

# Open Source Policy SOUTH KOREA



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### General Information

The Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) is responsible for science and technology innovation policies and for the implementation of open source software (OSS) in public administration. The Software Promotion Act revised in 2020 and the OSS Invigoration Plan of 2014 are policies for the introduction of OSS in the public sector in Korea. The Open Source Software Promotion Team is responsible for the promotion of OSS in the country and heads many different activities.

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### Actors



The **National IT-Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA)** aims to strengthen the competitiveness of the IT industry in Korea. NIPA has a team dedicated to OSS promotion to support policy establishment.



The **Open Source Software Promotion Team** is a part of the National IT-Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA) and organises a support system for open source developers and communities for their related activities.

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### Policy and Legal Framework

**2014**

#### The Open Source Software Invigoration Plan

South Korea's overarching OSS promotion policy. The South Korean government intends to increase its use of OSS in order to decrease its dependence on proprietary software solutions. It states the plan to make open standards a requirement.

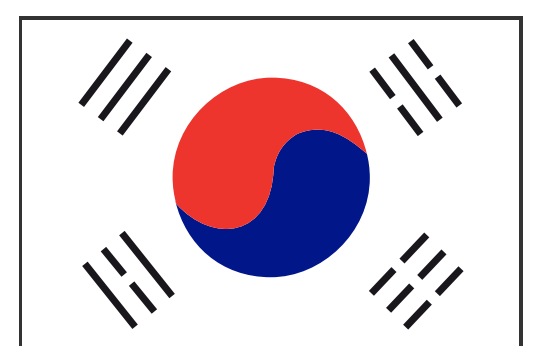
**2020**

#### Software Promotion Act (amendment)

Article 25 of the Act states that when conducting national research and development projects in the field of software, the source code as well as the final results of the projects (software) should be disclosed openly.

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### Open Source Software Initiatives



#### Initiatives from the Open Source Software Promotion Team:

- OSS R&D, 2019: Develop and distribute open source R&D results in which major research institutes and companies participate.
- OSS Conference, 2018: The OSS Conference is held every year to share and present the activities of OSS developers, companies, and communities in Korea. It is a representative OSS conference in Korea along with the OSS conference held by Samsung Electronics.
- OSS Contributor Support, 2017: Education and activities are supported so that Korean developers can participate and contribute to OSS.
- OSS Compliance support, 2015: OSS licence verification and consulting support are provided so that Korean companies and developers can use open source properly.

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