OPENCHAIN

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Welcome to the second OpenChain newsletter! This is the heartbeat for what's hot in The OpenChain Project right now, what's coming next, and how you engage. Comments, suggestions and contributions are always welcome at coughlan@linux.com!

Shane Coughlan
OpenChain Program Manager

OpenChain Onboarding Material Launch

On the 25th of May we announced that OpenChain was producing onboarding material designed to help companies of all sizes understand and engage with our mission of making Open Source compliance simple, effective and efficient throughout the supply chain. By the 31st of May our volunteer team had completed review and we went live with handouts and slides. These are an executive summary that explains the who, what, where, when and how of OpenChain, our specification, our curriculum and our free online self-certification. The official announcement is here:
https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/05/31/openchain-project-releases-translations-and-onboarding-packages

Get the onboarding handout in PDF format here:
https://www.openchainproject.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2017/05/openchain-onboarding-handout-1.0.pdf

Get the onboarding slides in PDF format here:
https://www.openchainproject.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2017/05/openchain-onboarding-slides-1.0.pdf

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OpenChain Community Growth

The OpenChain community has expanded recently with self-certification by LG Electronics and NextCloud GmbH. These developments help to underline our strategy of being equally suitable for big and small companies across the global supply chain:

> *"OpenChain Conformance is designed for companies of all sizes that deal with open source software," says Shane Coughlan, OpenChain Program Manager. "NextCloud is a high profile, high growth startup that adheres to the same overarching compliance processes as multinationals. It is a clear example of why OpenChain Conformance is the correct approach to establishing an industry standard for open source compliance in the supply chain."*

https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/06/06/nextcloud

OpenChain @ Events

OpenChain was featured at a special event held by BKL law offices in Seoul on the 30th of May:
https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/05/30/special-seminar-to-discuss-the-openchain-project-in-seoul
It was also explained by Shane Coughlan, OpenChain Program Manager, at Open Compliance Summit Japan on the 31st of May:

https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/05/31/exploring-topical-issues-at-open-compliance-summit-japan
And it will feature as a central topic of discussion at the Asian Legal Network event hosted by Open Invention Network and DLA Piper on the 16th of June:
https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/06/15/openchain-at-the-asian-legal-network

OpenChain Expands Translation Effort

On the 31st of May we also announced that translations were a first-class citizen in the OpenChain Project and launched a dedicated page to host the activities of our diverse volunteer teams:
https://www.openchainproject.org/translations

We currently have official translations in Japanese and Portuguese, unofficial translations in Korean, and expect further announcements in the near future. Kudos to everyone involved!

OpenChain Explained

We have received quite a lot of media interest around the launch of the OpenChain Specification 1.1. Linux Weekly News provided especially deep coverage and - since the 18th of May - their material has been freely available on the internet.

Check out LWN's overview of OpenChain:
https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/05/18/openchain-featured-in-linux-weekly-news

Check out LWN's deep-dive on the OpenChain Specification 1.1:
https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2017/05/18/openchain-specification-1-1-deep-dive-in-linux-weekly-news

What's Next?

OpenChain's community of contributors is continuing to grow. Work has begun on the next version of our Specification, Conformance service and Curriculum. These are all scheduled for potential release in 2018. Meanwhile, our immediate focus remains on adoption of the existing material.

In the near term you can expect a simple, effective way for OpenChain adopters to advertise OpenChain Conformance and expanded onboarding materials. You can also expect to hear about a new pilot partner program to build a commercial eco-system to support our community. Learn more in the next newsletter or on the OpenChain mailing list:
https://lists.linuxfoundation.org/mailman/listinfo/openchain