



## Onboarding

# The Software Supply Chain Today

## Duplicated Compliance Efforts in Supply Chains

- Each company in a supply chain needs to respect developer rights and license choices
- Each company is re-creating essentially identical processes for open source compliance
  - Each company needs to identify, track and comply with FOSS components used in software distributions
  - Every company downstream has to perform the same work
  - Downstream companies have no visibility into compliance decisions or processes from upstream vendors

# The OpenChain-Enabled Supply Chain

## Friction Points Resolved

- Desired State = Broad Respect for Developer Rights + Low Transaction Costs
- OpenChain provides a baseline process with freedom to optimize and customize
  - Upstream compliance work is preserved, available, and reusable for others
  - Downstream recipients understand upstream compliance processes, can reuse compliance work
  - More trustworthy results throughout the supply chain
  - Compliance has less impact on the software development process

# The OpenChain Project

## Common Process for Open Source Software Governance

- A new conformity assessment standard that specifies a minimum standard for providing
  - Reliable internal processes
  - Educated personnel
- Reliable internal processes include
  - Documentation of policies
  - Governance by a decision-making body with authority and expertise
  - Monitoring of internal conformance
  - Compliance with open source license obligations

# OpenChain Specification

- Core of the OpenChain Project
- Identifies a minimum level of processes that organizations of any size can use to address open source compliance issues effectively
- Developed by a broad base of corporate and community participants

You can learn more about the OpenChain Specification here:

<https://www.openchainproject.org/spec>

# OpenChain Conformance

- Organizations certify that they meet the requirements of a certain version of the OpenChain Specification
  - OpenChain Conformance can be done manually or via a free Online Self-Certification questionnaire provided by the OpenChain Project
  - Organizations can advertise their conformance on their website and promotional material

The Online Self-Certification service is available here in the English language: <https://www.openchainproject.org/conformance>



# OpenChain Curriculum

- The OpenChain Curriculum helps organizations meet certain aspects of the OpenChain Specification
  - Provides a generic, refined and clear example of an open source compliance training program that can either be used directly or incorporated into existing training programs
  - Licensed as CC-0, so remixing or sharing it freely for any purpose is possible

You can learn more about the OpenChain Curriculum here:  
<https://www.openchainproject.org/curriculum>

# First Steps

- 1) Review the OpenChain specification at <https://www.openchainproject.org/spec>
- 2) Implement and document processes to meet the spec requirements. Use the curriculum slides as an easy starting point for training - <https://www.openchainproject.org/curriculum>
- 3) Certify conformance with the OpenChain specification at <https://www.openchainproject.org/conformance>



# Get Involved

- Join the Specification, Conformance process and Curriculum work teams
- Participate in bi-monthly work team calls
- Corporate Sponsorship and Board opportunities

For opportunities, see <https://www.openchainproject.org/community>



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