

# 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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Breaking: Mars becomes the second planet that has more computers running Linux than Windows.

### How NASA Designed a Helicopter That Could Fly Autonomously on Mars

Anything else you can share with us that engineers might find particularly interesting?

This the first time we'll be flying Linux on Mars. We're actually running on a Linux operating system. The software framework that we're using is one that we developed at JPL for cubesats and instruments, and we open-sourced it a few years ago. So, you can get the software framework that's flying on the Mars helicopter, and use it on your own project.

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