



Information Technology

Legal Aspects of Open-Source Software

Course Introduction

In an era where open-source software (OSS) fuels innovation, collaboration, and technological advancements across industries, understanding the legal intricacies surrounding its usage has become paramount. As the boundaries between proprietary and open-source software blur, knowing how to navigate licensing obligations, intellectual property considerations, compliance nuances, and policy development is not just beneficial but essential for businesses and individuals alike.

The "Legal Aspects of Open-Source Software" training course is designed to equip participants with a profound comprehension of the legal landscape encompassing OSS, enabling them to harness its potential while safeguarding their organizations from potential legal pitfalls. Over five comprehensive days, participants will embark on a journey delving into the dynamic world of open-source software from a legal perspective.

Target Audience

- Cloud Computing Engineer
- Computer Network Specialist
- Computer Support Specialist
- Database Administrator
- Information Technology Analyst
- Information Technology Leadership
- Information Security Specialist
- Software/Application Developer
- Web Developer
- Technology sales consultant

Learning Objectives

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of open-source software (OSS) and its legal implications, including the various types of licenses and the significance of compliance in using, distributing, and contributing to OSS projects.
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of major open-source licenses, such as GPL, MIT, and Apache, along with the ability to discern between permissive and copyleft licenses, assess compatibility, and navigate derivative works.
- Gain proficiency in handling intellectual property and copyright considerations within the realm of OSS, including the significance of contributor license agreements (CLAs) and strategies for addressing copyright infringement and license violations.
- Learn to perform effective compliance audits and due diligence processes, enabling participants to manage risks associated with OSS usage, distribution, and contributions, and understand the legal consequences of non-compliance.
- Enhance the skills to formulate and implement an organization-specific open-source software policy, balancing legal compliance with business objectives, establishing guidelines for contributions, and fostering a culture of awareness and compliance surrounding OSS practices

Course Outline

- **Day 01**

- Introduction to Open-Source Software and Its Legal Landscape**

- Understanding Open-Source Software (OSS) and its Importance
 - Overview of Different Open-Source Licenses
 - Key Legal Concepts in Open-Source Software
 - Legal Implications of Using and Distributing OSS
 - Addressing Common Myths and Misconceptions

- **Day 02**

- Open-Source Licenses and Their Legal Implications**

- Deep Dive into Major Open-Source Licenses (GPL, MIT, Apache, etc.)
- Permissive vs. Copyleft Licenses: A Comparative Analysis
- Exploring License Compatibility and Derivative Works
- Comprehending License Obligations and Restrictions
- License Enforcement and Compliance Challenges

• Day 03

Navigating Intellectual Property and Copyright in OSS

- Understanding Copyright, Licensing, and Intellectual Property
- The Role of Contributor License Agreements (CLAs)
- Addressing Copyright Infringement and Attribution
- License Violations and Their Legal Consequences
- Legal Strategies for Protecting Your OSS Contributions

• Day 04

Compliance, Due Diligence, and Risk Management

- Performing OSS License Audits and Compliance Checks
- Implementing Effective Due Diligence Processes
- Risk Management Strategies for Using and Distributing OSS
- Legal and Business Implications of Non-Compliance
- Case Studies of OSS Compliance Success and Failures

• Day 05

Creating an Effective Open-Source Software Policy

- Developing an OSS Policy for Organizations
- Balancing Business Objectives and Legal Compliance
- Establishing Guidelines for OSS Contributions
- Incorporating OSS Policy into Development and Distribution
- Building a Culture of OSS Awareness and Compliance

Confirmed Sessions

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Dec. 15, 2025	Dec. 19, 2025	5 days	4250.00 \$	UAE - Dubai