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Hacking the legal code of an Open Source License

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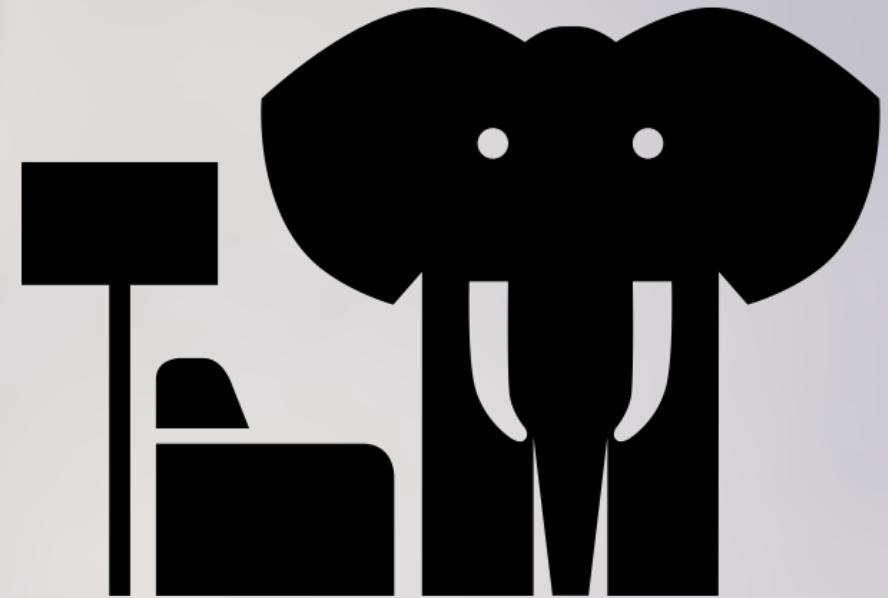
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Agenda

- Copyright and licensing in open source software
- OSS license in a nutshell
 - permissions
 - conditions
- When you need to start with OSS license compliance?

The takeouts

- Any software you use is someone's copyright
- A license details the scope of allowed use
- Any license consists of a set of permissions and conditions
- Knowing standard permissions and conditions enables understanding of the compliance risks
- Keeping track of OSS licenses starts from day one



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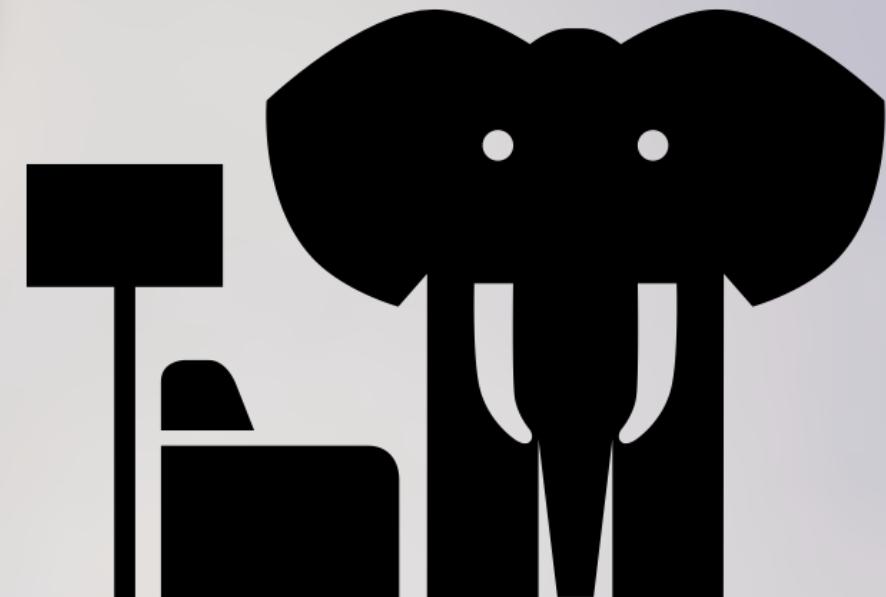
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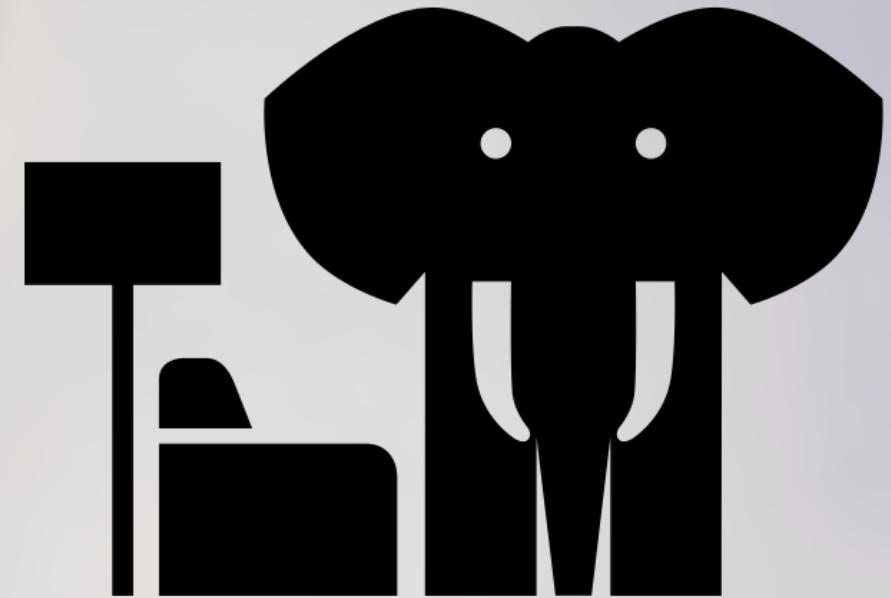
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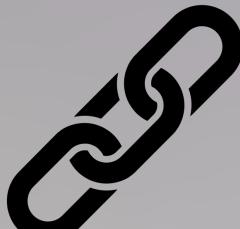
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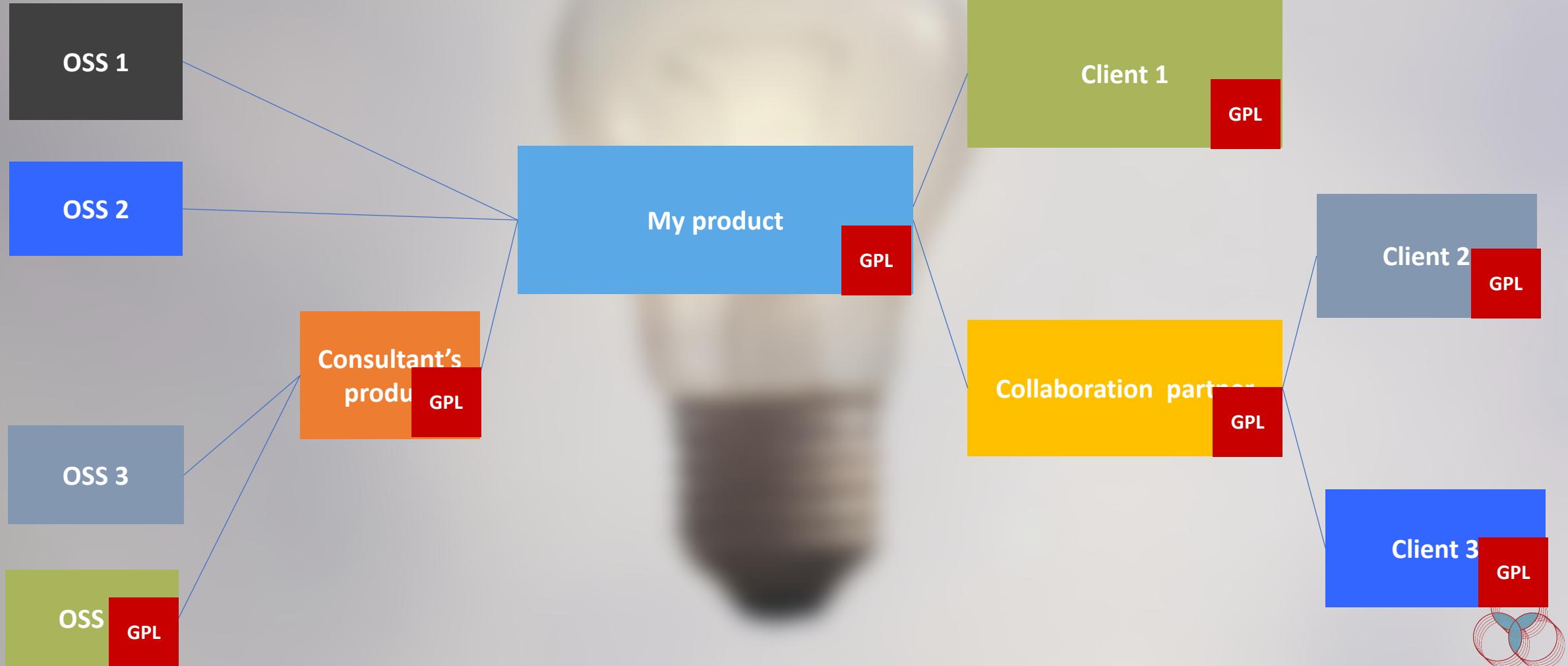
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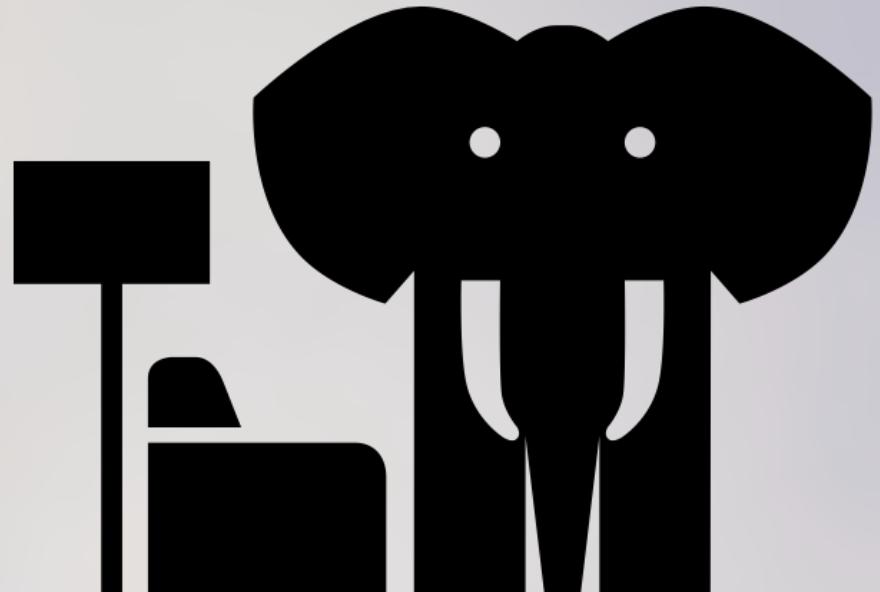
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OSS License compliance risks within the software supply chain

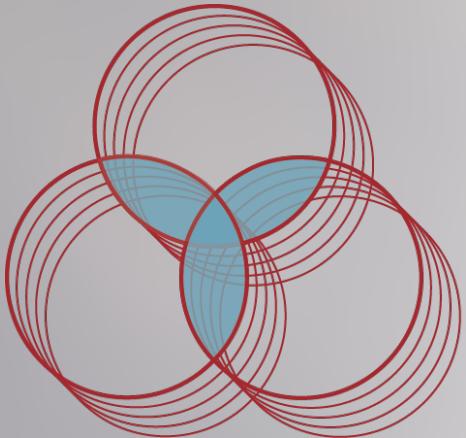


When do you need to start with OSS license compliance?

- Publishing your own OSS project
- Entering into collaboration
- Contract work for a client
- Own product launch
- Investment due diligence



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