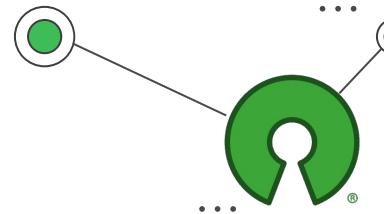




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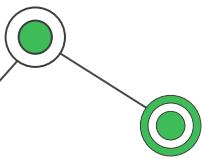
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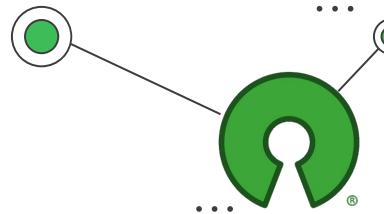
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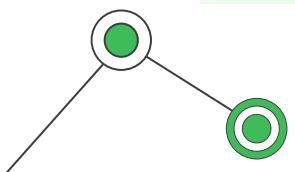
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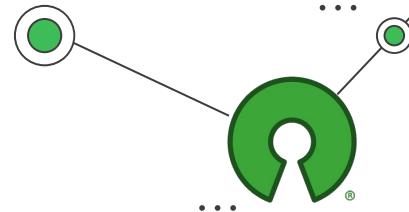


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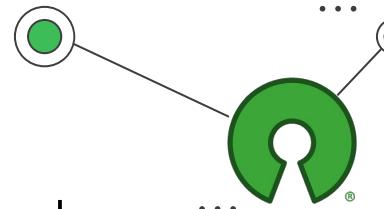
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We bring non-profit organizations together to participate in educating and informing public policy decisions related to Open Source software, content, research, and education.



Open Source AI Definition v1.0

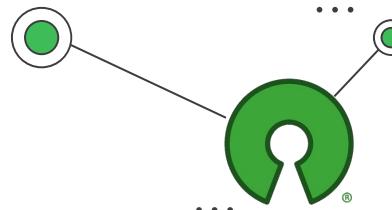
We created a process in which global experts established a shared set of principles that can recreate the permissionless, pragmatic and simplified collaboration for AI practitioners.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Open Source AI Definition 1.0 website. At the top left is the Open Source Initiative logo. To its right are navigation links: DEFINITION, PROCESS, TIMELINE, FAQS, ENDORSEMENTS, and a prominent green button labeled "Read version 1.0". The main content area features a dark background with white wavy lines and the text "THE OPEN SOURCE AI DEFINITION 1.0" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a smaller line of text reads "We have released the first stable version of the Definition." At the bottom left of the content area is another "Read version 1.0" button.

OpenSource.net

We gave a new home to the community of contributors from opensource.com. The new platform supports healthy dialog and informed education on Open Source software topics.



The screenshot shows the homepage of OpenSource.net. At the top, there's a dark green header bar with the site's name in white. Below it, a navigation menu includes links for 'About', 'Guides', 'Community', and 'Submit a post'. The main content area has a light gray background. A 'News' section is visible, featuring three article thumbnails. The first thumbnail on the left shows several colorful measuring tapes. The second thumbnail in the middle shows two snails on a surface. The third thumbnail on the right shows two people working on a laptop together. Each thumbnail has a caption below it: the first one reads 'Open Source's lost decade: Crucial lessons for Artificial intelligence' by Stefano Maffulli; the second one reads 'Welcome to OpenSource.net!' by Stefano Maffulli.

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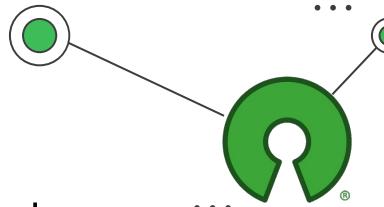
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Our impact in 2024



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8 Drafts + 1.0 version

We finalized the drafting process and published OSAID v. 1.0 in October 2024.



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Met Open Source and AI experts, developers, lawyers, and policy makers.



21 Town Halls

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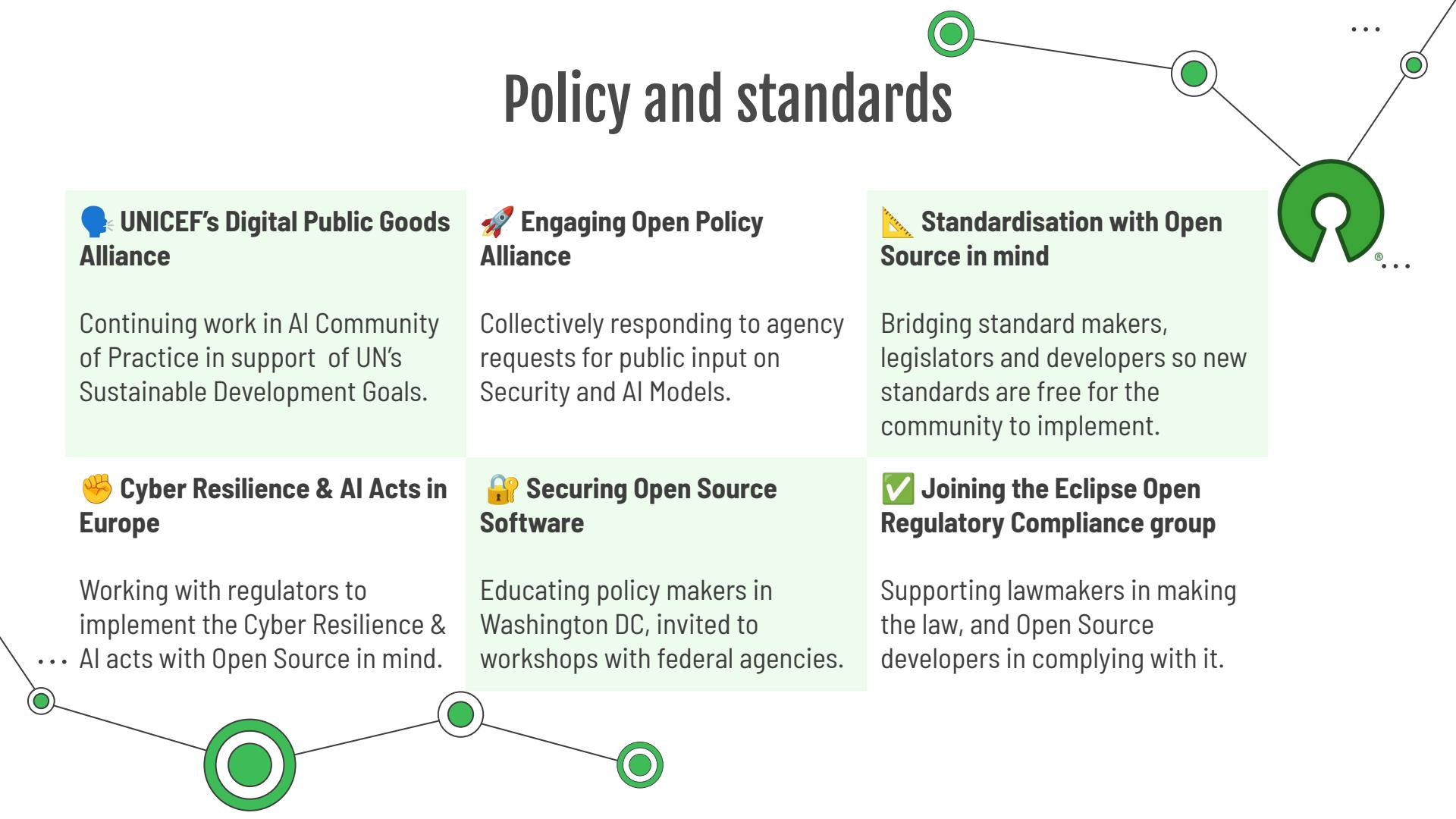
Representation in North America, Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia.



13 Systems Reviewed

Initial validation of the Open Source AI Definition on existing AI systems.

Policy and standards



UNICEF's Digital Public Goods Alliance

Continuing work in AI Community of Practice in support of UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Engaging Open Policy Alliance

Collectively responding to agency requests for public input on Security and AI Models.

Standardisation with Open Source in mind

Bridging standard makers, legislators and developers so new standards are free for the community to implement.

Cyber Resilience & AI Acts in Europe

Working with regulators to implement the Cyber Resilience & AI acts with Open Source in mind.

Securing Open Source Software

Educating policy makers in Washington DC, invited to workshops with federal agencies.

Joining the Eclipse Open Regulatory Compliance group

Supporting lawmakers in making
the law, and Open Source
developers in complying with it.

Licenses and legal



Enriched License Pages

Added relevant metadata to each license.
Developing commenting tool.



Started Thorough Review

Analyzing licenses for incoherent approvals adding new categorization.



Assured Completeness

Reviewed archives to assure the list of licenses is complete.



Approved New Licenses

Added three new licenses and one superseded.



New Review Process

Simplified and clarified the workflow for new and legacy licenses.



Published a DOSP paper

Published a whitepaper on the Delayed Open Source Publications practice.



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Practical Open Source

We had a new edition of our [Practical Open Source blog series](#), with 10 articles.

Global Audience

Most visitors come from United States, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada and France.

Panel at All Things Open

At All Things Open, we hosted a panel to debate about doing Business with Open Source.

Community Resource

Our articles got featured in community hubs such as Hacker News and Reddit.

Readers Growth

In the last year we had ~90k pageviews, from 66k unique users.

First Anniversary

We celebrated our first year online with over 80 posts published. [Submit yours!](#)



ClearlyDefined

Version 2.0 released

We launched ClearlyDefined v2.0, a major milestone in improving license data quality

Support for LicenseRef

By integrating support for LicenseRefs, we expanded beyond the SPDX License list.

New documentation website

We unveiled a new website featuring comprehensive documentation and resources.

Harvester for Conda

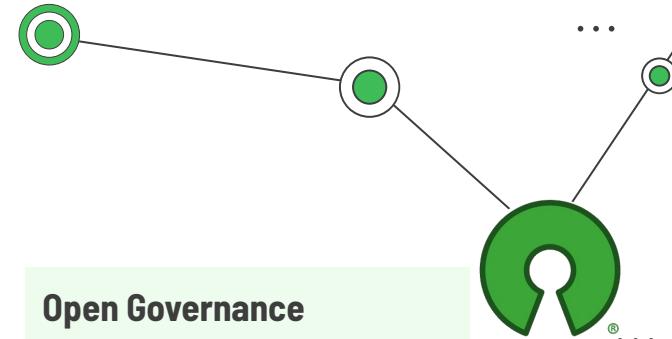
We introduced a new harvester for Conda with a focus on ML and data science packages.

Open Governance

We elected leaders to the Steering and Outreach Committees.

Integration with GUAC

GUAC users now have access to enriched data for compliance and security.



25 events around the world



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180+ Articles

50+ tier-1 outlets



The New York Times

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Openwashing

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An accusation against some A.I. companies that they are using the "open source" label too loosely.



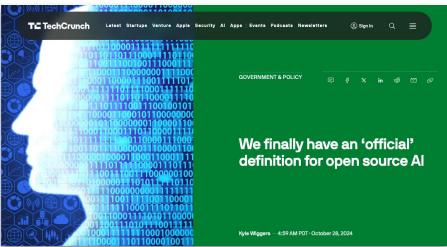
Luci Gauthier

This article is part of **Shop Talk**, a regular feature that explores the items of the business world: the insider jargon, the newly coined terms, the unfortunate or overused phrases.

There's a big debate in the tech world over whether artificial intelligence models should be "open source." Elon Musk, who helped found OpenAI in 2015, used the startup and its chief executive, Sam Altman, on claims that the company had diverged from its mission of openness. The Biden administration is investigating the risks and benefits of open source models.

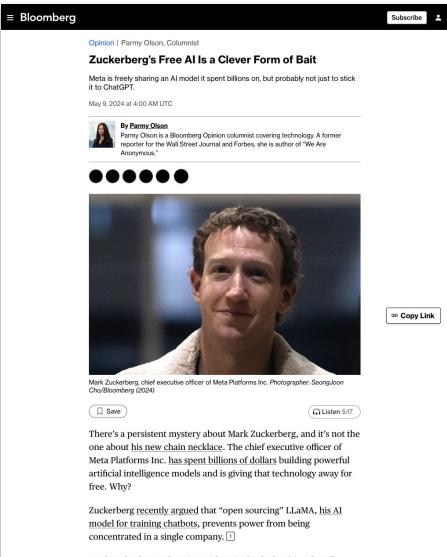
Proponents of open source A.I. models say they're more equitable and safer for society, while detractors say they are more likely to be abused for malicious intent. One big hiccup in the debate? There's no agreed-upon definition of what open source A.I. actually means. And some are accusing A.I. companies of "openwashing"—using the "open source" term disingenuously to make themselves look good. (Accusations of openwashing have previously been aimed at coding projects that used the open source label too loosely.)

In a blog post on Open Future, a European think tank supporting open sourcing, [Alek Tarkowski](#) wrote, "As the rules get written, one challenge is building sufficient guardrails against corporations' attempts at 'openwashing.'" Last month the Linux Foundation, a nonprofit that supports open source software efforts, cautioned that "this 'openwashing' trend threatens to undermine the very premise of openness—the free sharing of knowledge to enable inspection, replication and collective advancement."



We finally have an 'official' definition for open source AI

Kyle Wiggers - 4:29 AM PST · October 26, 2024



Zuckerberg's Free AI Is a Clever Form of Bait

Meta is freely sharing an AI model it spent billions on, but probably not just to ChatGPT.

May 9, 2024 at 4:00 AM UTC

By Parmy Olson | Parmy Olson, Columnist

ILLUSTRATION: MIKE HAGAD

Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive officer of Meta Platforms Inc. (Photographer: SeongJoon Cho/Bloomberg)

There's a persistent mystery about Mark Zuckerberg, and it's not the one about his new chain necklace. The chief executive officer of Meta Platforms Inc. has spent billions of dollars building powerful artificial intelligence models and is giving that technology away for free. Why?

Zuckerberg recently argued that "open sourcing" LLaMA, his AI model for training chatbots, prevents power from being concentrated in a single company. 



A chilling near-miss shows how today's digital infrastructure is vulnerable

This is how to protect the internet from malicious attacks

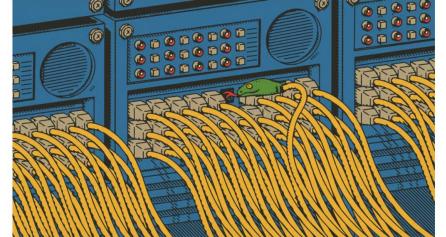


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Few inventions in history have been as important for human civilisation and as poorly understood as the internet. It developed not as a centrally planned system, but as a patchwork of devices and networks connected by makeshift interfaces. Decentralisation



Meta under fire for 'polluting' open-source

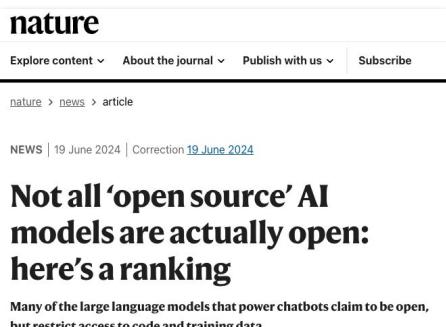
Open Source Initiative chief criticises tech group for using the term to describe its Llama models



Richard Waters in San Diego OCTOBER 17 2024

Meta's Llama has been downloaded more than 400mn times © FT montage/Getty Images

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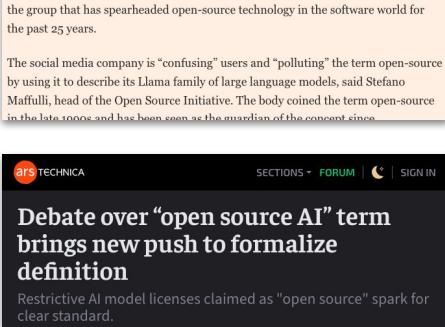
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Not all 'open source' AI models are actually open: here's a ranking

Many of the large language models that power chatbots claim to be open, but restrict access to code and training data.



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Debate over "open source AI" term brings new push to formalize definition

Restrictive AI model licenses claimed as "open source" spark for clear standard.

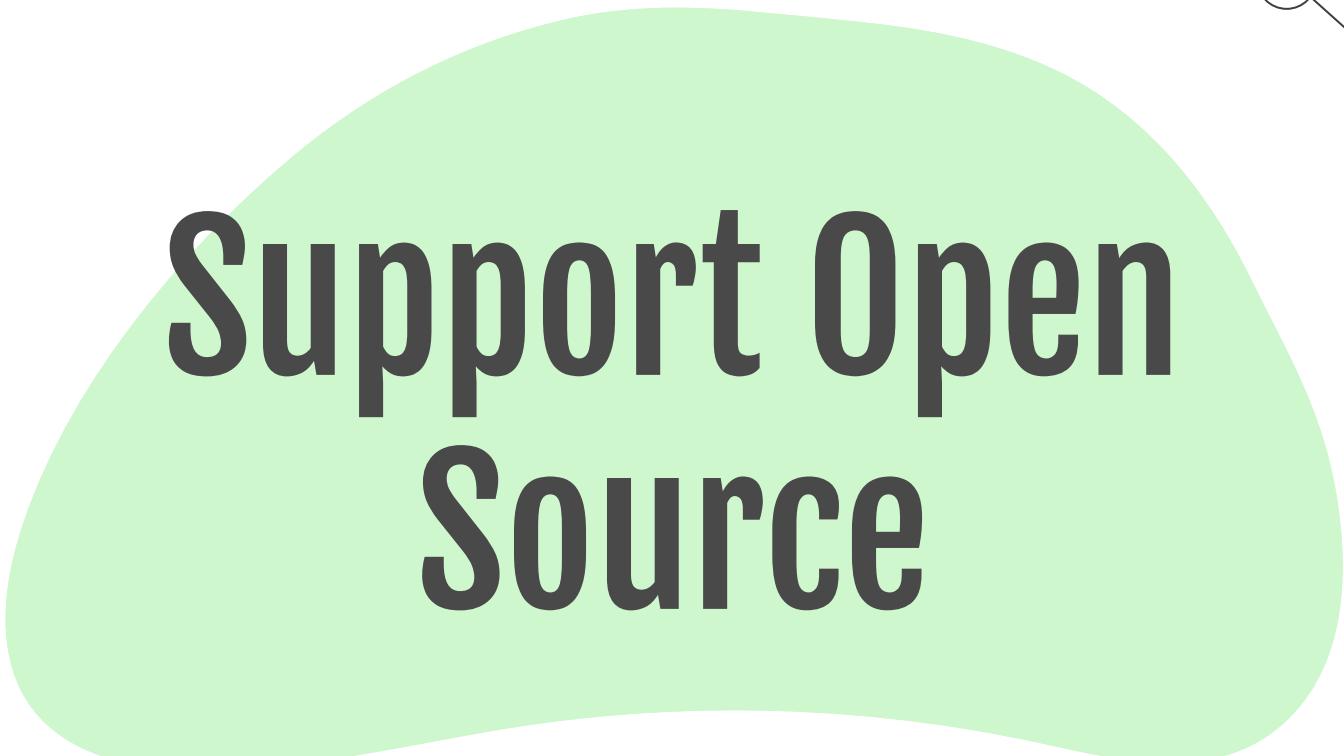
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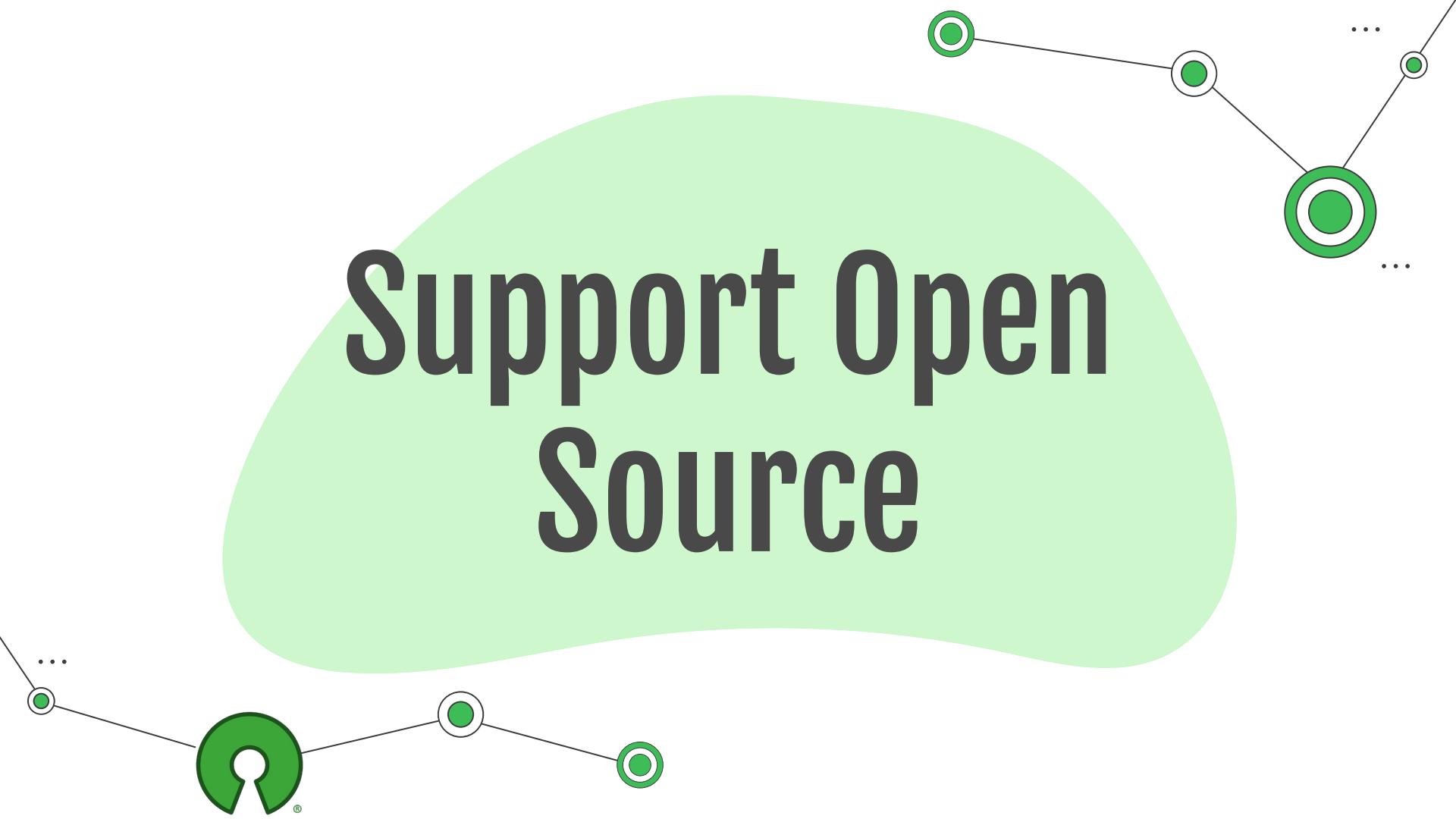


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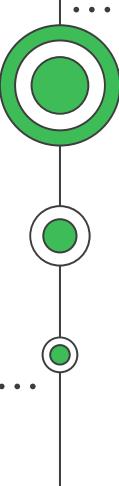
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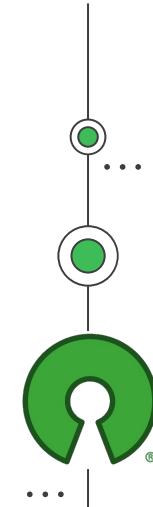
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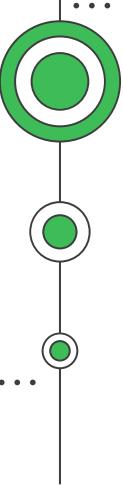
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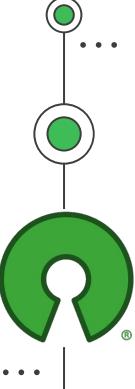
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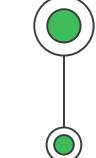


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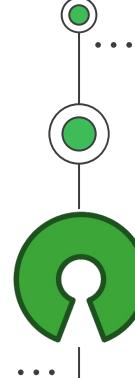
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