FINOS

Fintech Open Source Foundation

Open Source Readiness Program

We understand that financial services firms face unique obstacles on their road to open source collaboration, including legal & regulatory concerns, internal policies, cultural friction, and heavily restricted technology environments. FINOS supports our members every step of the way through our Open Source Readiness Program, which provides guidance and tools for new open source participants in financial technology.

RESOURCES FOR CORPORATE OPEN SOURCE PROGRAMS

The Open Source Readiness Program produces strategic resources to help financial technology organizations develop their open source competency. Because we believe in the power of collaborative development, all of our resources are produced as open source projects and published under open content licenses.

REFERENCE OPEN SOURCE POLICY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRMS

A template for a comprehensive free and open source software (FOSS) policy for a financial services institution, including sample provisions governing the acquisition and use of FOSS, and contribution to FOSS projects. This sample is a great first step toward a systematic approach to open source compliance.

OPEN SOURCE LICENSE COMPLIANCE HANDBOOK

A reference guide to practical compliance information for the most common open source licenses, this handbook is a reference for the engineers and compliance staff responsible for operationalizing compliance with third-party license. The content is also available in a machine-readable format suitable for incorporation into corporate compliance systems.

THE OPEN SOURCE READINESS WORKING GROUP

The Open Source Readiness Working Group is a biweekly gathering of open source program officers and compliance professionals from FINOS member firms and the open source community. Meetings promote information-sharing and collaboration to solve the common challenges facing financial services firms as they engage with open source. The group regularly features guest presentations by experienced open source professionals, including attorneys, engineers, and open source program office managers from financial services firms.

STAGES OF OPEN SOURCE READINESS

FINOS supports its members through every step on the road to open source readiness:

AWARENESS	FOUNDATION	ENGAGEMENT	CONTRIBUTION	LEADERSHIP
Educating key personnel about open source and securing sponsorship.	Establishing policies and processes and building out an open source program.	Interacting with FINOS Projects and open source communities across the firewall.	Contributing to external open source software projects and standards.	Leading FINOS programs and contributing new open source projects.

GET INVOLVED

Join an Open Source Readiness Working Group Meeting

🖅 finos.org/osr

Review the Reference FOSS Policy with your legal & policy teams

🖅 https://github.com/finos-osr/reference-foss-policy

Use and contribute to the Open Source License Compliance Handbook

🖅 https://github.com/finos-osr/OSLC-handbook

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