Open Source in Finance Forum London 2024

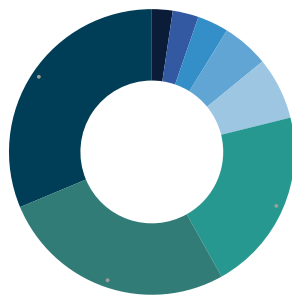PRESENTED BY FINOS THE LINUX FOUNDATION

Post-Event Report
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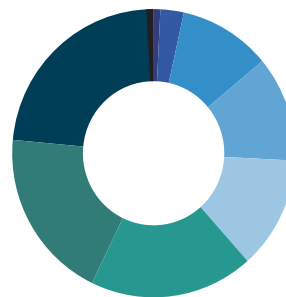
THE **LINUX** FOUNDATION

We welcomed **720** Open Source and Financial Services Industry and Community Leaders for this year's Open Source in Finance Forum in London. Attendees came from **164** organizations in **30 countries** around the globe, with 75% of attendees hailing from the United Kingdom.
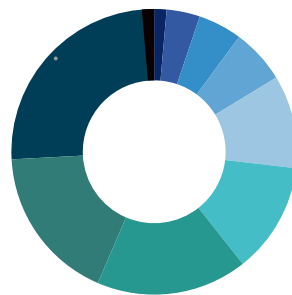
Event Demographics

Industry

- Financial Services **31%**
- Other Financial Services **26%**
- Information Technology **20%**
- Sell-Side **7%**
- Professional Services **5%**
- Non-Profit Organizations **3%**
- Buy-Side **3%**
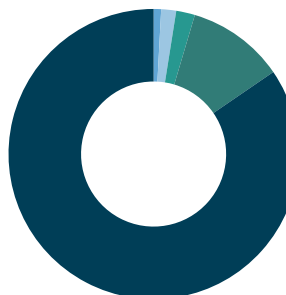- Cloud Service Provider **2%**
- Other **3%**

Job Level

- Individual Contributor **24%**
- VP/SVP/GM **19%**
- Director **19%**
- Manager **13%**
- CXO/ED **12%**
- Academic **1%**
- Other **11%**
- No Answer **1%**

Job Function

- Application Developer **25%**
- Architect **17%**
- Executive Leader **16%**
- Manager - Technical Teams **12%**
- Product/Biz Dev **6%**
- Manager - Other **5%**
- DevOps/SRE/Sysadmin **4%**
- Marketing **1%**
- Other **3%**
- No Answer **1%**

Region

- Europe **84%**
- North America **11%**
- No Answer **2%**
- APAC **2%**
- Africa **1%**

Participant Experience

Content

OSFF London comprised 50+ talks including keynote and breakout sessions and delivered content across 6 tracks: AI/Emerging Tech, FDC3/Frontend, Featured Sessions, Hot Topics/Sustainability/RegTech, Security, and Open Source Readiness.

Top Attended Sessions

1. Making GenAI a Tool for Everyone - Colin Eberhardt, Scott Logic

2. Building and Running a Scaling, Enterprise FinLLM Using OSS and Accelerated Computing - Jochen Papenbrock, NVIDIA

3. Vuu - Building UIs for the Trading and Risk Desktop - Na-Lee Ha, Steve Heron; Tomasz Rumak & Emily Kei Kei Cheung, UBS

4. Bringing FDC3 to Web Browsers - Kris West & Julianna Langston, Interop.io; Derek Novavi, S&P Global & Rob Moffat, FINOS

5. Emerging Technology in Open Source - Keith O'Donnell, Feynic Technology

6. The NatWest Group Distinguished Engineer Program - A FINOS Member Collaboration with Red Hat - Chris Booth, NatWest Group & Anthony Kesterton, Red Hat

7. Navigating the Security Landscape of LLMs: Insights from OWASP Top 10 - Nikita Koselev, Mastercard & Ivan Djordjevic, Salesforce

8. Unlocking Innovation: How NatWest Bank Uses Cloud Native Tools to Deliver Platform as a Product - Chris Plank, NatWest Bank & Derik Evangelista, Syntasso

9. Keep CALM and Carry on Approving Change - Matthew Bain & Aidan McPhelim, Morgan Stanley

10. Everything LTS. A New Approach to Open Source Security and Compliance - Mark Shuttleworth, Canonical

Session Recordings

Sessions at Open Source in Finance Forum London 2024 were recorded and are available on the FINOS YouTube channel.

Sponsor Showcase

In addition to content provided by industry leaders, Open Source in Finance Forum hosted 12 sponsor tables in London.

- Average badge scans: **63**
- Highest in-person badge scans: **134**
- Total badge scans: **504**

Community Award Winners

During the Awards & Closing Remarks Keynote session, 7 awards were presented to outstanding community members:

Shining Star Award - Rune Project

Spread the Word Award - James McLeod, Natwest

Outstanding Leadership - Ffion Acland, Goldman Sachs
(accepted by her Goldman Sachs colleague)

Newcomer Award - David Shone, ISDA

Coaching Award - Mike Minett, turntabl

FINOS Champion Award - Paula Paul, Greyshore Associates
(accepted by her FINOS Ambassador colleague)

Most Active Individual - Jamie Slome, Citi

Diversity & Inclusion

28% of all conference speakers identified as **women or non-binary**

72% of conference speakers identified as **male**

The Open Source in Finance Forum London received the highest rated Gold Badge from the CHAOSS D&I Event Badging Program, showing that we foster healthy D&I practices.

D&I | Gold

Our initiatives for diversity and inclusion included the following:

- **Registration Scholarships:** To encourage and increase the participation of a diverse community, we were pleased to offer diversity and need-based scholarships to this year's event. Full conference registration was covered for 14 recipients.

- **All-Gender Restrooms:** Specific restrooms were dedicated as all-gender for attendees who feel more comfortable using all-gender facilities.

- **Inclusive Speaker Orientation Course & Accessibility Resources for Speakers**: Presentation accessibility resources and access to the Linux Foundation's online orientation course to learn tips/tools to use when speaking to encourage inclusivity in presentations and messaging were provided to all speakers.

- **Nursing Room:** A private nursing room was made available at the event to aid in the comfort and accessibility for our nursing attendees.

- **Zen Zone:** A dedicated zen zone for sensory relaxation, meditation, and worship was available for all attendees. Attendees could go if, for any reason, they couldn't interact with other attendees at that time.

- **Communication Stickers:** Communication stickers were available for attendees to indicate their requested level of interaction with both other attendees and the press (including photographers and videographers.

- **Pronoun Stickers:** Pronoun stickers were available for attendees to share their pronouns with other conference attendees.

Media & Analyst Results

The following media registered to attend and cover Open Source in Finance Forum London 2024:

- Thomson Reuters
- WatersTechnology
- Risk.net

OSFF Interviews & Coverage

New member announcement at OSFF

- Japan Fintech Observer
- Morning Star
- Big News Network
- CIO Dive
- AI Journal

Rune announcement at OSFF

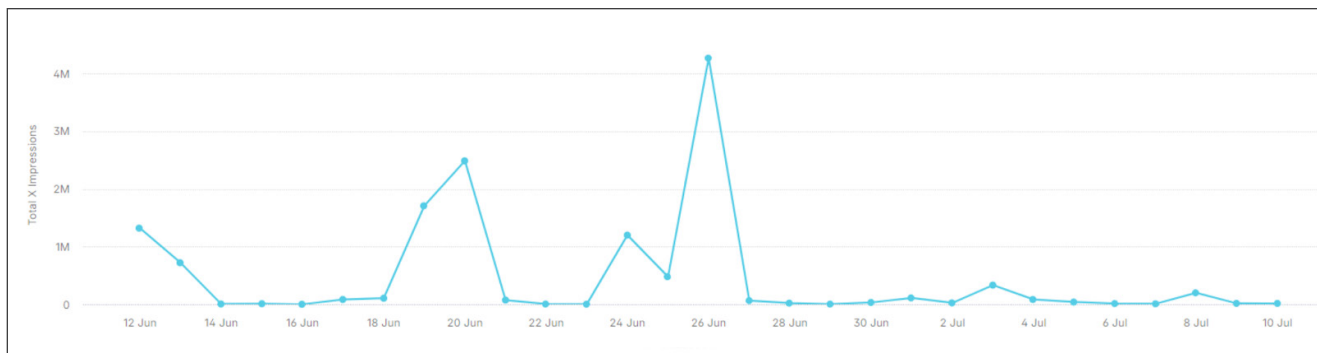- finextra
- fintech global
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- crowdfund insider

Waters Tech articles following OSFF:

- This Week: Genesis/Interop. io; S&P Global; Finos/OS-Climate and more
- Natixis refines in-house interoperability model (refers to OSFF demo)

Social Media Highlights

Measuring 12th June to 10th July 2024, #OSinFinance and #OSFF2024 received over 13 million total impressions, with the peak on the day of the conference, 26th June with 4+ million impressions and an earlier spike on 20th June with 2.5+ million impressions.

What Attendees Are Saying

"First time at an Open Source in Finance conference and found it hugely rewarding. Loved the energy and format of lightning keynotes book ending great technical breakouts. Felt like 3 days of content packed into a single day."

"Attending the Open Source Finance event in London was a transformative experience. Open source is truly a gateway to accelerated development and inclusion, with platforms like GitHub enabling us to get immediate feedback and build on existing frameworks. The insights and connections I gained were invaluable. Organizations like turntabl, which connects remote workers to real jobs, highlight the power of open source in bridging gaps and creating opportunities. I highly encourage anyone interested in the future of finance and technology to attend next time – it's an opportunity not to be missed!"

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