

**OPENDP:  
GOVERNANCE AND LICENSING**

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SOFTWARE / CODE**

**CONTRIBUTOR LICENSE AGREEMENTS**

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# **GOVERNANCE MODELS**

# **GOVERNANCE: GENERALLY**

## **GOVERNANCE**

**THE COMPLEXITY OF GOVERNANCE IS DIFFICULT TO CAPTURE IN A SIMPLE DEFINITION. THE NEED FOR GOVERNANCE EXISTS ANYTIME A GROUP OF PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH AN END. THOUGH THE GOVERNANCE LITERATURE PROPOSES SEVERAL DEFINITIONS, MOST REST ON THREE DIMENSIONS: AUTHORITY, DECISION-MAKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

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**"DEFINING GOVERNANCE," INSTITUTE ON GOVERNANCE, AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://IOG.CA/WHAT-IS-GOVERNANCE/](https://iog.ca/what-is-governance/).**

## **INTERNET GOVERNANCE**

**THE PRIMARY TASK OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE INVOLVES THE DESIGN AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TECHNOLOGIES NECESSARY TO KEEP THE INTERNET OPERATIONAL AND THE ENACTMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY AROUND THESE TECHNOLOGIES.**

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**LAURA DENARDIS, THE GLOBAL WAR FOR INTERNET GOVERNANCE (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS) P. 6.**

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**AT ITS BROADEST, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ENCOMPASSES THE MANY COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEMS BY WHICH COMPANIES ARE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED.**

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**JOHN C. COATES, SURAJ SRINIVASAN, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (HARVARD BUSINESS PUBLISHING EDUCATION) P. 6.**

**GOVERNANCE: OPENDP**



# Organization & Structure of Open Source Software Development Initiatives

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES CONCERNING CORPORATE FORMATION, NONPROFIT STATUS, & GOVERNANCE FOR OPEN SOURCE PROJECTS

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GOVERNANCE OF TECHNOLOGY & THE INTERNET

JUSTICE, EQUITY, & INCLUSION



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SHARE TO



CHRISTOPHER BAVITZ, KIRA HESSEKIEL, DALIA TOPELSON RITVO, "ORGANIZATION & STRUCTURE OF OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES," BERKMAN KLEIN CENTER FOR INTERNET & SOCIETY (MARCH 22, 2017), AVAILABE AT [HTTPS://CYBER.HARVARD.EDU/PUBLICATIONS/2017/03/ORGANIZATIONSTRUCTURE](https://cyber.harvard.edu/publications/2017/03/organizationstructure)

**ENABLE AND ENCOURAGE  
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A DIVERSE  
COMMUNITY (BALANCING PRINCIPLES  
& PRACTICAL DEPLOYMENT)**

**ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF OPENDP  
SOFTWARE FOR TARGET USE CASES**

**FACILITATE COLLABORATION &  
PARTNERSHIP AMONG INDIVIDUALS,  
BUSINESSES, ACADEMIC INST'NS, GOV  
AGENCIES, ETC.**

**CREATE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE  
COMMUNITY IN WHICH STAKEHOLDERS  
HAVE A VOICE**

**MAINTAIN A WELL-DEFINED PROCESS  
FOR CONTRIBUTION,  
VETTING, AND TESTING  
TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND  
QUALITY**

**ENSURE OPENDP HAS RESOURCES  
NEEDED TO MEET STRATEGIC  
DIRECTIONS AND SUSTAIN THE  
PROJECT (INCL PRIVATE  
SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS)  
WHILE MAINTAINING COMMUNITY-  
DRIVEN MISSION**

**TRANSFORM AND EVOLVE  
THROUGH ORG'S  
LIFECYCLE STAGES**



**FULLY  
DISTRIBUTED  
STRUCTURE**

**TRADITIONAL  
TOP-DOWN**

# OPENDP COMUNITY

CONTRIBUTORS

MAINTAINERS

COMMITTERS

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EARLY ENGAGEMENT

REGULAR ENGAGEMENT  
(ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT → A "TRUSTED  
PLAN FOR GROWTH AND STABILITY"

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**

**MERCÉ CROSAS**

**JAMES HONAKER**

**GARY KING**

**MICHAEL PHELAN**

**SALIL VADHAN**

**ANNIE WU**

**DP APPLICATION  
LEADER(S)  
(TBD)**

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KOROLOVA**

**ILYA MIRONOV**

**SALIL VADHAN**

**ADVISORY  
BOARD**

**GEROME MIKLAU**

**ADAM SMITH**

**+30**

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BOARD**

**COMMITTEES**

**AD HOC SECURITY  
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**ONE LICENSE  
VS.  
MULTIPLE LICENSES?**

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**CENTRALIZE OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY IN A SINGLE ENTITY**

**HELP THE PARTY MANAGING THE OPEN SOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO ENSURE  
CONTRIBUTORS HAVE THE NECESSARY RIGHTS**

**MAY INCLUDE AN INDICATION FROM THE  
CONTRIBUTOR'S EMPLOYER THAT THE EMPLOYER  
HAS SIGNED OFF ON THE EMPLOYEE'S  
CONTRIBUTION**

**OPEN LICENSING:  
NON-CODE CONTENT**

**CREATIVE COMMONS**



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