

Changes in License Popularity

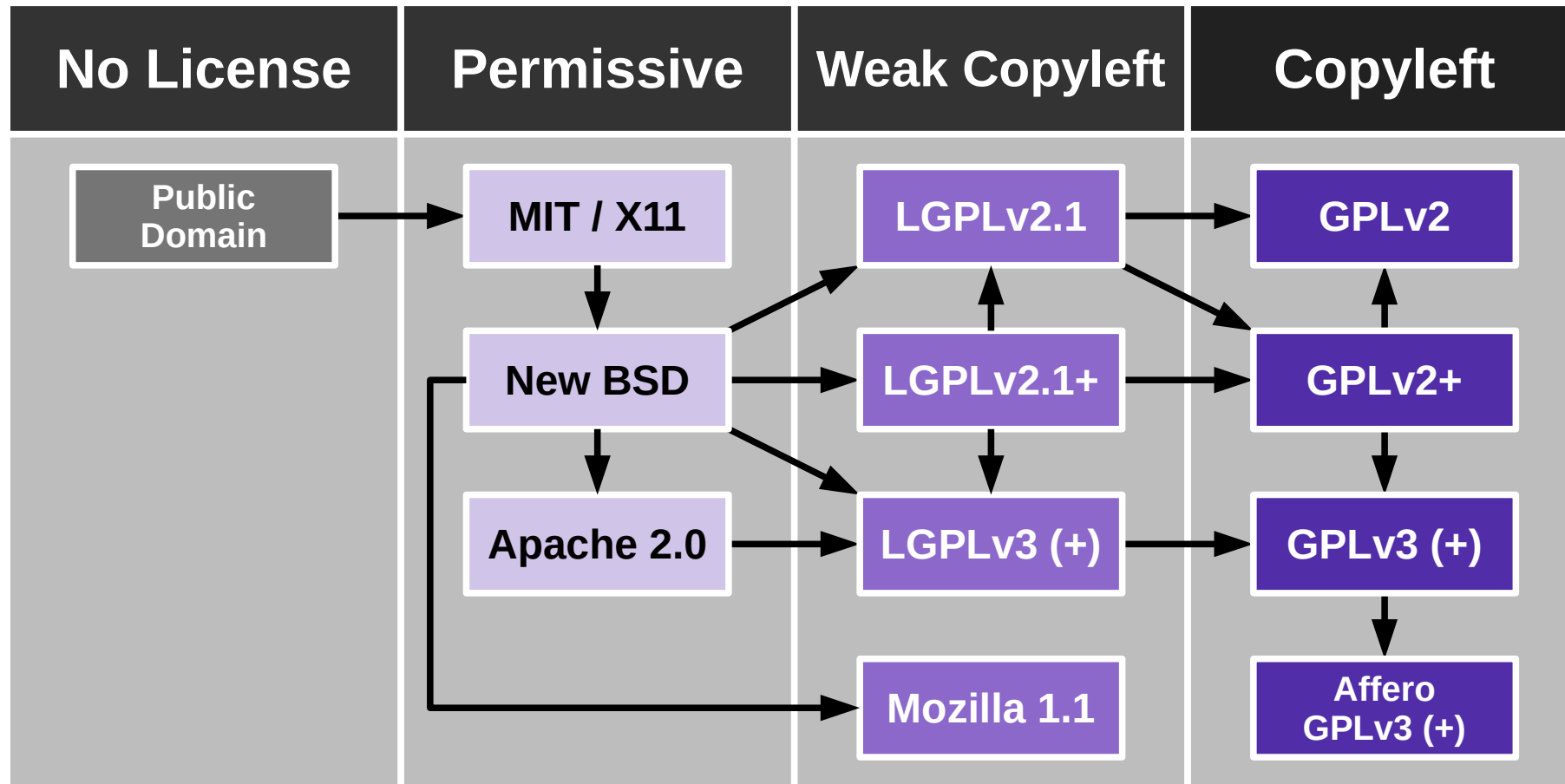
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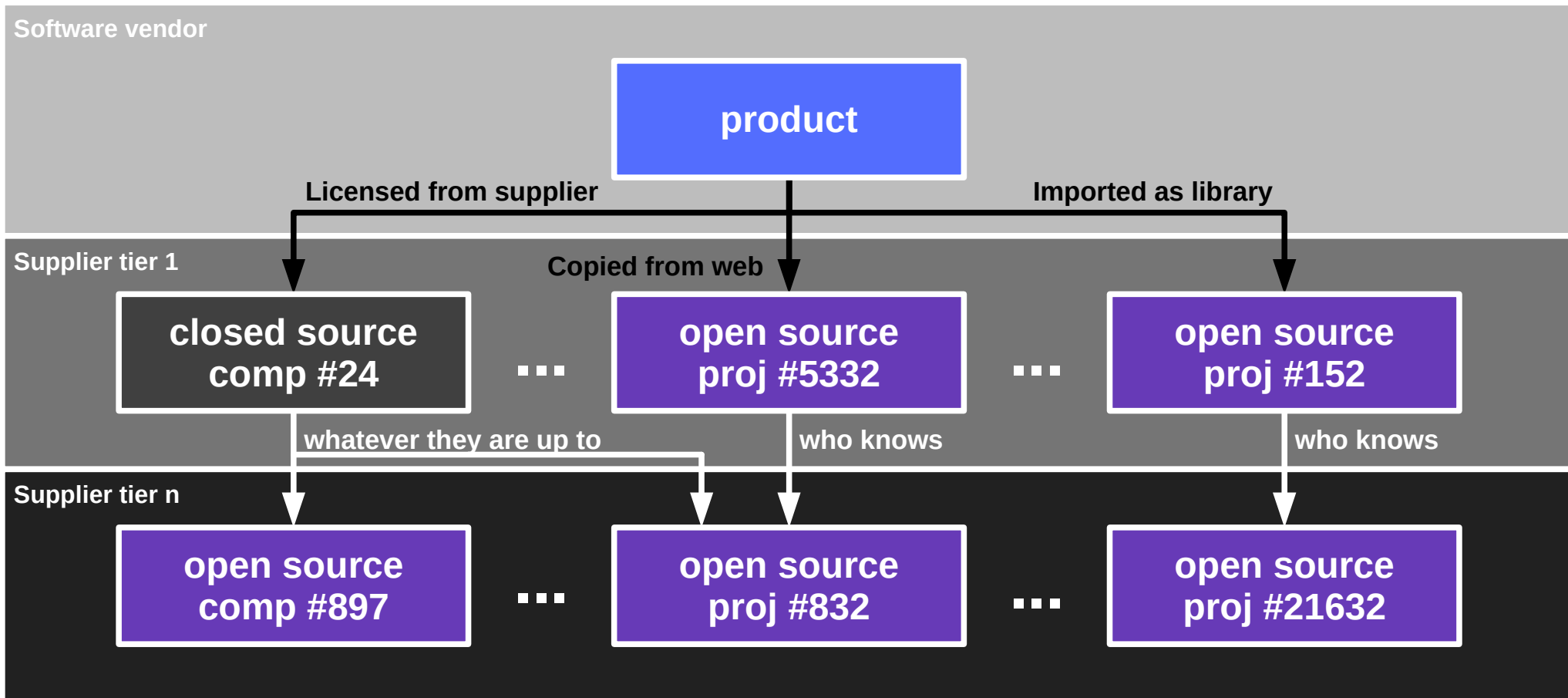
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Open Source License Categories and Families

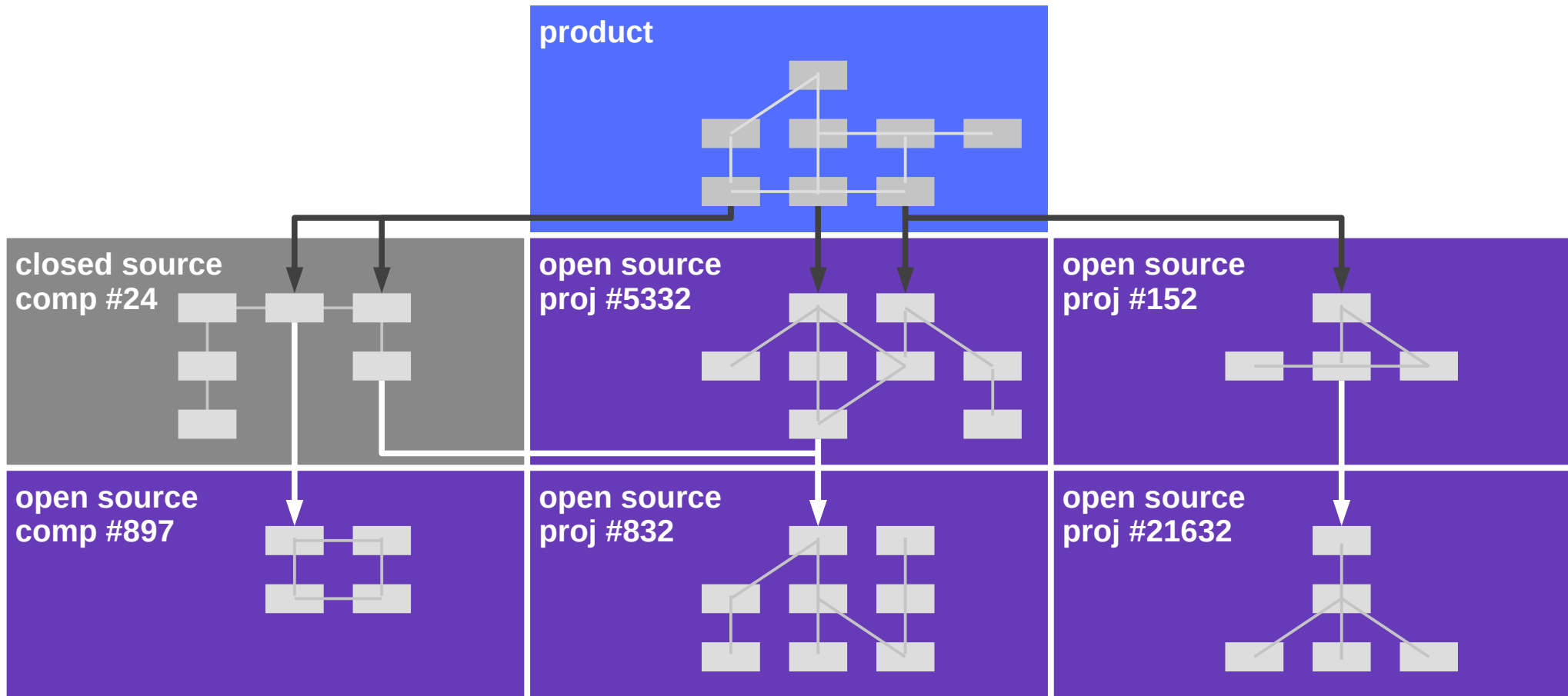


4. Open Source License Compliance

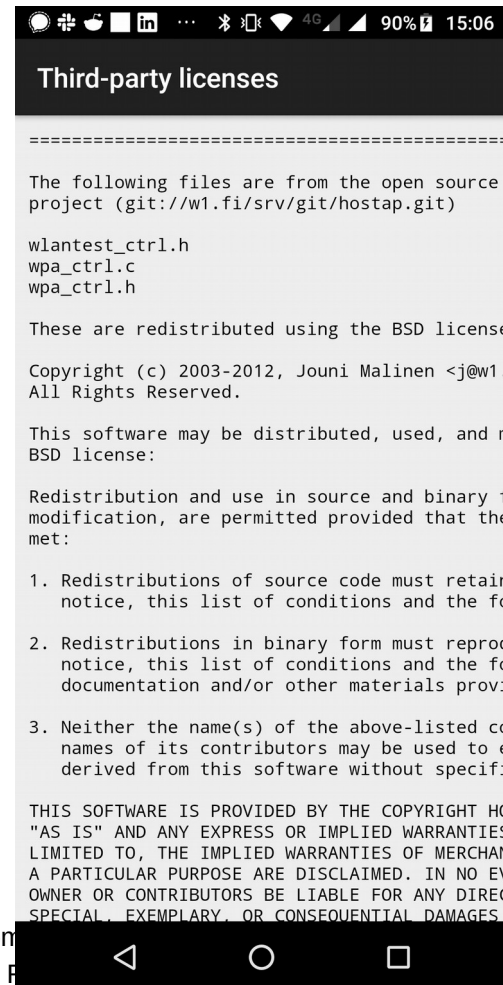
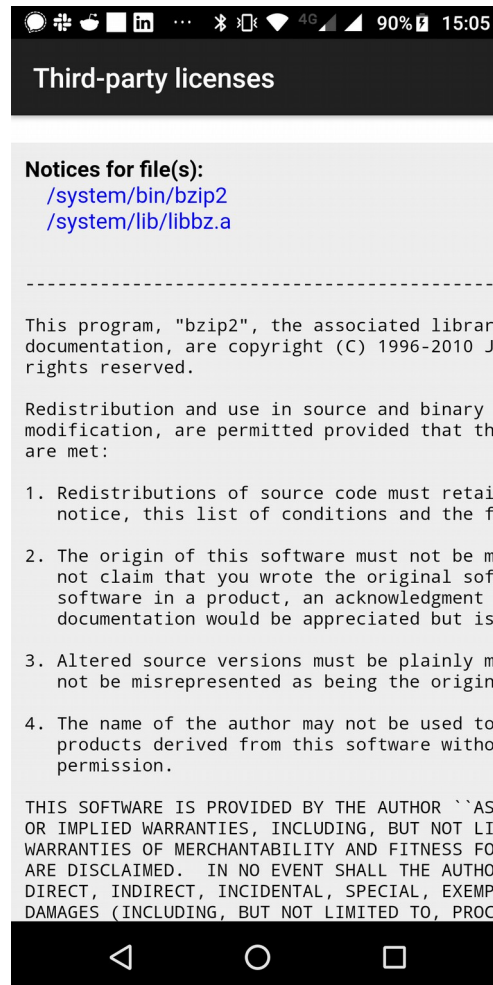
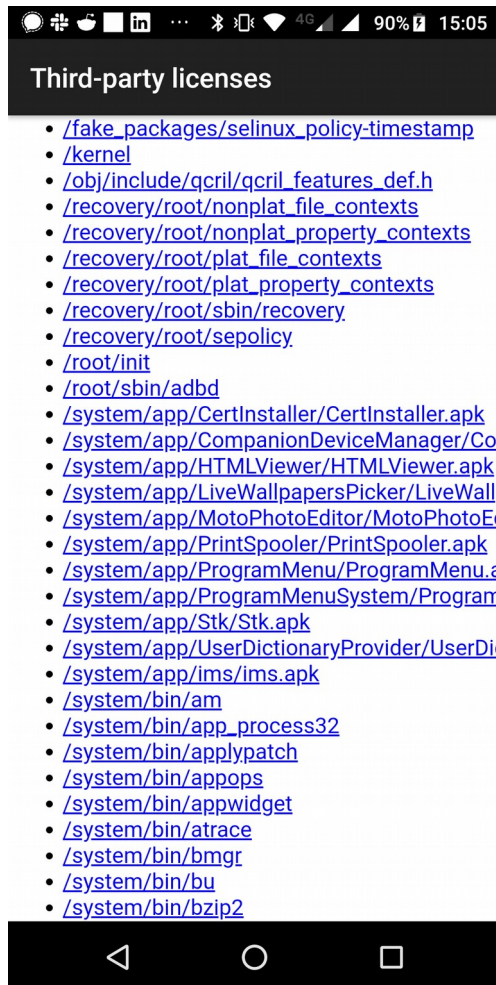
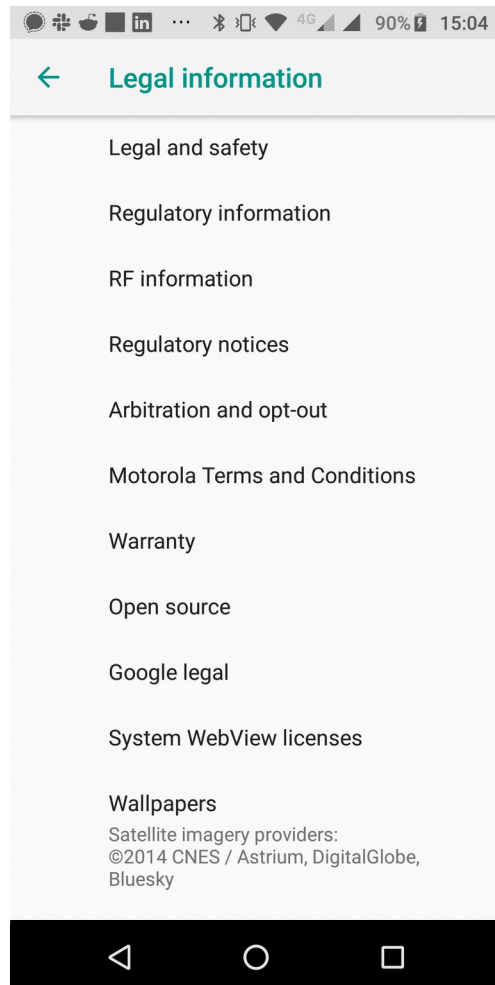
The Software Supply Chain



The Open Source Iceberg Under the Waterline



Android's Legal Notices



Consumer >> Enterprise

Low price >> High price

Embedded >> Cloud computing

Copyleft license >> Permissive license

5. Open Source Governance

Open Source Governance

- Governance
 - Is the set of processes, practices, institutions, and roles used to lead and manage a social system
- **Open source governance** in companies
 - Is the governance of using open source software in your products
 - Initial selection of components
 - Management of dependency
 - Eventual replacement
- Example governance for universities
 - University of California
 - <https://security.ucop.edu/resources/open-source-software-licensing.html>
 - My research group
 - <https://goo.gl/2fm4cx>

Open Source Don'ts (Example Governance Rules 1 / 3)

- Do not copy source code with unsure license into your project codebase
 - Random code on the web without a license is proprietary code
- Do not copy source code that is copyleft-licensed (from wherever) into your codebase
 - Do not copy from Stack Overflow (code is copyleft-licensed)
 - Do not copy and paste from open source projects
- Do not include copyleft-licensed libraries or other components into your project
- Do not blindly trust the license that an open source component is labeled with
- Do not combine software components with contradicting licenses

Open Source Dos (Example Governance Rules 2 / 3)

- Use permissively licensed open source components
- Prefer governed sources like Apache or Eclipse over ungoverned sources like Github
- Maintain a bill-of-materials

Projects, Licenses, and Sources

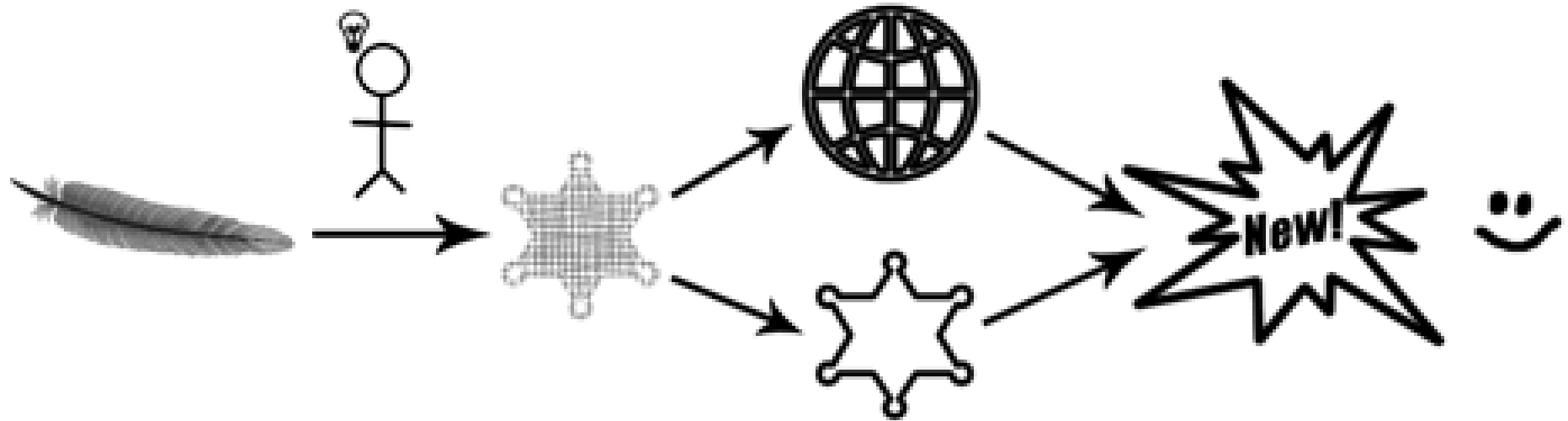
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6. Problems with Using Open Source

Problems with Using Open Source Software

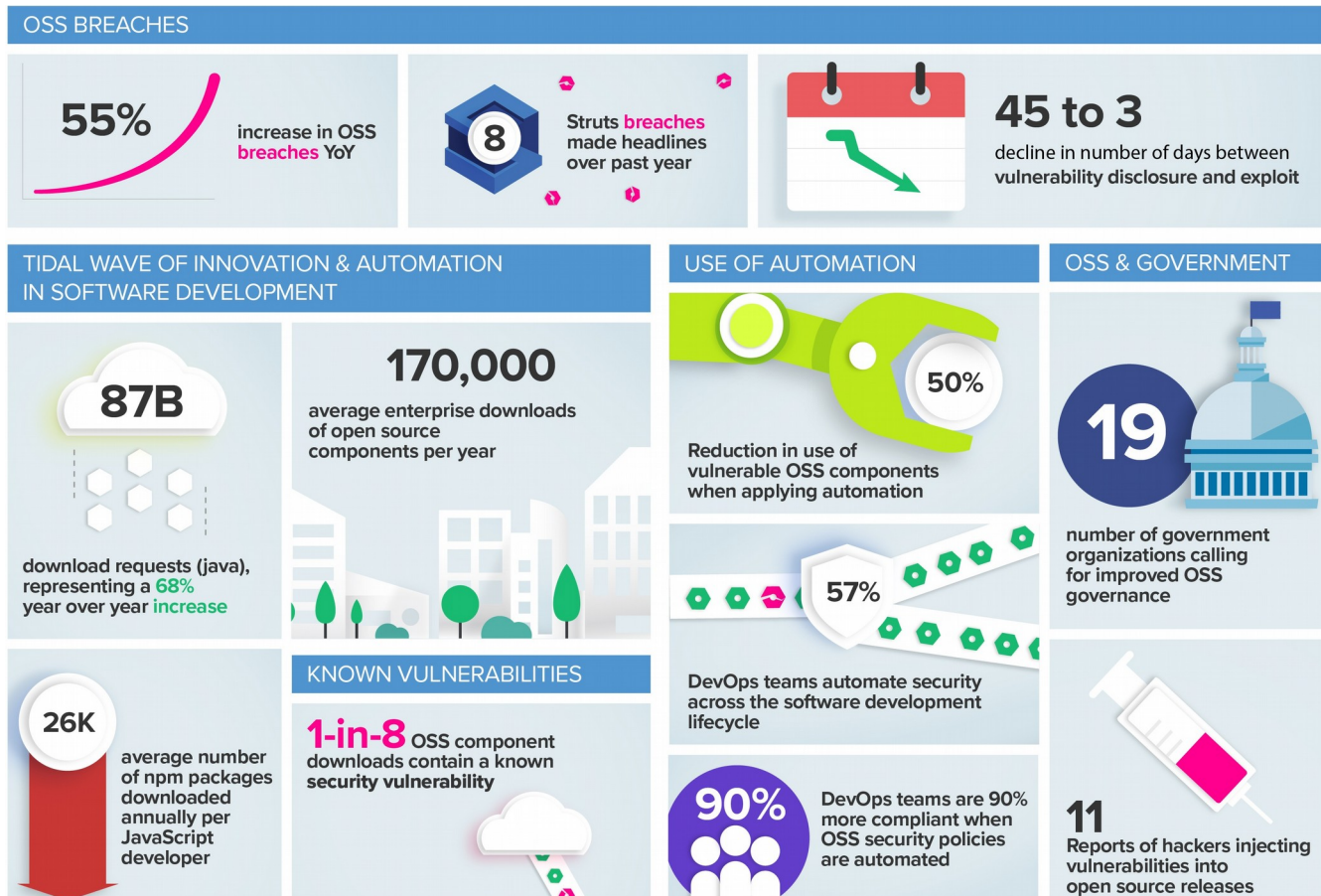
- When using open source software
 - Ensuring clean intellectual property
 - Managing security vulnerabilities
 - Managing the technical dependency
- When building a business on top
 - Ensuring access to source code
 - Ensuring access to trademarks
 - Ensuring access to patents

Ensuring Clean Intellectual Property [1]



[1] See https://www.eclipse.org/projects/dev_process/ip-process-in-cartoons.php

Managing Security Vulnerabilities [1]



[1] See <https://blog.sonatype.com/2018-state-of-the-software-supply-chain-report>

Ensuring Access to Intellectual Property



7. Open Source Control Mechanisms

Control Points and Steering Mechanisms [R11]

1. Intellectual property control
 1. Copyright control
 2. Patent ownership
 3. Trademark control
 4. Media ownership
2. Position of social leadership
 1. Leadership position
 2. Committer rights

Control Using Intellectual Property Rights

- Through copyright ownership
 - Threaten to **change license going forward**
- Through trademark ownership
 - Threaten to **withdraw usage trademark right**
- Through patent ownership
 - Threaten to **charge patent license fees**
- Through media ownership
 - Threaten to **use media to your advantage**

Steering Using Social Leadership

- Through social leadership position
 - **Split the project community, diminishing its power**
 - **Keep unwanted people out of the project**
- Through committer rights
 - **Delay or reject unwanted contributions**
 - **Lead the technical direction of the project**

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