

WORKSHOP: Identifying & Mitigating the Risks of Using Open Source

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Background

There are increasing pressures to use open source software in businesses. Cost is an important factor in favour of the use of open source. Further, the availability of open source software is growing exponentially. Already there are well over half a million separate open source software projects worldwide, although only a fraction of those are active. Should a business readily adopt the use of open source software? Many businesses will turn to their lawyers to look for legal advice on this subject. The presenter Dai Davis is a lawyer, however he is also a technology expert with degrees in Computer Science and Physics. He is a well known speaker on legal and technology subjects, and will discuss the issues arising and provide guidance for directors and managers considering the use of open source code in their business.

What exactly is Open Source? What are the cultural drivers behind the development of Open Source. How does “copyleft” differ from “copyright”? What are the business risks associated with using Open Source software? How can those risks be identified, minimised and avoided?

There are some 2,000 “standard” licences that fall into the “Open Source” category. How can you deal with such a variety? Which ones are those commonly used by software developers? Should you consider starting an Open Source project yourself? Why do software developers become involved in Open Source software and how do they earn a living by doing so?

This workshop guides you through these issues and shows you how to identify and mitigate the risks of adopting Open Source solutions and how to institute correct governance.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- CTOs
- CIOs
- Project Managers
- Dev Engineers
- In-house lawyers
- Senior Web Developers
- Systems Administrators
- Heads of Marketing
- Heads of IS & IT
- ICT & IT Directors
- Solicitors

By 2014, 50% of Global 2000 organizations will experience technology, cost and security challenges through a lack of open source governance.” - Gartner

“Open source makes up 30% or more of the code at major Global 2000 organizations” - IDC

“Last year, 29% of deployed code was open source...by 2015 at least 95% of mainstream IT organisations will leverage OSS within Mission critical software” - Gartner

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A one day workshop presented by
Dai Davis, Solicitor and Chartered Engineer

Topics covered

- A brief overview of the law of copyright.
- The applicability of copyright to computer software.
- Open Source copyright licensing fundamentals.
- What are the distinguishing features of Open Source Software?
- What are the distinguishing features of Open Source software licences?
- An overview of the common licence forms: GPL and Creative Commons.
- Enforceability of Open Source software licences (including US case of Jacobson v Katzer and the Welte series of cases).
- How and when is Open Source Software used in businesses?
- Myths and realities of Open Source software in businesses.
- Other examples of Open Source collaborations.

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The Presenter: **Dai Davis**



Dai Davis is a solicitor and has been a specialist Technology Lawyer for over 25 years. He is a qualified Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. Dai has consistently been recommended during the past two decades in the Legal 500 and in Chambers Guides to the Legal Profession.

Having been national head of Intellectual Property Law and later national head of Information Technology law at Eversheds for a number of years, Dai is now a partner in his own law practice, Percy Crow Davis & Co. Dai specialises in intellectual property, computer and technology law subjects including such topical matters as Open Source, IT Security and Cloud Computing issues. He is primarily a non-contentious lawyer, specialising in advising on commercial agreements relating to software and technology products, including outsourcing agreements and web-related contracts. He also has considerable experience advising on licensing and on litigation tactics in the field of intellectual property.

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- **Adopting Open Source Software within the Corporate ICT Strategy** - 5 December 2013

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