

# Stay compliant with open source

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Having spent the last six years overseeing the acquisition of, integration of, and partnership creation with open source software companies-and managing open source litigation, I am still surprised by how little CIOs truly understand about open source software's potential benefit and impact on their companies' fiscal and legal health. With 80% to 90% of Fortune 1000 companies using open source, it's here to stay-as are the licenses and obligations that come with using it.

Most CIOs know that open source software suppliers have created various license agreements by which to distribute their software and that each of these agreements may include varying types of rules on what may be done with the software code developed from the open source components. Yet many CIOs do not fully understand how and when their obligations under these licenses are triggered.

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