



Engaging the Open Source Gear

Impact on an Automotive Supplier

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The Automotive Supply Chain

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Where we stand







Open Source Prehistory

- In the 90's, there were rarely free software or open source components in cars
- Software developed for embedded automotive computers (aka ECUs) were:
 - Small (several kB of ROM code)
 - Specific (different OEM requirements, different networks/interfaces, different suppliers)
 - Compliant to automotive standard (OSEK/VDX, AUTOSAR nowadays)
 - Usually built from scratch for each project
 - Not so important in the complete BoM



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Usage for Development

- Nevertheless, software engineers (should I say electronics engineers) often used free software or open source software to:
 - Write their source code (vi, Emacs, Eclipse more recently...)
 - Build their embedded software (GCC, make, ...)
 - Develop test tool or validation tool (Tcl/Tk, GTK+, Qt, Perl, Python, ...)
 - Control their sources (CVS, SVN, ...)
- They were familiar with them...
- ... less with their licenses



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The Path to Embedded Usage – 1/2

- Assistance features implemented in software developed to reach a safe (and autonomous) driving
 - ABS/ESP, Lane Guidance, Automatic Cruise Control, Parking Assistance (Valet Park4U), ...
- The Connected Car
 - BlueTooth, WiFi, 3G/4G, V2V / V2I
- Led to software explosion
 - From 10k+ to Million lines of code nowadays
 - And integrates more and more software non-automotive specific
- While development times have been reduced
 - From around 3 years to 18 months



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The Path to Embedded Usage – 2/2

- Like in other industries, automotive suppliers started to integrate open source components
- Mainly for:
 - Connectivity (Bluetooth, WiFi, ...)
 - Graphics stacks, Touch Screens, Displays, ...
 - Digital Signal/Image Processing Algorithms
 - Operating Systems (Linux, Android)
 - Communication stacks (TCP/IP)



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The Foss Turn

The GENIVI Alliance – From Sporadic to Massive Usage

- Creation in 2009 by BMW Group, GM, PSA, Delphi, Magneti-Marelli, Visteon, Wind River and Intel
- Non-profit industry alliance committed to driving the broad adoption of an In-Vehicle Infotainment (IVI) open-source development platform

 Made members be aware of the importance of free and open source software compliance along the supply chain





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The Foss Turn

The GENIVI Alliance - License Review Team

- Manages the licensing and legal activities of the alliance
- Ensures that the technical work of the alliance is founded on legally sound approaches that are acceptable:
 - to the membership of the alliance
 - and to the broader open source community





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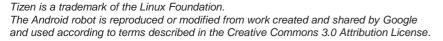
Other Roads Leading to Open Source

Automotive Initiatives













Open source is there!

- In-Vehicle Infotainment Systems
- Instrument Clusters
- Cameras
- ADAS
- Telematics



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And it's unavoidable!

- Environment
 - GENIVI
 - AGL
 - Linux, Android
 - TCP/IP
- Suppliers
- Features
 - Connectivity
- Cost and Time









Where it all began at Valeo

- The importance and the risks of open source were highlighted first on the field, by software developers
- Management, Intellectual Property and Legal Department were warned from the ground
- Valeo understood the benefits but also the risks of Free and Open Source Software and wanted to engage the FOSS gear



Mission

- Creation of a FOSS Compliance Program
- Goal: make every single product we develop compliant to open source licenses governing it
- Driven by a central team supporting software development
- Made of people from:
 - Software Departments
 - Legal Department
 - Intellectual Property Department



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Initial Open Source Usage

- Selection of products from each business group
 - Some using open source
 - Some not
- Analysis of their code bases
 - Open source identified
 - Various different licenses

Need for rules!



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FOSS Policy

- Rules about what we want to do or do not want to do with FOSS
 - FOSS Selection, Use and Approval
 - Compliance Analysis
 - Suppliers Contracts and Deliveries
 - Code Contribution
 - Community Interaction
- Way to check application of those rules
 - Organization
 - Processes



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Open Source License Policy

- Analysis of major and most common licenses at first
 - Performed jointly by software, legal and IP departments
- Publication of an Open Source License Policy
 - Accepted licenses
 - Prohibited licenses
 - Restricted licenses

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License Handbooks for developers



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Impact on Existing Processes

- Our Policy defines the rules about 'what' can be done (and 'why')
- To govern the use of open source in our products (and make sure those rules are respected), we have been working on updating existing processes or practices, including
 - Software Development Processes
 - Supplier Management Processes



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Creation of New Processes

- How to get approval for a component
- How to get approval for a license
- How to check a code base for compliance
- How to deliver open source information



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Supplier Involvement

- Suppliers can also integrates open source in their deliveries (or their suppliers)
- They all need to be compliant so that we can be!
- Close work with suppliers needed

 Involvement of Purchasing and Legal Departments to work with suppliers on their own governance





Open Source Awareness

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Need for Information Distribution

Benefits of open source are clear for developers

... Their (legal) risks less (not trained for that)

Information needs to be distributed accross the company



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Open Source Awareness

Spreading the Word

- Training Program developed
 - « Introduction to FOSS », for anyone involved in software development
 - « FOSS Governance at Valeo », for anyone using open source in their product
- Internal Web site
- Internal Mailing List



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- Open source has definitely impacted us
 - Our development processes have been updated or adapted to make our products compliant to license terms
 - Dedicated teams (with new skills) have been created to govern our use of open source, made of people not used to work together in the past
 - New courses have been created to make people aware of open source benefits and risks, and to train people on how to use FOSS every day
- And shall still impact us in the future
 - Open source penetration growing
 - New standards or initiative coming (SPDX, OpenChain, ...)



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