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March 5, 2013: The Open Source Automation Development Lab (OSADL), an international consortium to support the use of open source software in the industry, is glad to announce that the number of members just reached 42 with a total of 50 shares sold. OSADL is now stronger than ever.

Since last year, seven companies joined OSADL. They are located in Asia, Europe and North America:

- Fr. Sauter AG, Switzerland
- KUKA Laboratories GmbH, Germany
- ETAS GmbH, Germany
- Ningbo Act Technologies, Ltd., China
- Miele & Cie. KG, Germany
- Wind River Systems, Inc., USA
- Interflex Datensysteme GmbH, Germany

OSADL also has new sponsoring members: GNU/Linux IT Consultant Christoph Fritz, Germany, and Armijn Hemel's Tjaldur Software Governance Solutions in the Netherlands.
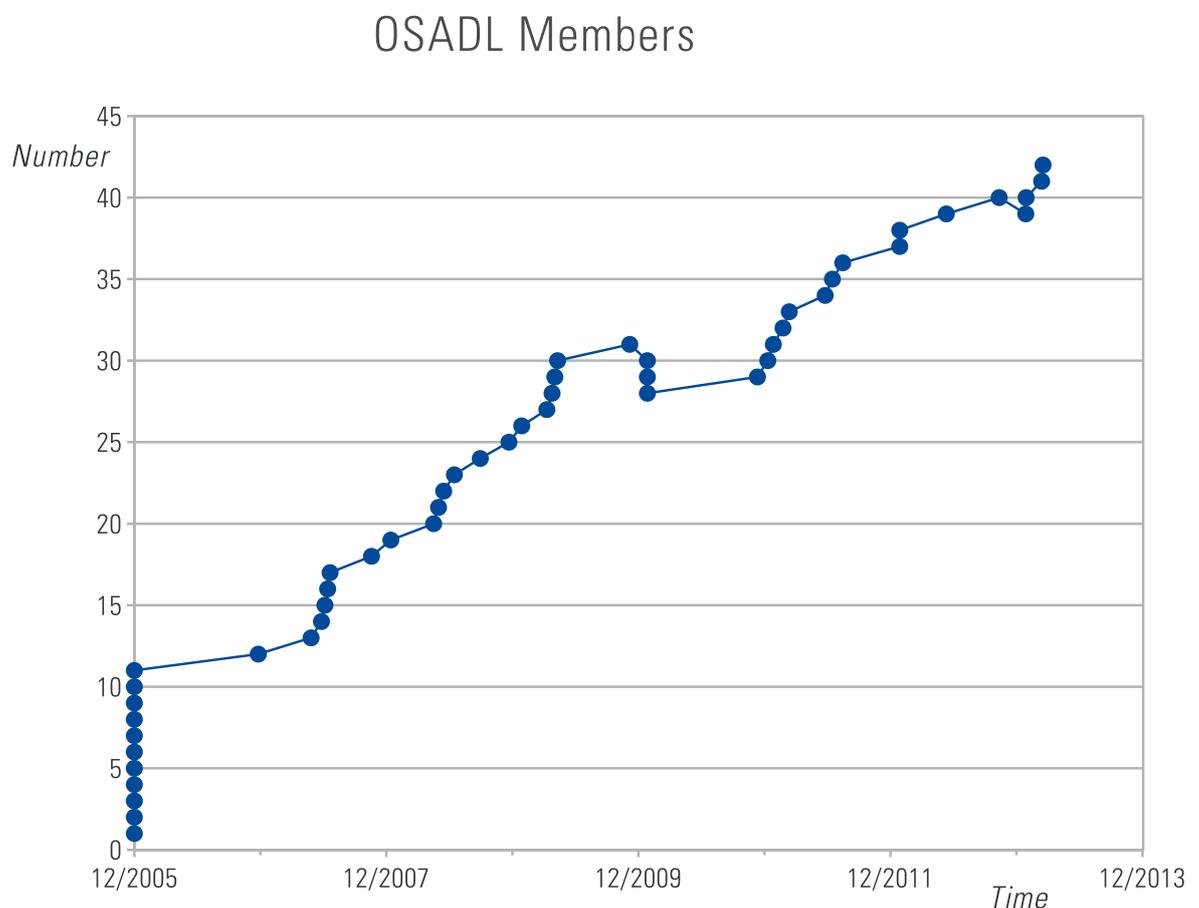
OSADL Members

Figure 1: Number of OSADL members since its founding in December 2005 up to today

The main purpose of OSADL is to assist industry using open source software for production and in products. By doing so, OSADL focuses on software and services that are required by many companies in a similar way. The economical benefit results from avoiding unnecessary parallel work and sharing the costs of common activities among all OSADL members. In addition, OSADL provides software and services required by a particular company only, but this is contracted individually and not debiting the common fund.

OSADL is using this principle – also known as Open Innovation – among others to
- contribute to the Linux kernel with components required by the industry,
- define best practices to follow the open source license obligations and offer an audit for it,
- establish a test center to assess and assure industrial quality of certain open source software components,
- launch a project to obtain certificates for using open source software in mission-critical environments, and
- provide networking, training and marketing support.

The more members we have, the more services we provide and, most importantly, the higher is the benefit of every single member, since the individual contribution remains constant.
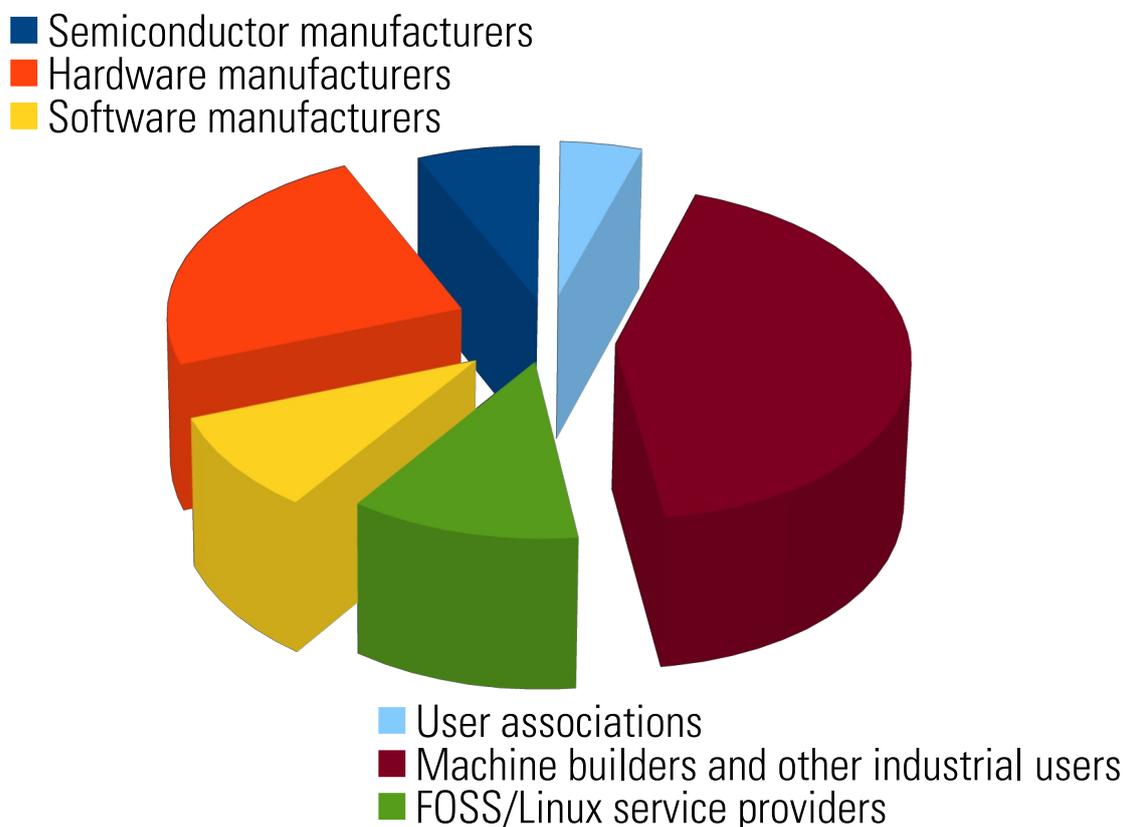

Figure 2: Distribution of current OSADL members business categories

About the Open Source Automation Development Lab (OSADL):

The Open Source Automation Development Lab (OSADL) started its activities in summer 2006 and is organizing since then the development of open source software to be used for industrial production and in industrial products.

The OSADL member companies employ altogether more than 100,000 people, generate a sales volume of more than 100 billion euros and are machine companies, manufacturers of automation hardware and software, semiconductor companies, open source software service providers and user associations.

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