

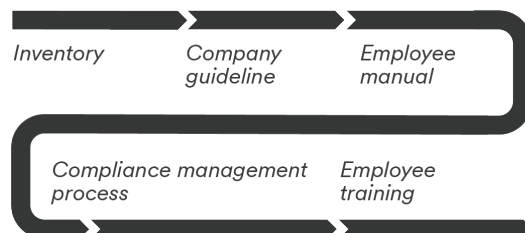
# Open-Source Software

*Avoid licensing risks in the company.*

Open-source software has become an indispensable part of everyday life for many companies. In a Bitkom survey from 2021, 87% of companies with more than 2,000 employees stated that they use open-source software in their company. However, open-source software is not free of rights. Using certain open-source licenses, for example, may result in the obligation to disclose one's own programme code and thus business secrets.

## Anyone can be affected

Modern software development is highly modularized. Almost all recent development projects contain at least traces of open-source code. As a result, virtually all providers and developers of digital solutions are confronted with the licensing challenges of open-source software - often without them being aware of it.



*Figure 1: Open-Source Software-Compliance  
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The use of open-source software in the cloud or in embedded systems requires close examination.

Systems: A variety of legal problems can arise, resulting, among other things, from the fact that many license conditions for open-source software were formulated at a time when cloud deployment was not an option.

## Open-source software compliance

We will help you to use the advantages and potential of open-source software in your company and to minimise legal risks. Our offer covers all necessary steps to build a reliable management system for Open-source software compliance. These include:

- The inventory of the open-source software used and its licensing conditions
- Corporate policies on the use of open-source software
- A manual for employees with the most important licensing requirements and recommended actions
- Design of processes to comply with licensing requirements, e.g. when introducing new open-source software
- Employee training to raise awareness

## Next Step: Contact us

We will be happy to support you on your way to open-source software compliance. We would be pleased to explain our procedure to you in detail in a personal meeting. Contact us now without obligation!

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