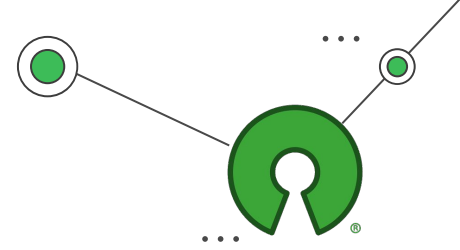




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**The authority that defines Open Source,  
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# The value of Open Source



2024 US budget  
\$6.7 trillion



**Open Source  
Value**  
\$8.8 trillion

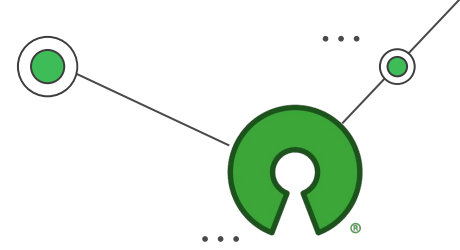
Source: [The Value of Open Source Software](#),  
Harvard Business School,  
Strategy Unit Working Paper  
No. 24-038  
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Open Source Software (OSS) plays a central role in global innovation, research, and economic growth.



Microsoft  
market cap  
\$3.1 trillion

# The foundation of the Open Source ecosystem



## Globally recognized

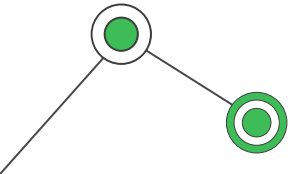
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## Neutral partner

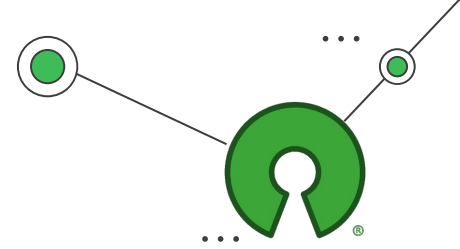
OSI represents equally the interests of all Open Source projects, allowing us to participate in complex policy discussions **without prejudice**.

## Trusted independent

OSI is a public charity with an **open governance**. Two thirds of our board is elected by individual members and affiliate organizations.



# Our programs



## License and Legal

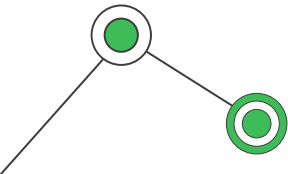
An anchor for open community consensus on what constitutes Open Source. We protect the Open Source principles, enforcing the marks “Certified Open Source” and “Open Source Approved License”.

## Policy & Standards

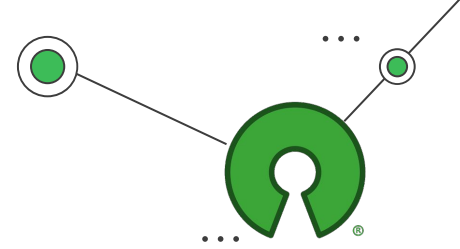
Monitoring policy and standards setting organizations. Supporting legislators and policy makers educating them about the Open Source ecosystem, its role in innovation and its value for an open future.

## Advocacy & Outreach

Leading global conversations with non-profits, developers and lawyers to improve the understanding of Open Source. OSI investigates the impacts of ongoing debates from artificial intelligence to security.

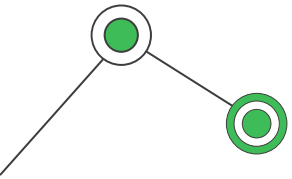


# New for 2026: Open Source Research



Open Source AI Fellowship  
(Partnership with:  
Duke University)

Open Technology Research  
(Partnership with:  
OpenForum Europe and  
Open Knowledge Foundation)



# OSI Approved Licenses

We provide a venue for the community to discuss Open Source licenses and we maintain the OSI Approved Licenses database.



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## GNU General Public License version 3

Version 3.0 | Submitted: [June 29, 2007](#) | Submitter: GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE  
Approved: September 5, 2007 | [Board minutes](#)  
SPDX short identifier: GPL-3.0-only

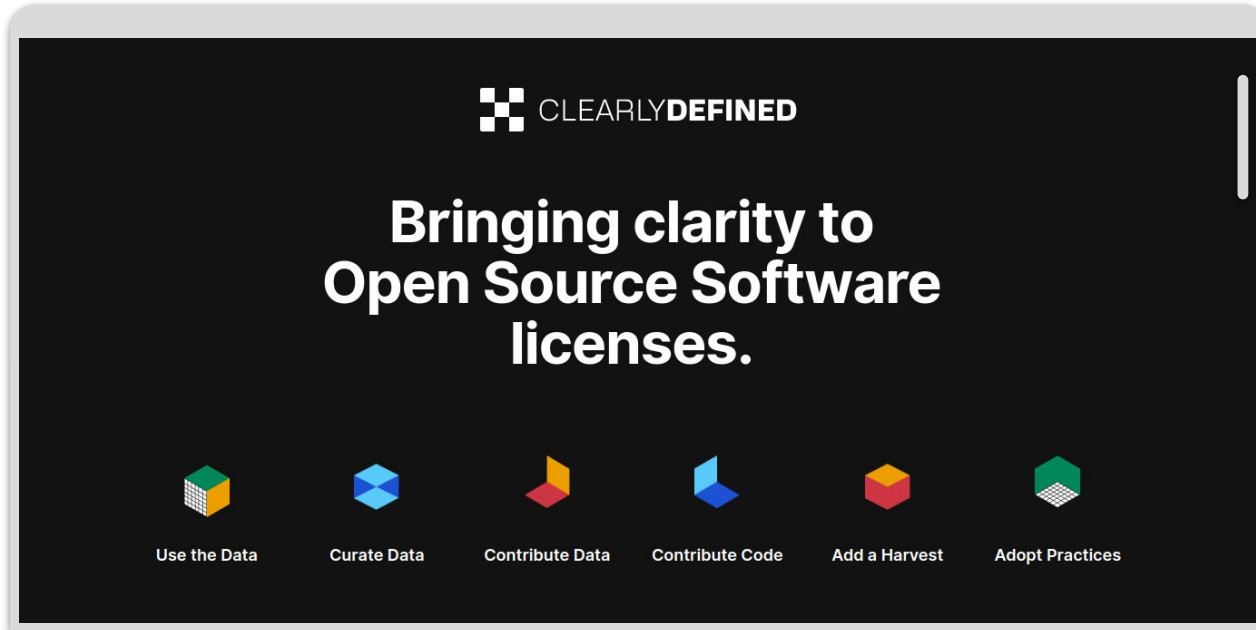
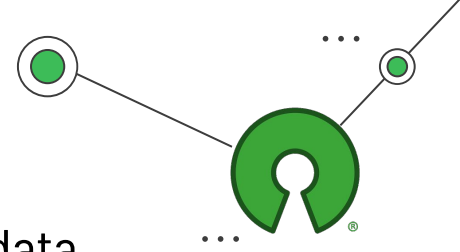
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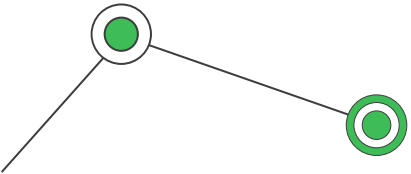
# Open Policy Alliance

We bring non-profit organizations together to participate in educating and informing public policy decisions related to Open Source software, content, research, and education.



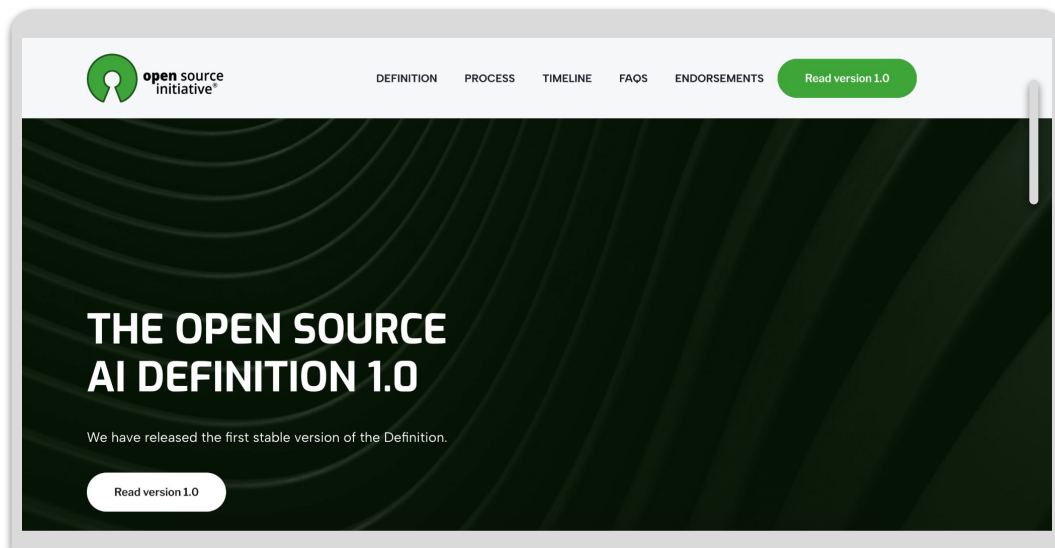
**Global collaboration**  
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Bringing non-profit organizations together



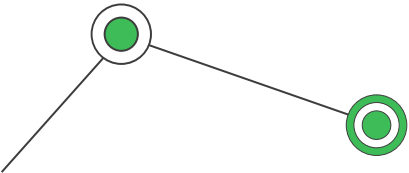
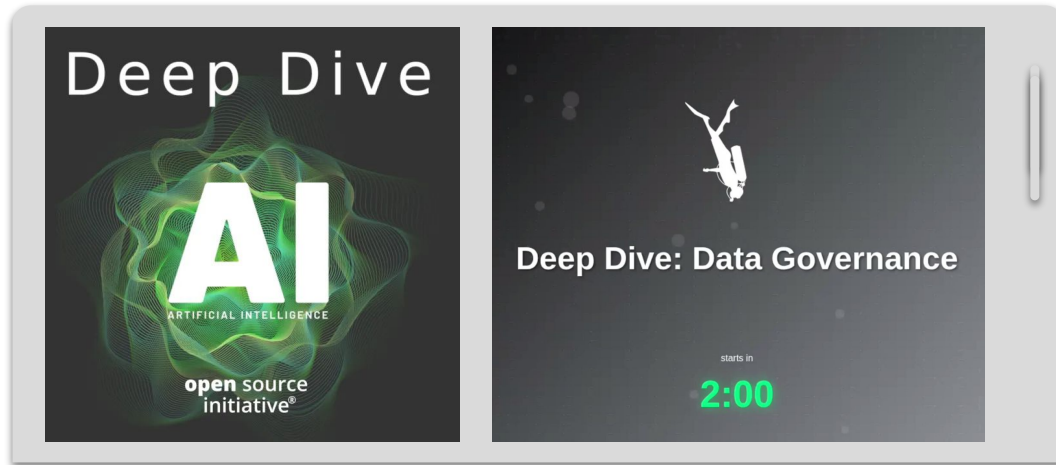
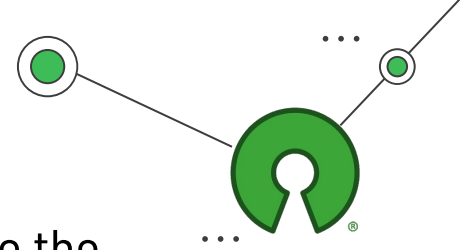
# Open Source AI Definition

We created a process in which global experts established a shared set of principles that can recreate the permissionless, pragmatic and simplified collaboration for AI practitioners.



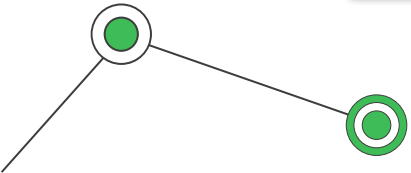
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Deep Dive is an online series where OSI dives deep into the topics shaping the future of Open Source. Deep Dive: AI was held in 2023 while Deep Dive: Data Governance was held in 2025 .



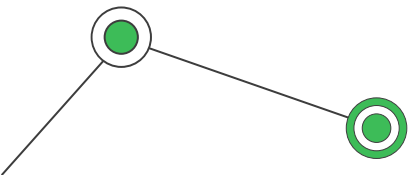
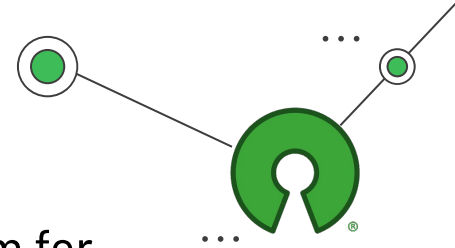
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State of the Source is an in-person event held in partnership with All Things Open that encourages a global conversation on the current state of Open Source.



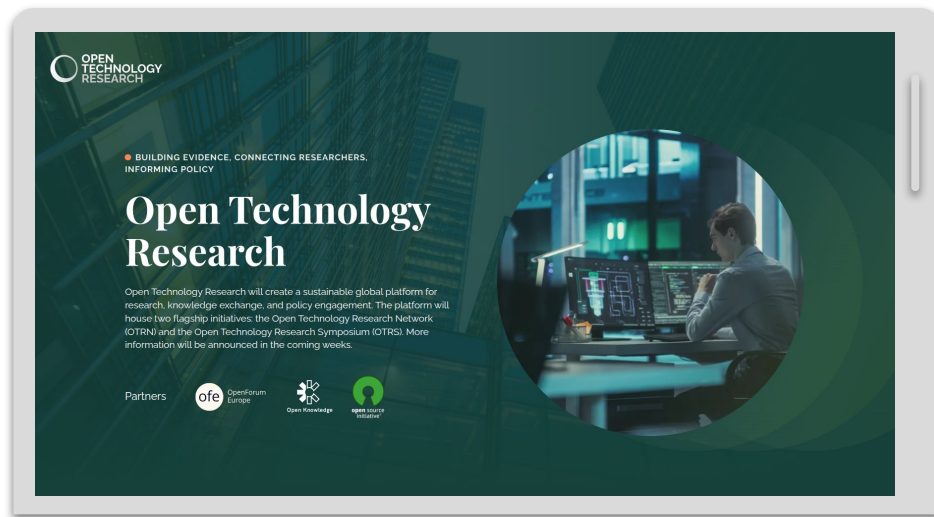
# Open Source Congress

Open Source Congress has provided an intimate forum for foundations and ecosystem leaders to exchange views on the global forces shaping open collaboration.

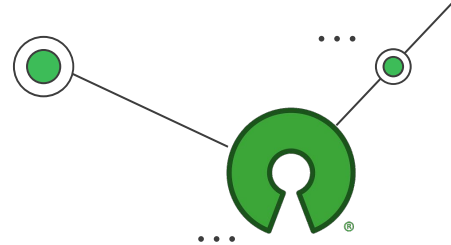


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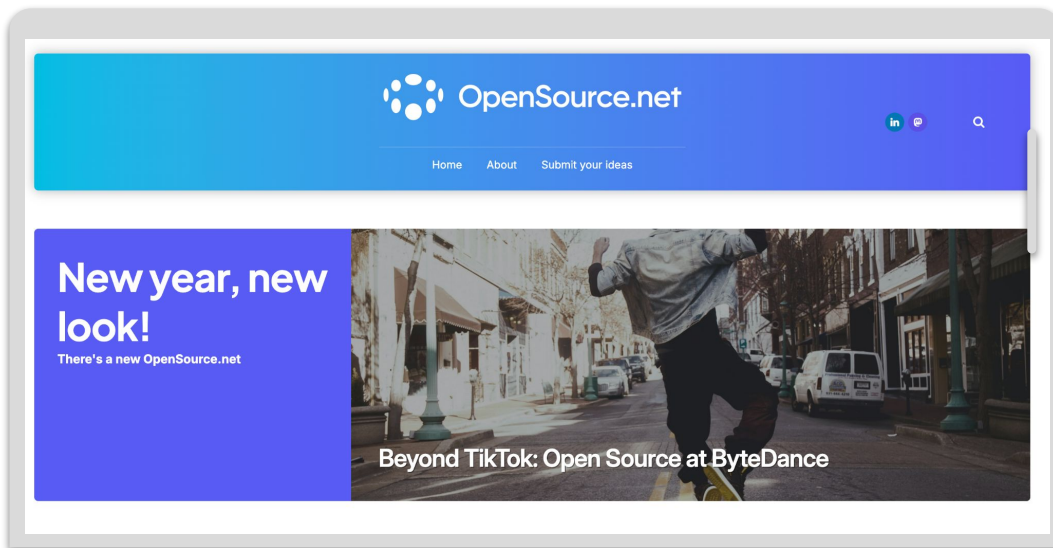
Open Technology Research will create a sustainable global platform for research, knowledge exchange, and policy engagement through a research network and symposium.



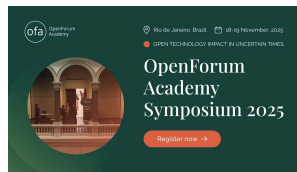
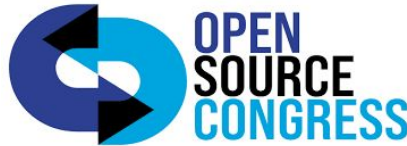
# OpenSource.net



We gave a new home to the community of contributors from opensource.com. The new platform supports healthy dialog and informed education on Open Source software topics.



# Conferences



# Press mentions



**Openwashing**  
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An accusation against some A.I. companies that they are using the "open source" label too loosely.



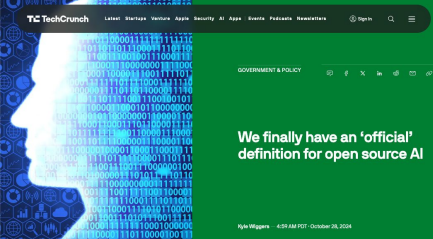
**By Sarah Kessler**  
This article is part of Shop Talk, a regular feature that explores the idiosyncrasies of the business world: the insider jargon, the newly coined terms, the unfortunate or overused phrases.

There's a big debate in the tech world over whether artificial intelligence models should be "open source." Eitan Mink, who helped found OpenAI in 2015, [sued the startup](#) and its chief executive, Sam Altman, on claims that the company had diverged from its mission of openness. The Biden administration is investigating the risks and benefits of open source models.

Proponents of open source A.I. models say they're more equitable and safer for society, while detractors say they are more likely to be abused for malicious intent. One big hiccup in the debate? There's no agreed-upon definition of what open source A.I. actually means. And some are accusing A.I. companies of "openwashing" — using the "open source" term disingenuously to make themselves look good. (Accusations of openwashing have previously been aimed at coding projects that used the open source label too loosely.)

In a blog post on Open Future, a European think tank supporting open sourcing, [Aleks Tarkowski wrote](#), "As the rules get written, one challenge is building sufficient guardrails against corporations' attempts at 'openwashing.'" Last month the Linux Foundation, a nonprofit that supports open-source software projects, cautioned that "this 'openwashing' trend threatens to undermine the very premise of openness — the free sharing of knowledge to enable inspection, replication and collective advancement."

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## We finally have an 'official' definition for open source AI

By [Nigel Morris](#) | 6:57 AM EDT | October 28, 2024

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### Zuckerberg's Free AI Is a Clever Form of Bait

Meta is freely sharing an AI model it spent billions on, but probably not just to stick it to ChatGPT.

May 9, 2024 at 4:00 AM UTC

**By Parmy Olson**  
Parmy Olson is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering technology. A former reporter for the Wall Street Journal and Forbes, she is author of "We Are Anonymous."



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Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive officer of Meta Platforms Inc. (Photographer: Sergio Cebalga/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

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There's a persistent mystery about Mark Zuckerberg, and it's not the one about his five-chain necktie. The chief executive officer of Meta Platforms Inc. has spent billions of dollars building powerful artificial intelligence models and is giving that technology away for free. Why?

Zuckerberg recently argued that "open sourcing" LLaMA, his AI model for training chatbots, prevents power from being concentrated in a single company. □

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## Not all 'open source' AI models are actually open: here's a ranking

Many of the large language models that power chatbots claim to be open, but restrict access to code and training data

**FINANCIAL TIMES**

## Meta under fire for 'polluting' open-source

Open Source Initiative chief criticises tech group for using the term to describe its Llama models



Meta's Llama has been downloaded more than 400m times. © FT montage/Getty Images

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Meta has been criticised for calling its artificial intelligence models "open-source" by the group that has spearheaded open-source technology in the software world for the past 25 years.

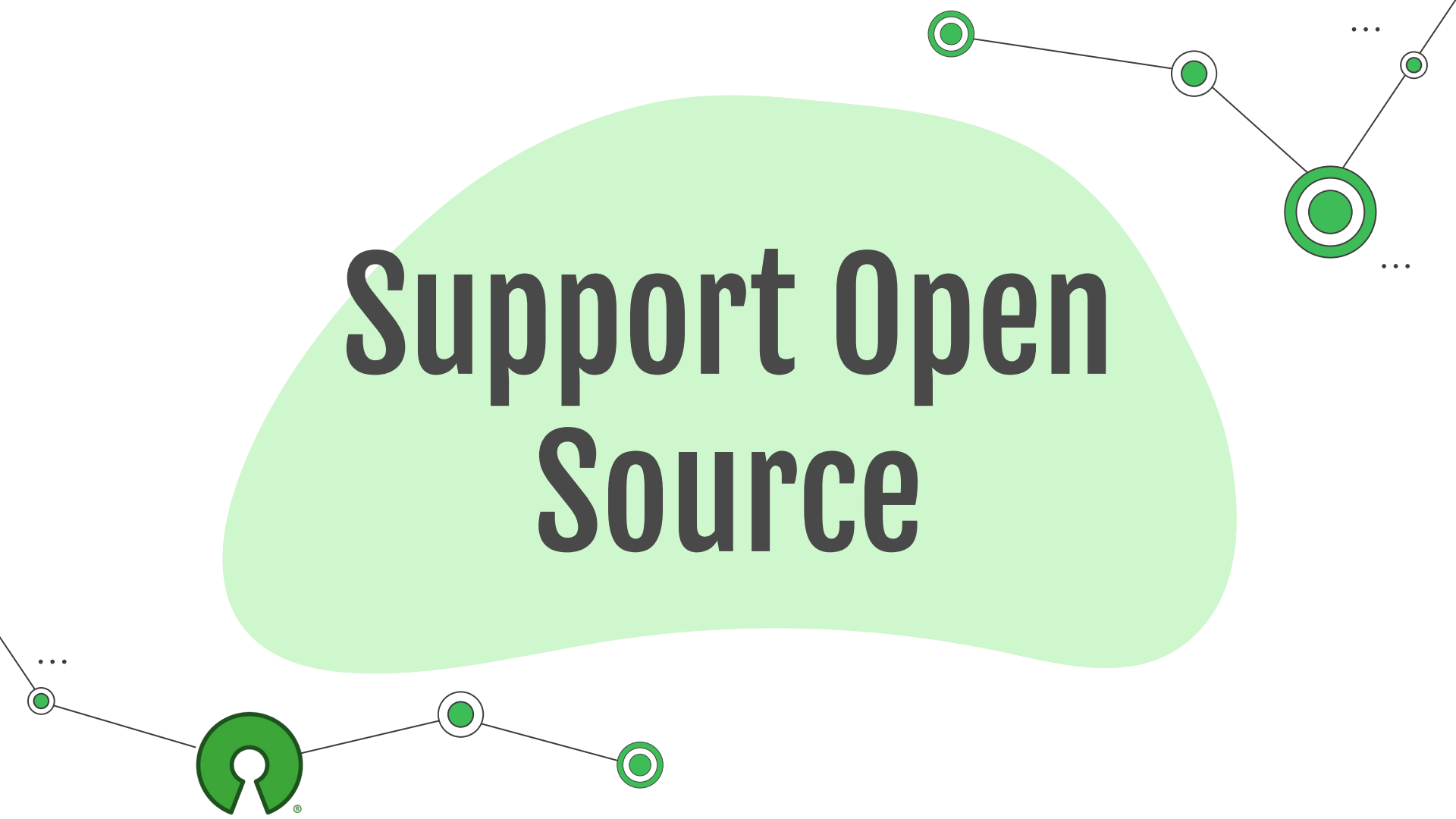
The social media company is "confusing" users and "polluting" the term open-source by using it to describe its Llama family of large language models, said Stefano Maffulli, head of the Open Source Initiative. The body coined the term open-source in the late 1990s and has been seen as the guardian of the concept since.

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## Debate over "open source AI" term brings new push to formalize definition

Restrictive AI model licenses claimed as "open source" spark for clear standard.

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