



# A New OSI For A New Decade

## and how to protect it

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# On Crocodiles









































# Software Freedoms...

Use

Study

Modify

Distribute



# ... made pragmatic

## Use

- Adoption-Led, Implement & Iterate
- Succeed – or fail - early
- Budget Control

## Study

- Access to experts
- Proven solutions

## Modify

- Rich marketplace
- Innovation freely possible

## Distribute

- To your ecosystem
- To every citizen
- Within web pages & devices



If we didn't know better  
*we would pay extra*  
**for open source software**



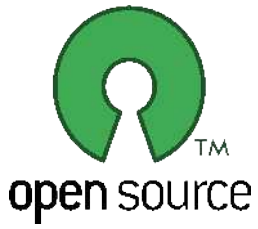
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# OSI in 1998

- Pragmatic software freedom to leverage corporate involvement
- De-emphasise ethical imperative
  - Still the bedrock
- Focus on practicalities
- Education
- Licensing
- Building understanding



# OSI in the last decade

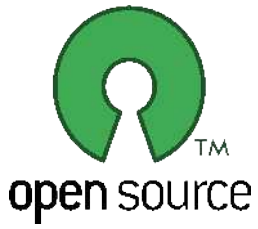
- Licensing
- OSD
- Proliferation
- Canonical listing
- Defining open standards





# Achievements

- OSI has become the standard for open source in government
- Loss of fear; uniformity; term used as a plus in other processes
- Market established and open source the norm



# A New Decade

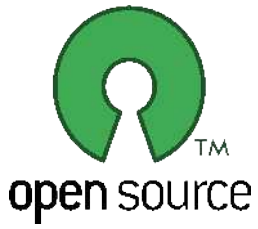
- Open Source the default
- Digital liberty moving to centre stage
- Government by Lobbyists needs challenging





# Responding To A New Decade

- Moving beyond licensing
  - deliver on education and unity
- Reinvigorating with a member-based governance
- Include all stakeholders



# Affiliates

- ♦ Initial list of 12 Affiliates today!
- ♦ Open call to all open source non-profits to affiliate
- ♦ Next stage: Invited government bodies and non-entities





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freeBSD®



# New Affiliate



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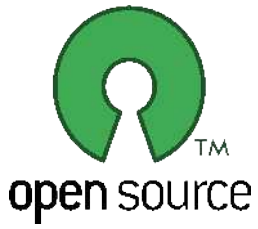
- Debian joins OSI today





# Other Members

- Personal Associates in 2-3Q2012
  - Elect a single representative board member
  - Gain a set of benefits
- Corporate Patrons in 3-4Q2012
  - No immediate role in governance



# Bottom Up Governance

- OSI to date has been a Board-only entity
- Moving to a member-led governance
- Members will:
  - decide how OSI should operate
  - build education initiatives (e.g. FLOSSBOK)
  - use OSI as a policy venue
  - co-ordinate locally and globally over initiatives
- Board will:
  - Facilitate these actions with the lightest touch
  - Represent Members and be elected by them
  - Prevent regulatory capture and strategy drift

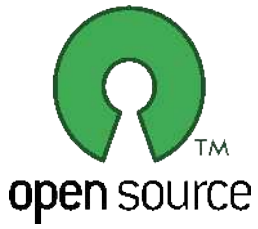




# Next Steps

- Complete membership category creation
- Likely staff in 2013 to facilitate Member and Board action
  - Need for funds
  - Split across membership & prevent funding control
- Elect replacement Board members as vacancies arise
- Capture what works and set as new Bylaws in 2013 or 2014





# Join us!

- Ask your project to join OSI
- Questions?
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  - <http://www.opensource.org>



# But what about...

- ... the basic rights OSI depends on?
- Under assault from tired monopolies
- Willing to kill the internet
- “Collateral Damage” to being profitable
- Who will protect us?





No Ground  
Fires











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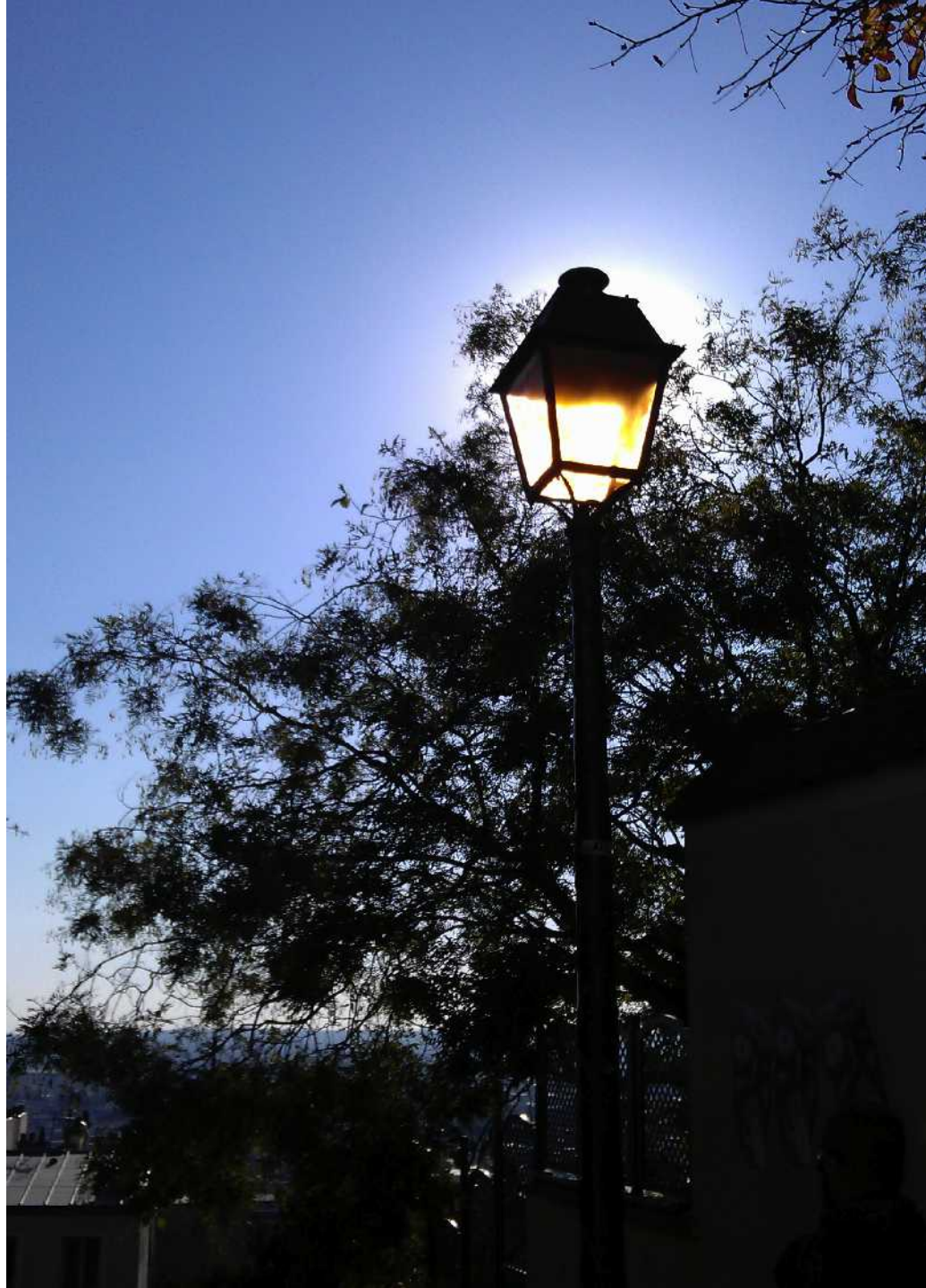
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# Join Open Rights Group



- Wave of bad law
- Protect the rights that allow OSI to promote open source
- ORG employs a team to enable campaigns to safeguard digital rights
- <http://openrightsgroup.org>