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OIN loves Microsoft; OIN loves software patents as well. So Microsoft's membership in OIN is hardly a surprise and

it's not solving the main issue either, as Microsoft can indirectly sue and "Microsoft has not included any patents they might hold on exfat into the patent non-aggression pact," according to Bradley M. Kuhn

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