

# LF Edge's State of the Edge 2021 Report Predicts Global Edge Computing Infrastructure Market to be Worth Up to \$800 Billion by 2028

- *COVID-19 highlighted that expertise in legacy data centers could be obsolete in the next few years as the pandemic forced the development of new tools enabled by edge computing for remote monitoring, provisioning, repair and management.*
- *Open source hardware and software projects are driving innovation at the edge by accelerating the adoption and deployment of applications for cloud-native, containerized and distributed applications.*
- *The LF Edge taxonomy, which offers terminology standardization with a balanced view of the edge landscape, is based on inherent technical and logistical trade offs spanning the edge to cloud continuum is gaining widespread industry adoption.*
- *Seven out of 10 areas of edge computing experienced growth in 2020 with a number of new use cases that are driven by 5G.*

**SAN FRANCISCO – March 10, 2020** – State of the Edge, a project under the LF Edge umbrella organization that established an open, interoperable framework for edge independent of hardware, silicon, cloud, or operating system, today announced the release of the 4th annual, State of the Edge 2021 Report. The market and ecosystem report for edge computing shares insight and predictions on how the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the status quo, how new types of critical infrastructure have

emerged to service the next-level requirements, and open source collaboration as the only way to efficiently scale Edge Infrastructure.

Tolaga Research, which led the market forecasting research for this report, predicts that between 2019 and 2028, cumulative capital expenditures of up to \$800 billion USD will be spent on new and replacement IT server equipment and edge computing facilities. These expenditures will be relatively evenly split between equipment for the device and infrastructure edges.

“Our 2021 analysis shows demand for edge infrastructure accelerating in a post COVID-19 world,” said Matt Trifiro, co-chair of State of the Edge and CMO of edge infrastructure company Vapor IO. “We’ve been observing this trend unfold in real-time as companies re-prioritize their digital transformation efforts to account for a more distributed workforce and a heightened need for automation. The new digital norms created in response to the pandemic will be permanent. This will intensify the deployment of new technologies like wireless 5G and autonomous vehicles, but will also impact nearly every sector of the economy, from industrial manufacturing to healthcare.”

### **The pandemic is accelerating digital transformation and service adoption.**

Government lockdowns, social distancing and fragile supply chains had both consumers and enterprises using digital solutions last year that will permanently change the use cases across the spectrum. Expertise in legacy data centers could be obsolete in the next few years as the pandemic has forced the development of tools for remote monitoring, provisioning, repair and management, which will reduce the cost of edge computing. Some of the areas experiencing growth in the Global Infrastructure Edge Power are automotive, smart grid and enterprise technology. As businesses began spending more on edge computing, specific use cases increased including:

- Manufacturing increased from 3.9 to 6.2 percent, as companies bolster their supply chain and inventory management capabilities and capitalize on automation technologies and autonomous systems.
- Healthcare, which increased from 6.8 to 8.6 percent, was buoyed by increased expectations for remote healthcare, digital data management and assisted living.
- Smart cities increased from 5.0 to 6.1 percent in anticipation of increased expenditures in digital infrastructure in the areas such as surveillance, public safety, city services and autonomous systems.

“In our individual lock-down environments, each of us is an edge node of the Internet and all our computing is, mostly, edge computing,” said Wenjing Chu, senior director of Open Source and Research at Futurewei Technologies, Inc. and LF Edge Governing Board member. “The edge is the center of everything.”

**Open Source is driving innovation at the edge by accelerating the adoption and deployment of edge applications.**

Open Source has always been the foundation of innovation and this became more prevalent during the pandemic as individuals continued to turn to these communities for normalcy and collaboration. LF Edge, which hosts nine projects including State of the Edge, is an important driver of standards for the telecommunications, cloud and IoT edge. Each project collaborates individually and together to create an open infrastructure that creates an ecosystem of support. LF Edge’s projects (Akraino Edge Stack, Baetyl, EdgeX Foundry, Fledge, Home Edge, Open Horizon, Project EVE, and Secure Device Onboard) support emerging edge applications across areas such as non-traditional video and connected things that require lower latency, and faster processing and mobility.

“State of the Edge is shaping the future of all facets of just edge computing and the ecosystem that surrounds it,” said

Arpit Joshipura, General Manager of Networking, IoT and Edge. "The insights in the report reflect the entire LF Edge community and our mission to unify edge computing and support a more robust solution at the IoT, Enterprise, Cloud and Telco edge. We look forward to sharing the ongoing work State of the Edge that amplifies innovations across the entire landscape."

## **Other report highlights and methodology**

For the report, researchers modeled the growth of edge infrastructure from the bottom up, starting with the sector-by-sector use cases likely to drive demand. The forecast considers 43 use cases spanning 11 verticals in calculating the growth, including those represented by smart grids, telecom, manufacturing, retail, healthcare, automotive and mobile consumer services. The vendor-neutral report was edited by Charlie Ashton, Senior Director of Business Development at Napatech, with contributions from Phil Marshall, Chief Research officer at Tolaga Research; Phil Shih, Founder and Managing Director of Structure Research; Technology Journalists Mary Branscombe and Simon Bisson; and Fay Arjomandi, Founder and CEO of mimik. Other highlights from the State of the Edge 2021 Report include:

- **Off-the-shelf services and applications are emerging that accelerate and de-risk the rapid deployment of edge in these segments.** The variety of emerging use cases is in turn driving a diversity in edge-focused processor platforms, which now include Arm-based solutions, SmartNICs with FPGA-based workload acceleration and GPUs.
- **Edge facilities will also create new types of interconnection.** Similar to how data centers became meeting points for networks, the micro data centers at wireless towers and cable headends that will power edge computing often sit at the crossroads of terrestrial connectivity paths. These locations will become centers of gravity for local interconnection and edge exchange,

creating new and newly efficient paths for data.

- **5G, next-generation SD-WAN and SASE have been standardized.** They are well suited to address the multitude of edge computing use cases that are being adopted and are contemplated for the future. As digital services proliferate and drive demand for edge computing, the diversity of network performance requirements will continue to increase.

“The State of the Edge report is an important industry and community resource. This year’s report features the analysis of diverse experts, mirroring the collaborative approach that we see thriving in the edge computing ecosystem,” said Jacob Smith, co-chair of State of the Edge and Vice President of Bare Metal at Equinix. “The 2020 findings underscore the tremendous acceleration of digital transformation efforts in response to the pandemic, and the critical interplay of hardware, software and networks for servicing use cases at the edge.”

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State of the Edge Co-Chairs Matt Trifiro and Jacob Smith, VP Bare Metal Strategy & Marketing of Equinix, will present highlights from the report in a keynote presentation at Open Networking & Edge Executive Forum, a virtual conference on March 10-12. Register here (\$50 US) to watch the live presentation on March 12 at 7 am PT or access the video on-demand.

Trifiro and Smith will also host an LF Edge webinar to showcase the key findings on March 18 at 8 am PT. Register [here](#).

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# Industry-Wide Initiative to Support Open Source Security Gains New Commitments

*Open Source Security Foundation adds new members, Citi, Comcast, DevSamurai, HPE, Mirantis and Snyk*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 9, 2021** – OpenSSF, a cross-industry collaboration to secure the open source ecosystem, today announced new membership commitments to advance open source security education and best practices. New members include Citi, Comcast, DevSamurai, Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), Mirantis, and Snyk.

Open source software (OSS) has become pervasive in data centers, consumer devices and services, representing its value among technologists and businesses alike. Because of its development process, open source has a chain of contributors and dependencies before it ultimately reaches its end users. It is important that those responsible for their user or organization's security are able to understand and verify the security of this dependency supply chain.

"Open source software is embedded in the world's technology infrastructure and warrants our dedication to ensuring its security," said Kay Williams, Governing Board Chair, OpenSSF, and Supply Chain Security Lead, Azure Office of the CTO, Microsoft. "We welcome the latest OpenSSF new members and applaud their commitment to advancing supply chain security for open source software and its technology and business ecosystem."

The OpenSSF is a cross-industry collaboration that brings together technology leaders to improve the security of OSS. Its vision is to create a future where participants in the open source ecosystem use and share high quality software, with security handled proactively, by default, and as a matter of course. Its working groups include Securing Critical Projects, Security Tooling, Identifying Security Threats, Vulnerability Disclosures, Digital Identity Attestation, and Best Practices.

OpenSSF has more than 35 members and associate members contributing to working groups, technical initiatives and governing board and helping to advance open source security

best practices. For more information on founding and new members, please visit: <https://openssf.org/about/members/>

Membership is not required to participate in the OpenSSF. For more information and to learn how to get involved, including information about participating in working groups and advisory forums, please visit <https://openssf.org/getinvolved>.

## **New Member Comments**

### **Citi**

“Working with the open source community is a key component in our security strategy, and we look forward to supporting the OpenSSF in its commitment to collaboration,” said Jonathan Meadows, Citi’s Managing Director for Cloud Security Engineering.

### **Comcast**

“Open source software is a valuable resource in our ongoing work to create and continuously evolve great products and experiences for our customers, and we know how important it is to build security at every stage of development. We’re honored to be part of this effort and look forward to collaborating,” said Nithya Ruff, head of Comcast Open Source Program Office.

### **DevSamurai**

“We are living in an interesting era, in which new IT technologies are changing all aspects of our lives everyday. Benefits come with risks, that can’t be truer with open source software. Being a part of OpenSSF we expect to learn from and contribute to the community, together we strengthen security and eliminate risks throughout the software supply chain,” Said Tam Nguyen, head of DevSecOps at DevSamurai.

### **Mirantis**

“As open source practitioners from our very founding, Mirantis



has demonstrated its commitment to the values of transparency and collaboration in the open source community,” said Chase Pettet, lead product security architect, Mirantis. “As members of the OpenSSF, we recognize the need for cross-industry security stakeholders to strengthen each other. Our customers will continue to rely on open source for their safety and assurance, and we will continue to support the development of secure open solutions.”

## **Snyk**

“As the number of digital transformation projects has exploded the world over, the mission of the Open Source Security Foundation has never been more critical than it is today,” said Geva Solomonovich, CTO, Global Alliances, Snyk. “Snyk is thrilled to become an official Foundation member, and we look forward to working with the entire community to together push the industry to make all digital environments safer.”

## **About the Open Source Security Foundation (OpenSSF)**

Hosted by the Linux Foundation, the OpenSSF (launched in August 2020) is a cross-industry organization that brings together the industry’s most important open source security initiatives and the individuals and companies that support them. It combines the Linux Foundation’s Core Infrastructure Initiative (CII), founded in response to the 2014 Heartbleed bug, and the Open Source Security Coalition, founded by the GitHub Security Lab to build a community to support the open source security for decades to come. The OpenSSF is committed to collaboration and working both upstream and with existing communities to advance open source security for all.

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# **Linux Foundation Announces Free sigstore Signing Service**

# to Confirm Origin and Authenticity of Software

*Red Hat, Google and Purdue University lead efforts to ensure software maintainers, distributors and consumers have full confidence in their code, artifacts and tooling*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 9, 2021** – The Linux Foundation, the nonprofit organization enabling mass innovation through open source, today announced the sigstore project. sigstore improves the security of the software supply chain by enabling the easy adoption of cryptographic software signing backed by transparency log technologies.

sigstore will empower software developers to securely sign software artifacts such as release files, container images and binaries. Signing materials are then stored in a tamper-proof public log. The service will be free to use for all developers and software providers, with the sigstore code and operation tooling developed by the sigstore community. Founding members include Red Hat, Google and Purdue University.

“sigstore enables all open source communities to sign their software and combines provenance, integrity and discoverability to create a transparent and auditable software supply chain,” said Luke Hinds, Security Engineering Lead, Red Hat office of the CTO. “By hosting this collaboration at the Linux Foundation, we can accelerate our work in sigstore and support the ongoing adoption and impact of open source software and development.”

Understanding and confirming the origin and authenticity of software relies on an often disparate set of approaches and data formats. The solutions that do exist, often rely on digests that are stored on insecure systems that are susceptible to tampering and can lead to various attacks such

as swapping out of digests or users falling prey to targeted attacks.

“Securing a software deployment ought to start with making sure we’re running the software we think we are. Sigstore represents a great opportunity to bring more confidence and transparency to the open source software supply chain,” said Josh Aas, executive director, ISRG | Let’s Encrypt.

Very few open source projects cryptographically sign software release artifacts. This is largely due to the challenges software maintainers face on key management, key compromise / revocation and the distribution of public keys and artifact digests. In turn, users are left to seek out which keys to trust and learn steps needed to validate signing. Further problems exist in how digests and public keys are distributed, often stored on websites susceptible to hacks or a README file situated on a public git repository. sigstore seeks to solve these issues by utilization of short lived ephemeral keys with a trust root leveraged from an open and auditable public transparency logs.

“I am very excited about the prospects of a system like sigstore. The software ecosystem is in dire need of something like it to report the state of the supply chain. I envision that, with sigstore answering all the questions about software sources and ownership, we can start asking the questions regarding software destinations, consumers, compliance (legal and otherwise), to identify criminal networks and secure critical software infrastructure. This will set a new tone in the software supply chain security conversation,” said Santiago Torres-Arias, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Purdue / in-toto project founder.

“sigstore is poised to advance the state of the art in open source development,” said Mike Dolan, senior vice president and general manager of Projects at the Linux Foundation. “We

are happy to host and contribute to work that enables software maintainers and consumers alike to more easily manage their open source software and security.”

“sigstore aims to make all releases of open source software verifiable, and easy for users to actually verify them. I’m hoping we can make this easy as exiting vim,” Dan Lorenc, Google Open Source Security Team. “Watching this take shape in the open has been fun. It’s great to see sigstore in a stable home.”

For more information and to contribute, please visit:  
<https://sigstore.dev>

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# New Mobile Native Foundation to Foster Development Collaboration

*Linux Foundation hosts effort to improve processes and technologies for large-scale mobile Android and iOS applications; Lyft makes initial contributions*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 2, 2021** – The Linux Foundation, the nonprofit organization enabling mass innovation through open source, today announced the Mobile Native Foundation (MNF). The MNF will bring developers together to improve processes and technologies that support large-scale Android and iOS applications. Organizations contributing to this effort include Airbnb, Capital One, Corellium, Elotl, Flare.build, GitHub, GogoApps, Haystack, Line, LinkedIn, Lyft, Microsoft, Peloton, Robinhood, Sauce Labs, Screenplay.dev, Slack, Solid Software, Spotify, Square and Uber.

“Like many of our industry peers, Lyft discovered that platform vendors did not solve all of the problems we faced as our mobile team grew from a dozen engineers to hundreds of active contributors,” said Keith Smiley, Staff Engineer, Lyft. “The Mobile Native Foundation will foster a diverse community

that encourages collaboration and builds libraries and tools to move the industry forward.”

The MNF is a forum for collaboration on open source software, standards and best practices that can result in common UI frameworks, architectural patterns, build systems and networking stacks that can accelerate time to market and reduce duplicative work across companies.

“The mobile developer community is innovating and we know that open source and collaboration can ensure that continues,” said Mike Dolan, executive vice president and GM of Projects at the Linux Foundation. “The MNF will accelerate and smooth mobile app development and brings new contributions to the Linux Foundation ecosystem.”

Lyft is making early project contributions to the MNF that includes Kronos, index-import and set-simulator-location. Matthew Edwards is also contributing Flank.

For more information and to begin contributing, please visit: <https://mobilenativefoundation.org>

## **Partner Statements**

### ***Elotl***

“We are excited to pioneer the state of art Kubernetes stack to build, test, and run modern mobile applications at cloud scale. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with industry leaders on this vision!” said Madhuri Yechuri, Founder & CEO, Elotl.

### ***Flare.build***

“We look forward to collaborating with the community on many projects related to our core vision of decreasing friction and boosting productivity for teams creating applications at scale,” said Zach Gray, co-founder and CEO, Flare.build.

## ***LinkedIn***

“The Mobile Native Foundation will advance the state-of-the-art in mobile development by bringing together open source developers and leading tech companies in a place where we can collaborate and enable anyone to build and operate large scale mobile applications. We are excited to be part of the launch and look forward to what we can accomplish together,” said Oscar Bonilla, Engineer, LinkedIn.

## ***Microsoft***

“We see this as a great opportunity to more inclusively collaborate on challenges we face across the industry and we can’t wait to see the improvements to mobile development we can make when we all work together,” said Mike Borysenko, distinguished engineer, Microsoft.

## ***Robinhood***

“Robinhood’s award-winning mobile apps wouldn’t be possible without the open source tools we rely on and contribute back to. We look forward to working together with the open source community as we continue to scale and address shared technical challenges,” said Lee Byron, Engineering Manager, Robinhood.

## ***Screenplay.dev***

“We could not be more humbled or more excited to have the opportunity to work with industry leaders to push the state of mobile development forward,” said Tomas Reimers, Co-founder, Screenplay.

## ***Slack***

Slack’s mobile engineering has benefited tremendously from the open source community. We’re excited to see the energy and experience behind MNF and look forward to participating in shaping the future of mobile development at scale,” said Valera Zakharov, Tech Lead of the Mobile Developer Experience



Team.

## ***Spotify***

"We are excited to join forces with the community in the mission of solving issues and providing better technologies to ship mobile apps at scale," said Patrick Balestra, iOS Infrastructure Engineer, Spotify.

## ***Uber***

"Uber mobile apps have scaled with the help of a thriving open source community and we are now proud to collaborate with other organizations on the Mobile Native Foundation to further give back," said Ty Smith, Android Tech Lead, Uber.

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# Linux Foundation, LF Networking, and LF Edge Announce Speaker Line-up for Open Networking & Edge Executive Forum, March 10-12

*Technology leaders, change makers and visionaries from across the global networking & edge communities will gather virtually for this unique, one-of-a-kind executive event focusing on deployment progress, 2021 priorities, challenges and more.*

**SAN FRANCISCO, February 25, 2020** – The Linux Foundation, the nonprofit organization enabling mass innovation through open source, along with co-hosts LF Networking, the umbrella organization fostering collaboration and innovation across the entire open networking stack, and LF Edge, the umbrella organization building an open source framework for the edge, announced today the speaker line-up for Open Networking & Edge Executive Forum. The schedule can be viewed [here](#) and the speaker details can be viewed [here](#).

Open Networking & Edge Executive Forum (ONEEF) is a special edition of Open Networking & Edge Summit, the industry's

premier open networking & edge event, gathering senior technologists and executive leaders from enterprises, telecoms and cloud providers for timely discussions on the state of the industry, imminent priorities and insights into Service Provider, Cloud, Enterprise Networking, and Edge/IoT requirements.

ONEEF will take place virtually, March 10-12. Times vary each day to best accommodate the global audience. Attendees will be able to interact with speakers and attendees directly via chat, schedule 1:1 meetings and more as they participate in this community call to action.

“ONEEF is a great opportunity for the community to come together virtually after a very hard year,” said Arpit Joshipura, General Manager, Networking, Edge, and IoT, The Linux Foundation. “We have an impressive line-up of speakers from across a diverse set of global organizations, ready to share their knowledge and passion about what’s next for our burgeoning industry. Hope you can join us!”

#### **Confirmed Keynote Speakers Include:**

- **Madeleine Noland**, President, **Advanced Television Systems Committee**
- **Andre Fuetsch**, Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, **AT&T Services, Inc.**
- **Steve Mullaney**, Chief Executive Officer & President, **Aviatrix**
- **Jacob Smith**, Vice President, Bare Metal Marketing & Strategy, **Equinix**
- **Dr. Junlan Feng**, Chief Scientist & General Manager, **China Mobile Research**
- **Sun Qiong**, SDN Research Center Director, **China Telecom Research Institute**
- **Dr. Jonathan Smith**, Program Manager, Information Innovation Office (I20), **DARPA**
- **Tom Arthur**, Chief Executive Officer, **Dianomic**

- **Chris Bainter**, Vice President, Global Business Development, **FLIR Systems**
- **George Nazi**, Global Vice President, Telco, Media & Entertainment Industry Solutions Lead, **Google Cloud**
- **Amol Phadke**, Managing Director: Global Telecom Industry Solutions, **Google Cloud**
- **Shawn Zandi**, Head of Network Engineering, **LinkedIn**
- **Tareq Amin**, Group Chief Technology Officer, **Rakuten**
- **Johan Krebbers**, IT Chief Technology Officer & Vice President, TaCIT Architecture, **Shell**
- **Pablo Espinosa**, Vice President, Network Engineering, **Target**
- **Manish Mangal**, Chief Technology Officer, Network Services, **Tech Mahindra**
- **Matt Trifiro**, Chief Marketing Officer, **Vapor IO**
- **Subha Tatavarti**, Sr. Director Technology Commercialization, **Walmart**
- **Said Ouissal**, Founder & CEO, **ZEDEDA**

Registration for the virtual event is open and is just US\$50. Members of The Linux Foundation, LF Networking and LF Edge can attend for free – members can contact us to request a member discount code. The Linux Foundation provides diversity and need-based registration scholarships for this event to anyone that needs it; for information on eligibility and to apply, [click here](#). Visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn for all the latest event updates and announcements.

Members of the press who would like to request a media pass should contact Jill Lovato.

ONEEF sponsorship opportunities are available through Tuesday, March 2. All packages include a keynote speaking opportunity, prominent branding, event passes and more. View the sponsorship prospectus [here](#) or email us to learn more.

**About The Linux Foundation**

The Linux Foundation is the organization of choice for the world's top developers and companies to build ecosystems that accelerate open technology development and industry adoption. Together with the worldwide open source community, it is solving the hardest technology problems by creating the largest shared technology investment in history. Founded in 2000, The Linux Foundation today provides tools, training and events to scale any open source project, which together deliver an economic impact not achievable by any one company. More information can be found at [www.linuxfoundation.org](http://www.linuxfoundation.org).

The Linux Foundation Events are where the world's leading technologists meet, collaborate, learn and network in order to advance innovations that support the world's largest shared technologies.

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