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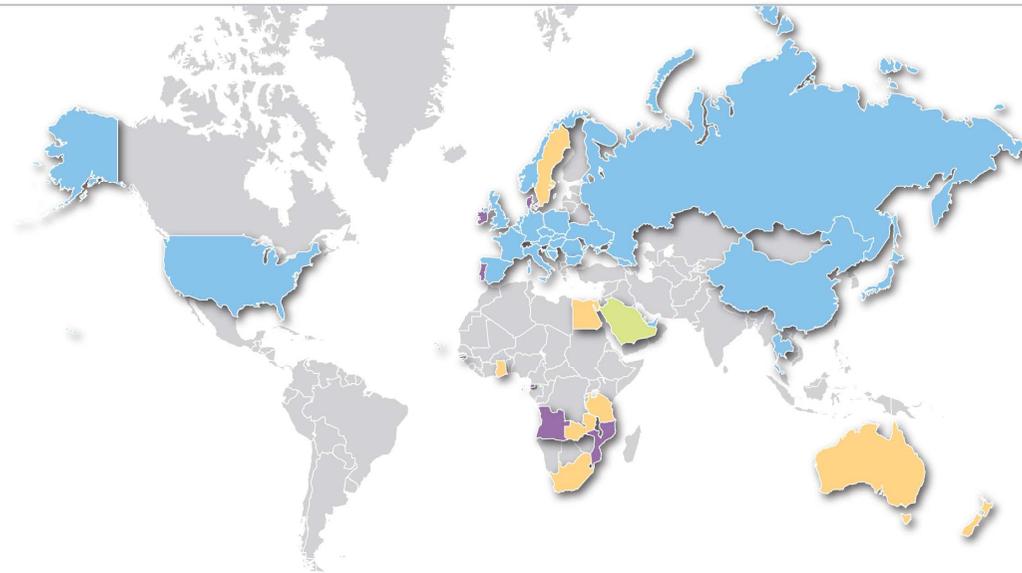
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- Software development has changed forever
 - Internet, community development & open source software (OSS) licensing
 - Componentization and re-use
- Recent survey's confirm OSS has gone mainstream
 - “When it comes to technology investments, OSS adoption now rises to the top”“Q4 2008 makes it clear that open source software (OSS) is a top priority for software development professionals in 2009.”

Jeff Hammond, Forrester, *Open Source Software Goes Mainstream*, April 2009
- While OSS has gone mainstream, management and policy lags behind
 - A “don’t ask, don’t tell” pact obscures the reality of OSS use (Forrester)
 - Black Duck Survey at SD West (March 11, 2009):
 - Only 22% of those surveyed reported that their organizations have explicit management policies and procedures in place
 - Only 40% of larger companies with more than 500 developers had explicit management policies

Why Do You Care?



- Litigation: compliance is now an important issue
 - BusyBox suits
- Litigation: remedies are more clearly established after Jacobsen, copyright remedies such as injunctive relief and statutory damages are available
- Your customers care: they are asking
- Your potential acquirer cares: some companies have separate open source diligence process
- More participation in open source communities: what are your employees contributing?

- Multi-source development using open and closed source software is different than traditional development
- Need a policy for open source use
 - Where and how can open source component can be used
 - Approved licenses and components
 - Can vary by use case
- Cross-functional collaboration
 - More functions are involved
 - Development, Legal, Planning, Management
- Integration with Development and standard business processes

1. We don't use open source
2. Open source licenses are not enforceable so we don't need to worry about enforcement

3. Open source licensors don't enforce their licenses so we don't need to worry about license compliance
4. We rely on our upstream licensors to tell us what we need to do

5. The legal department will take care of it
6. The engineering department will take care of it

7. We prohibit participation in open source projects so we don't have to worry about licensing issues
8. We use so little open source software that we can handle it informally

9. Our customers don't care about our use of open source
10. We are a SAAS company so open source licenses obligations won't apply

- Open Source is Ubiquitous
 - Needs to be managed
 - Process is critical
- Cross functional
 - Product Planning/Management
 - Legal, Security & Export Compliance
 - Engineering
- Integrated Processes
 - Component Management
 - License Management
 - Release Management
 - Release Planning
 - Release Delivery

- Systemic
 - Baked in to the culture & workflow
 - Event Driven
 - Component approval request
 - Planning a release
 - Accepting a code drop from a vendor/outsourcer
 - Performing a build
 - Creating a release
- Embrace Supply Chain Techniques
 - ERP systems brought together different users and processes
 - Workflow automates task creation
 - Notifications
 - Process Monitoring
 - Central repositories of data
 - Business Process Integration is the key

Open Source Program Elements



1. Published Policy
 - Created via Cross Functional Team
 - Organization is educated on the policy
2. Open Source Process Owner
 - Keeps the wheels running
 - Grant certain types of approvals
3. Approval Processes
 - Component Review & Approval
 - Sensitive to Use: internal/external/products
 - License Review & Approval
 - Release Plan Review & Approval
4. Monitoring & Tracking Process
 - Component Verification
 - Security Notifications
 - Component Upgrade Notifications
 - Application to contractors/outsource vendors
5. Obligation Verification Process
 - Ensure using approved components... and...
 - Meeting the license and business obligations
 - Current reporting for responsive due diligence request

- Define criteria for approved software
 - Licenses
 - Use (internal/product/website)
 - Sources
 - Support
 - Other
- Define criteria for unapproved software
- Scope of application: internal development, independent contractor, outsource vendors, M&A
- Define conditions for participating in the Open Source Software development
- Employee Education
 - No compliance without education

Sample OSS Policy Contents



Policy component	What it should specify
Goals of OSS adoption	Justification for using OSS (e.g., cost avoidance, speed, performance, quality)
Acquisition processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method of procurement • Distribution policies • Support policies • RACI matrix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you acquire OSS components? • Where are they downloaded from? • How is dependent code made available? • What’s the strategy for providing support? • Who is responsible, accountable, consulted, informed?
Rubric for business case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you determine the total cost of ownership? • What performance service-level agreements are needed?
Guidelines for appropriate use including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License classification • Usage restrictions • Reporting requirements • Derivative use • Remediation policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the specific guidelines for developers? • What OSS licenses can be used and where? • When should OSS not be used? • How do projects report their use? • How are modifications handled? • What is done when unreported use is detected?

Source: February 2, 2009, “Best Practices: Improve Development Effectiveness Through Strategic Adoption Of Open Source” Forrester report

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Forming a Compliance Core Team



- Legal
 - Perform review of identified components
- Open Source Process Owner
 - Appoint a person with overall responsibility
- Business / Product Perspective
 - Prioritize products (by release) for analysis
- Technical / Lead Architect
 - Integrate analysis and review with the development process
 - Identify code based on automated discoveries
- Project Management
 - Coordinate resources
 - Drive the project plan
 - Resolve issues

- Legalese: make it understandable
- General policy intended for certain products/business model/groups
- Specific policy that ignores other issues
- Policy too strict so VOA: Violated on Arrival
- Does not allow for edge cases
- Does not provide for modification to meet changes in business model/products

- Treat the management of open source software as an integrated, cross-functional *business* process
- Establish policies, define the process and process owners
- Phase the deployment to yield near-term results
- Technology platforms can automate the process, enhance cross-functional collaboration and ensure validation