Understanding Open Source Software: Risks and Rewards

Total: **60 Minutes**

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Open source software is a critical component of nearly all businesses that rely on technology. The legal issues surrounding open source software are quickly evolving. This program will serve as an overview to the key issues in the use of open source software. The speaker will cover the types of licenses involved in open source software, the various risks and challenges in using open source software, documentation issues, vendor engagements, nomenclature, derivative use issues, and more.

Topics include -

- Background and nomenclature (12 min.)
- Types of software licenses (10 min.)
- Benefits of open source software (10 min.)
- Challenges and legal risks (20 min.)
- Documenting risks (10 min.)
- Vendor engagement (8 min.)

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