

FOSS in Financial Institutions

The Game has Changed

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Gartner predicts...

By 2016, at least 95% of IT organizations will leverage nontrivial elements of open source software technology in their mission-critical IT portfolios, including cases where they might not be aware of it — an increase from 75% in 2010.

https://www.blackducksoftware.com/files/webmedia/_webinars/11-12-14_T.Rowe.pdf

... and Barclays Bank executes

Barclays claims 90 percent software cost savings with open source drive

<http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2234593/barclays-slashes-software-spend-by-90-percent-with-open-source-drive>



FOSS enables a financial institution to ...

- ... accelerate innovation
 - Reuse non-differentiating code
 - Utilize the power of communities
 - Enable/accelerate standardization
- ... better fulfil regulatory requirements
 - Source code availability → see what the code (really) does
 - Code is deployed (and tested) by many and in other domains → higher code quality
- ... attract top talent
- ... bring software development productivity to the next level
- ... save money



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

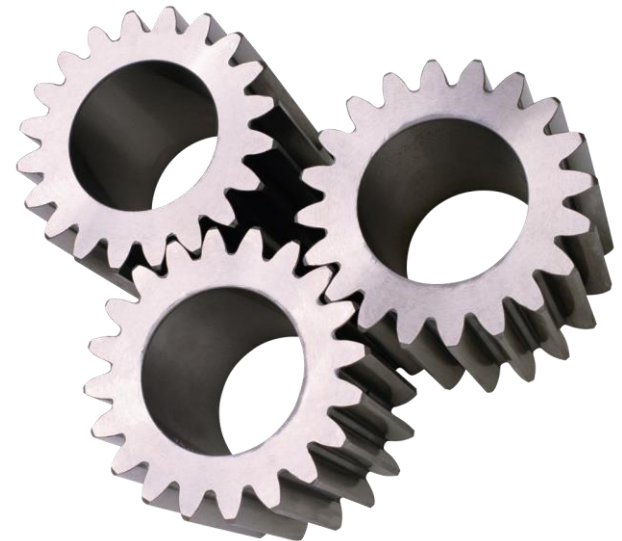
- Technical
- Operational
- Security
- Legal



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Technical & Operational

- Unknown architecture
- Unknown code quality/documentation
- Unknown efforts for maintenance and support availability
- Unknown fitness for regulatory requirements
 - PCI-DCS
 - Sarbanes-Oxley
 - Basel II/III



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Technical & Operational

Mature financial institutions ...

- ... define technical entry gates for FOSS
- ... consider community activity and other meta data
- ... apply the same stringent quality assurance procedures to FOSS
- ... actively participate in FOSS communities and contribute code
- ... coordinate FOSS use across organizational boundaries

Use proper tooling. Manual attempts will fail.
Outsource to experienced supplier.



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Security

- Security is most critical for financial institutions
 - Regulatory requirements (e.g. PCI-DSS)
 - High damage potential (data and money loss)
 - Reputation damage can be detrimental to the business
- FOSS specific aspects
 - Source code is available → hard to hide malicious code
 - Vulnerabilities can get fixed (very) fast
 - Many different FOSS components are deployed in many products
 - Version proliferation (e.g. old, new versions mixed)
 - Own responsibility for finding out about security vulnerabilities



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Security

Mature financial institutions ...

- ... keep track meticulously where which FOSS is deployed
- ... evaluate known security vulnerabilities when new FOSS is selected
- ... constantly monitor the FOSS communities and other public data sources for new security vulnerabilities

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Public Security Vulnerability Data Sources (Examples)



<http://nvd.nist.gov/>

NVD contains:

66963 [CVE Vulnerabilities](#)

254 [Checklists](#)

248 [US-CERT Alerts](#)

4308 [US-CERT Vuln Notes](#)

10286 [OVAL Queries](#)

98212 [CPE Names](#)

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<http://www.ipa.go.jp/security/english/>

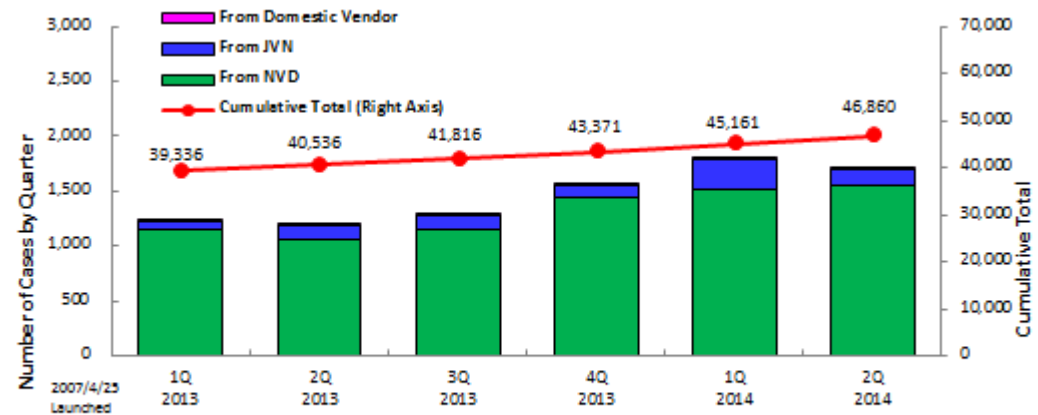


Figure 1-1. Quarterly Change in Number of Vulnerabilities Registered

<http://www.osvdb.org/>



OSVDB's goal is to provide accurate, detailed, current, and unbiased technical security information. The project currently covers **113,351** vulnerabilities, spanning **158,442** products from **4,735** researchers, over **112** years.

Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Legal

- Non-compliance with FOSS license terms may lead to:
 - Preliminary Injunctions, delivery stops
 - Damage payments and profit skimming
 - Unfair competition claims
 - Criminal charges
- Copyleft risks
- Patent & trademark risks
- FOSS specific aspects
 - FOSS can be obtained without purchasing/legal involvement
 - License obligations come „unexpectedly“
 - FOSS license obligations are „unusual“ compared to commercial software



Mobile Computing Changes the Game

- Financial institutions are suddenly software distributors/vendors
- Additional license obligations kick in, e.g.
 - Provision of the license text
 - Provision of the source code
 - Attributions
 - Copyleft



Business Risks of FOSS Deployment

Legal

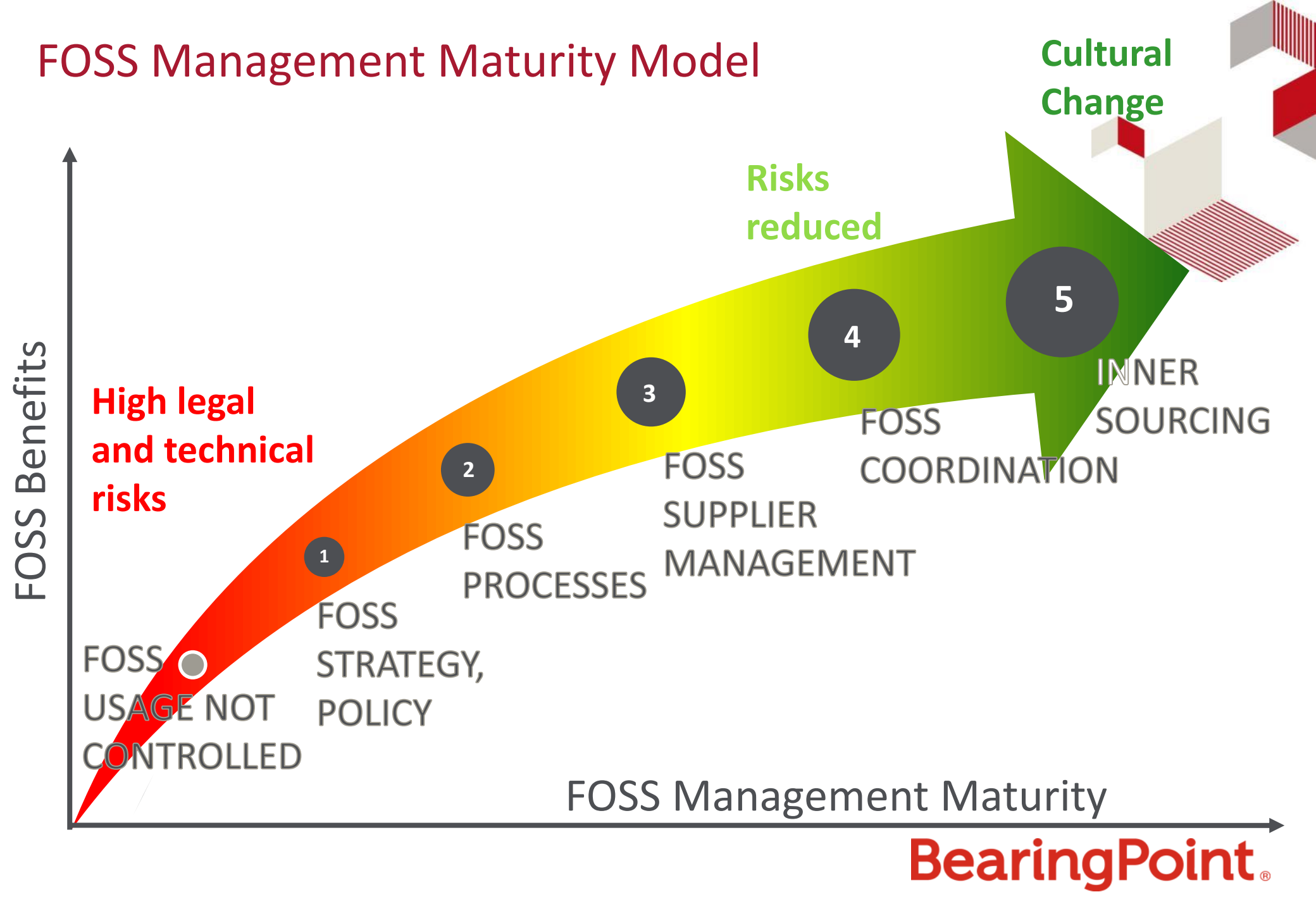
Mature financial institutions actively manage FOSS compliance by...

- ... define legal entry gates for FOSS
- ... collecting and maintaining license information for all FOSS files
- ... examining all source code (own or delivered) for hidden FOSS
- ... keeping track meticulously where which FOSS is deployed
- ... accurately fulfilling all license obligations
- ... requiring all their suppliers to do the same

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FOSS Management Maturity Model



The FDIC says...

The use of FOSS is increasing in the mainstream information technology (IT) and financial services communities. The agencies believe that the use of FOSS does not pose risks that are fundamentally different from the risks presented by the use of proprietary or self-developed software. However, the acquisition and use of FOSS necessitates implementation of unique risk management practices.

Source: <https://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2004/FIL11404a.html>

FOSS is not only software ...

... but also a fundamentally
different approach to software
development and collaboration

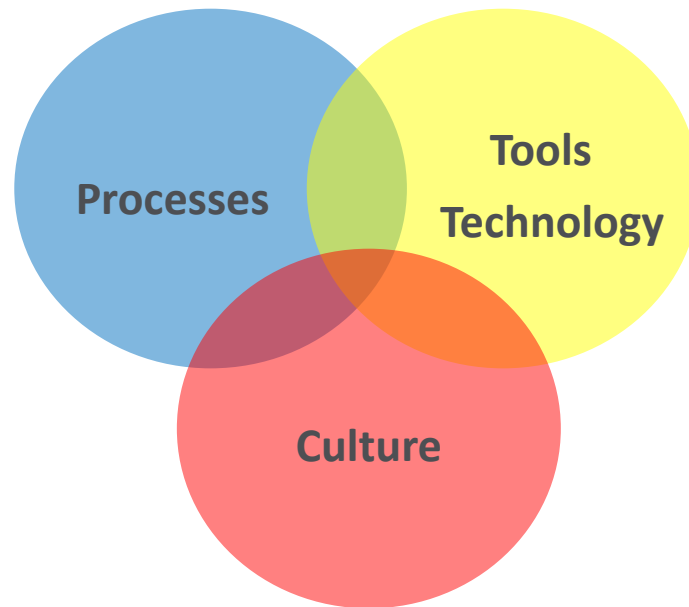
FOSS Community Principles

- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Self-organization
- Meritocracy / voluntariness
- Iterative Release



Inner Sourcing is ...

... the application of FOSS community principles and culture to internal software development and innovation efforts in order to bring them to the next level of performance.



Inner Sourcing is the Missing Link to ...

- ... Better code
- ... Increased (internal & external) re-use
- ... Higher innovation velocity
- ... Faster development
- ... Reduced costs
- ... Higher attractiveness and retention



Mature financial institutions start Inner Source Programs to initiate sustainable culture change and software development performance improvement

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