

Top Issues in Open Source Legal Practice: **End of the Pandemic Edition**

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Hot Topics

- **Enforcement Update**
- **Open source in business: IPOs and M&A**
- **Trademark Dispute: NGINX**
- **UM Contribution Scandal and Security**
- **Source Available Licensing: Elastic 2.0, Confluent, Redis, PolyForm**
- **Alternative Licensing: Ethical Licenses**

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Enforcement: The Latest



- Enforcement Resources dried up after *Hellwig v. VMWare*
- Late 2020: received a grant for additional enforcement
- The grant also funds coordinating the development of alternative firmware for devices where none currently exists
- <https://sfconservancy.org/news/2020/oct/01/new-copyleft-strategy-launched-with-ARDC-grant/>
- Focusing on IoT

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Some Good News: Open Source Was Always Socially Distanced

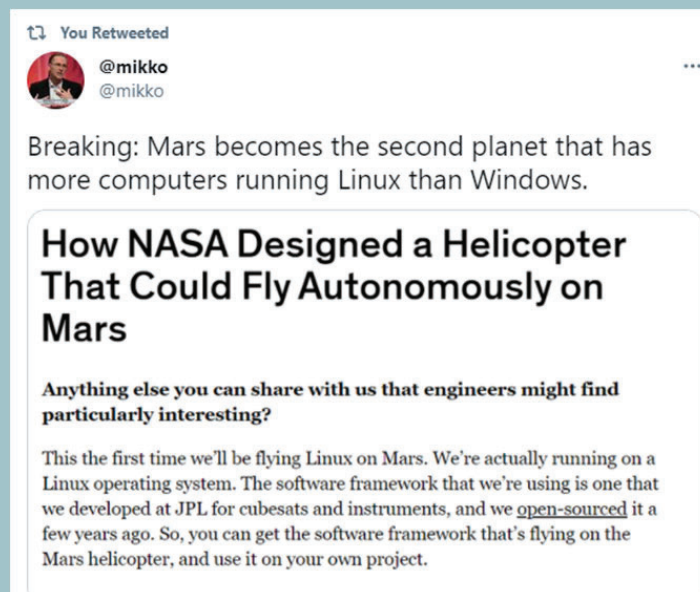
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Open Source Development Leads in Social Distancing

- Collaboration tools like GIT enable massive asynchronous distributed collaboration
- Commercial open source startups often have no offices
- Open source development has continued to be robust during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Open source is countercyclical
<https://coss.media/investing-in-commercial-open-source-bear-markets/>
- Expect significant developments to be released in the next few years

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Linux is Number 1 on Two Planets!



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