

Invest in Growth How LOT Network Addresses the PAE Problem

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Introduction of Ken Seddon

25 Years of Engineering and IP experience

- BS. EE Georgia Tech, Master's Device Physics from ASU, JD from ASU
- Motorola: engineer and patent prosecution
- Intel: Asst. Director of Patents patent prosecution and licensing
- Numonyx: Chief IP Counsel
- Micron: Asst. General Counsel
- Apple: Strategic patent licensing, patent purchasing, NPE defense
- ARM: VP of IP

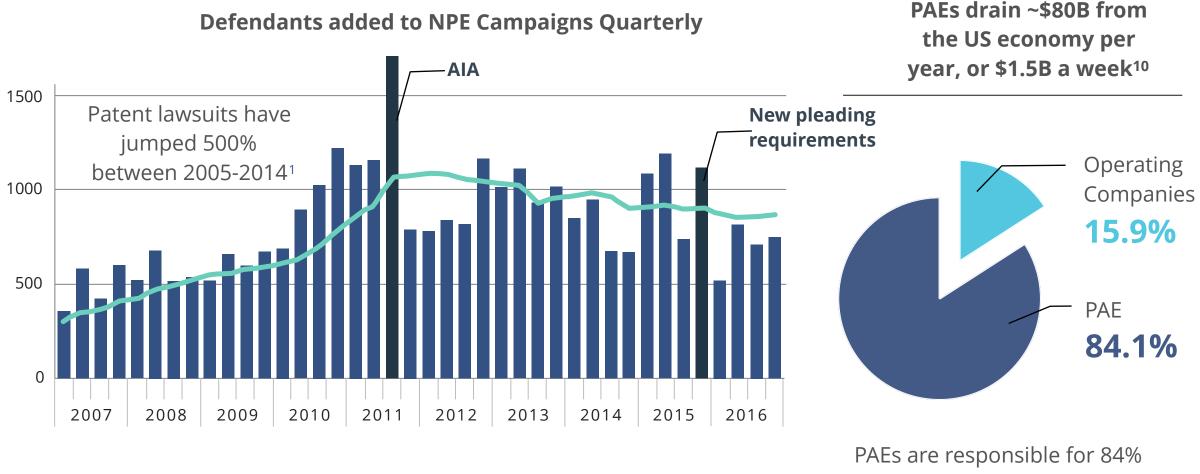


Why you should join LOT Network





PAEs - hurting innovation

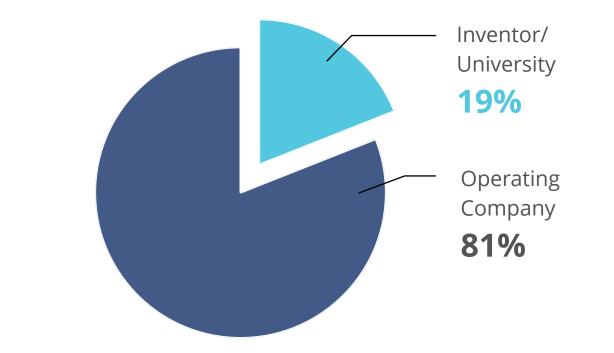


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PAEs are responsible for 84% of high-tech patent litigation in the US!⁷



Where are the PAEs getting their patents?

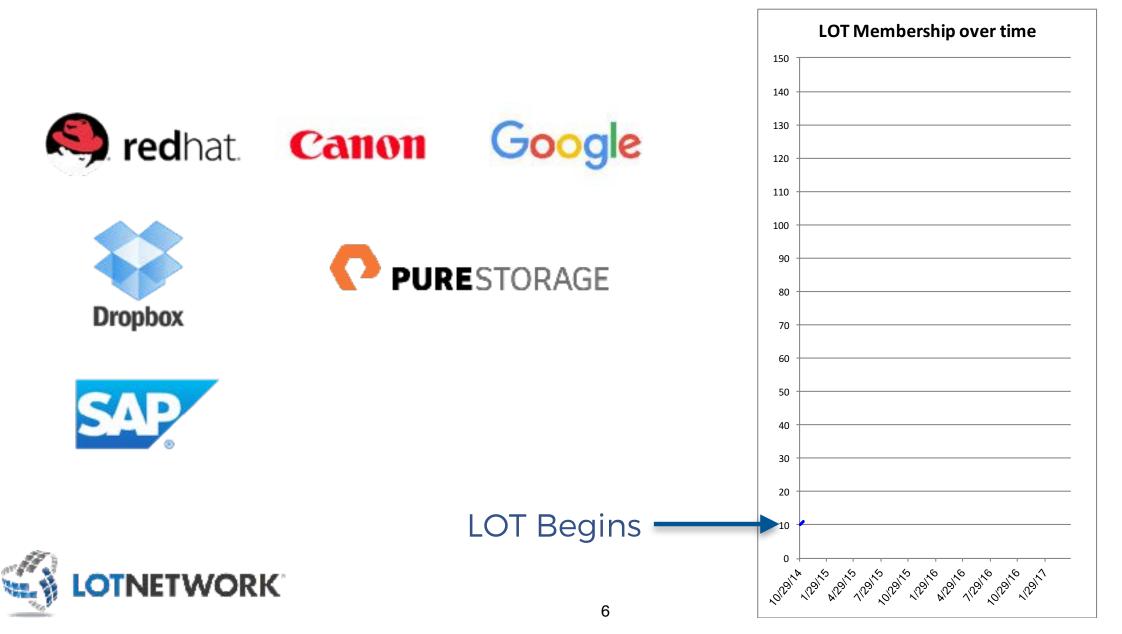


81% of patents acquired from PAEs come from companies⁷

Companies provide PAEs with most of the patents



2014: LOT Network is formed as solution



LOT Agreement is scaling



Dropbox



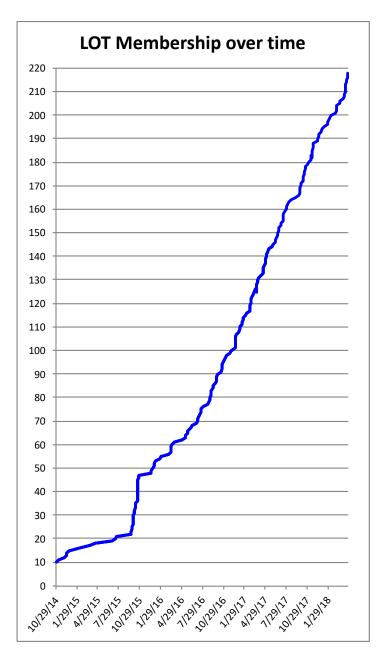
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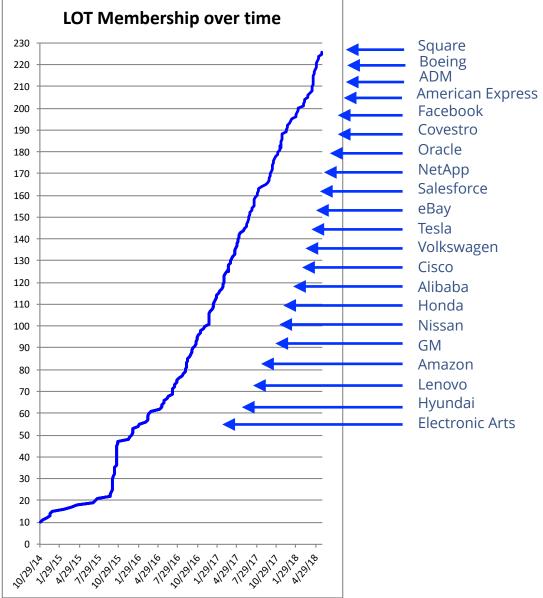
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Who is joining and why?



Some of LOT's 200+ members





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Financial Services

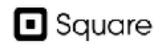












Some of LOT's 200+ members



What about *small* companies?

- Startups and small companies are softest targets for trolls
 - 50% of all companies sued by trolls make less than \$10 million/year
 - Over 50% of all patent lawsuits concern software patents[†]





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1/3rd of LOT Members are start-ups



What is LOT Network?



LOT - community providing PAE immunization



How LOT Protects Members

A license to the other members of LOT Network that applies ONLY on and after transfer of the particular patent to a patent assertion entity (License on Transfer - LOT)



No effect on traditional uses of patents

Free toFree toFree toFree toCross LicenseDo NothingAssertSell

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No Burden to being a member





What is an assertion entity?

A patent holder, in combination with its affiliates, that generates more than 50% of its **gross** revenue from patent assertion.

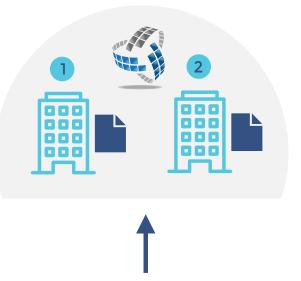


How LOT works



Illustration of the LOT Agreement's Operation

Today: Companies 1 and 2 join the LOT Network.



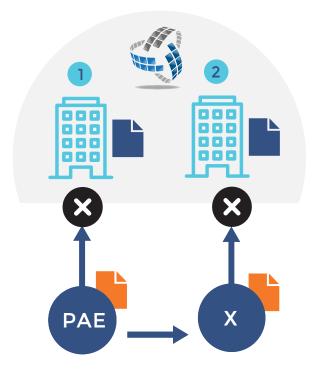
Over 1,118,000 WW assets Over 250,000 US assets

Tomorrow: Company 2 sells a patent to a Patent Assertion Entity.



License to LOT membership automatically becomes effective.

Future: LOT membership immune from patent, regardless of the owner.



Legend:

= Transferred patent(s)

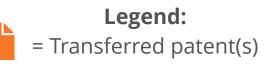


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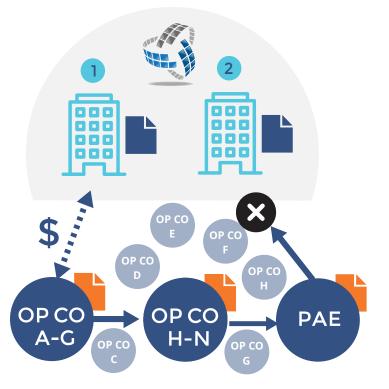
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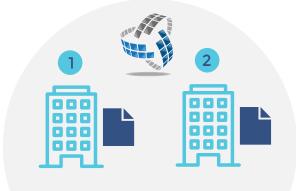


License to LOT membership automatically becomes effective when transferred to PAE.



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LOT Network is non-profit: Annual Fee

LOT Member's Annual Revenue	Annual Membership Fee
Less than \$5 million	Free
Between \$5 and \$10 million	Free - as of 5/1/2018
Between \$10 and \$25 million	Free - as of 5/1/2018
Between \$25 and \$50 million	\$5,000
Between \$50 and \$100 million	\$10,000
Between \$100 million and \$1 billion	\$15,000
Greater than \$1 billion	\$20,000 (cap)



LOT provides value to its members



Analysis of assets litigated by PAEs



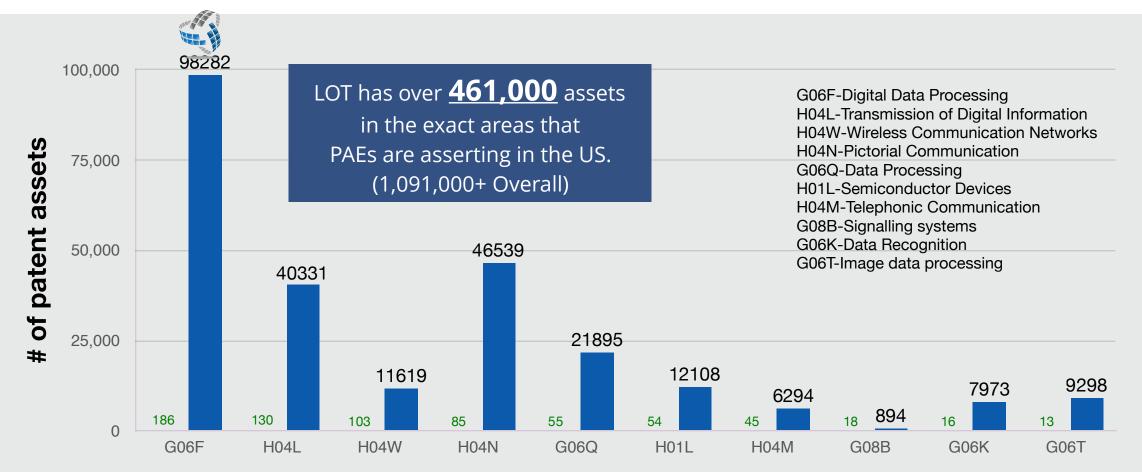
What types of patents did PAEs use to sue in the US (1,796 litigations)







LOT has thousands of patents in the same areas as those PAEs are asserting in the US



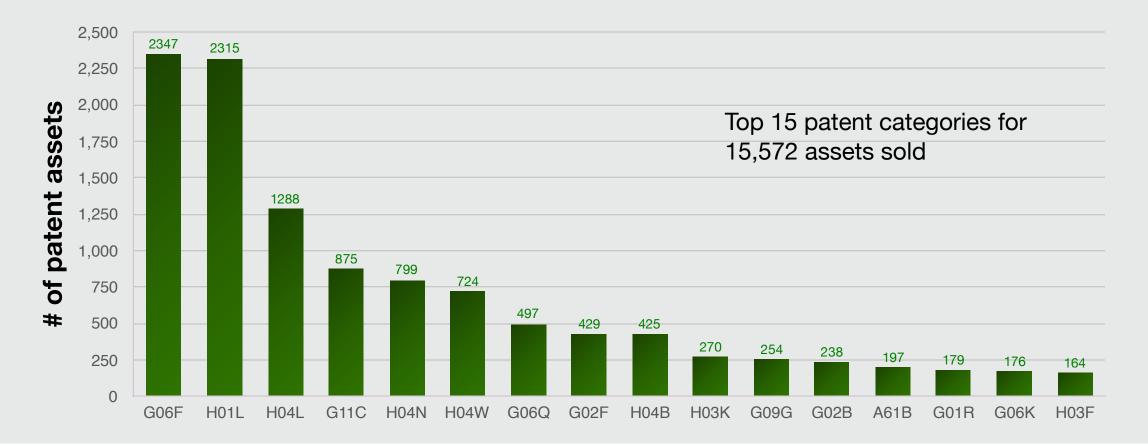




Analysis of assets bought



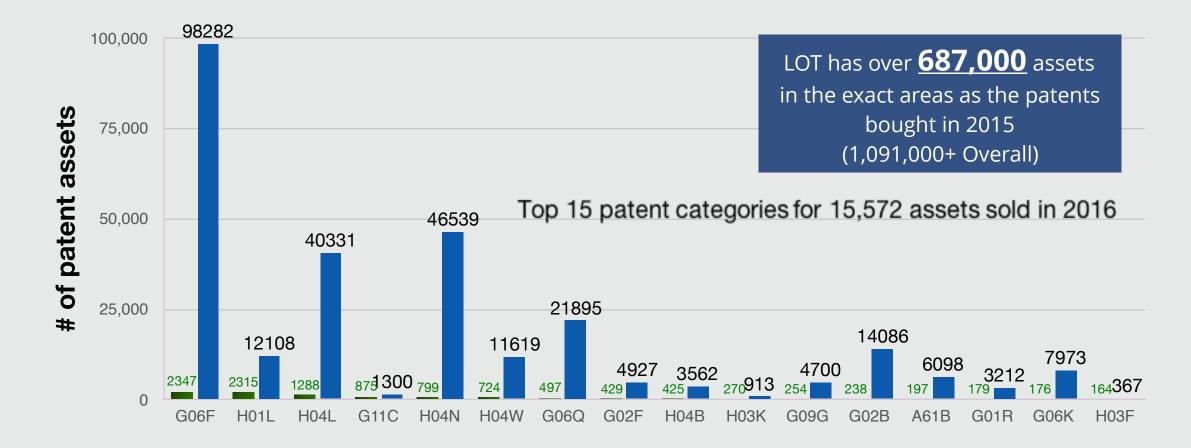
Patent sales: Forecast of future litigation





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Yeah, but does LOT <u>REALLY</u> work?



LOT Members have divested assets, but...

- Over 26,000 have left LOT Network
- 35 of those assets have landed in the hands of 8 different PAEs
- One of those PAEs is Intellectual Ventures



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No LOT Member has ever been sued by an asset that has left the Network







Are you an Optimist?



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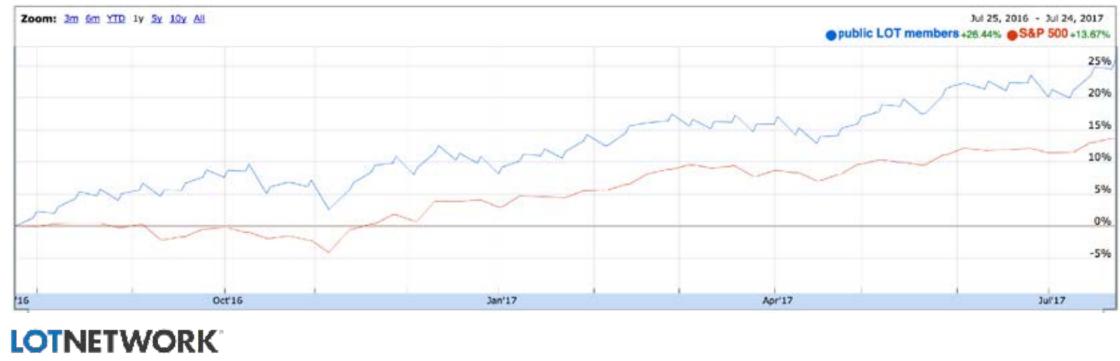


LOT Members are Optimists

The "LOT Member Index" = all publicly traded members of LOT

• includes those that have struggled recently (e.g. retailers)

LOT members have out performed the S&P 500[®] by 90% in last year



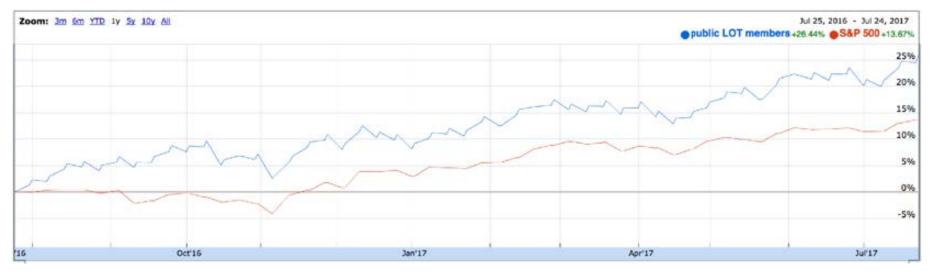
Monetizers

The "Monetizers index" = Most active monetizers in recent years

- Qualcomm, Philips, Yahoo, IBM, Ericsson, Nokia, Technicolor, Sony, Tivo, Dolby
- Monetizers lag S&P 500[®] by 87% in the last year



Are you a LOTimist?





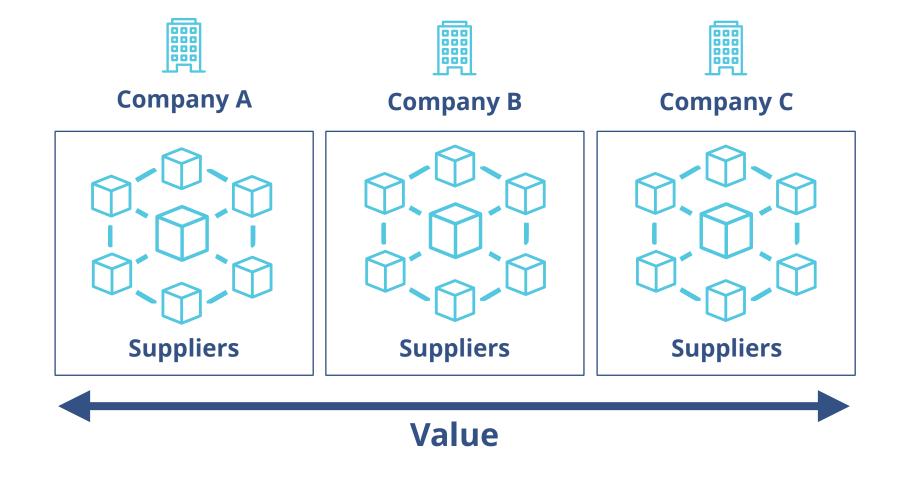




Significant Value in adding suppliers to Membership

Significant value in adding some Suppliers

Both Suppliers and Customers get protection from patents outside their bilateral ecosystems





Why LOT is good for BUYERS









Why LOT is good for SUPPLIERS

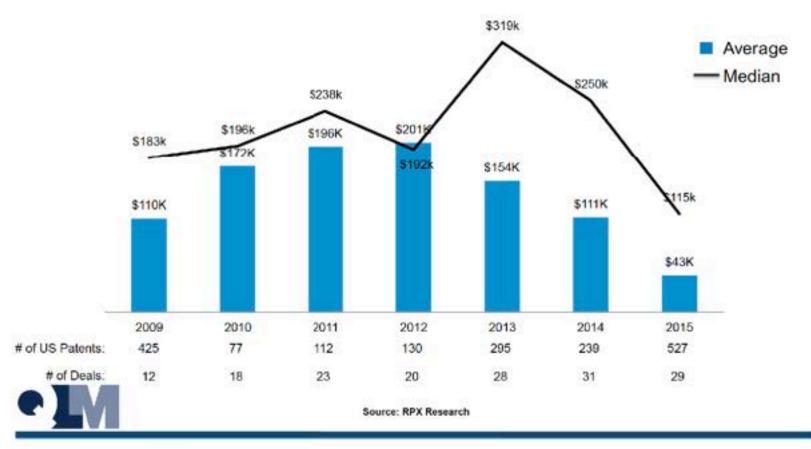






RPX price paid for patents purchased from open market declining

Average and Median RPX Price Paid per US Patent



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28,276 assets

284 Partners to License Major Aerospace Portfolio to Auto Industry

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Ann Arbor-based firm serves as the only automotive licensing agent for Boeing intellectual property

Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 14, 2017 (Newswire.com) - 284 Partners, an Ann Arbor-based intellectual property consulting firm, has become the only licensing agent within the automotive industry for Boeing's broad IP portfolio.

"Boeing leadership in the aerospace, defense, space and security markets has resulted in an intellectual property portfolio that has broad application to the current and future automotive landscape. Whether it is weight savings, collision avoidance or ad-hoc networking, Boeing has unique assets that are important to companies within the automotive industry," said Mike Lasinski, CEO and Managing Director of 284 Partners, LLC.

Boeing offers extensive technologies useful to auto manufacturers, suppliers, specialty component makers and mobile communications firms seeking to gain competitive advantage over their rivals.



The Power of Blockchain and Divorce— How We Got to IPwe



By <u>Erich Spangenberg</u> November 27, 2017 🚔 Print Article 🔍 4

Introducing IPwe

While tempted to just trade, at some point in 2016, it occurred to me that blockchain could have a massively beneficial impact on the patent industry and patent asset class. ... I began assembling the team of programmers, data scientists, communications specialists and patent wonks we would need to implement and create a new business model that intelligently captures the power of blockchain in the patent space. ... We have been fortunate to obtain strong financial backing ... It is a curious path how a collection of misfit trolls, geeks and wonks ended up here—but we are going to crush it and make a fortune, improve the patent asset class and benefit the patent ecosystem and society at the same time.

Erich Spangenberg Co-Founder <u>els@ipwe.com</u>



Reasons to join LOT Network





LOTNETWORK

Benefits for startups

- It's free for companies with up to \$25 million in annual revenue
- You become immunized to 1.1 million patents
- Opportunity to be an equal with industry leaders
- And now free patents!

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Free Patents for startups

- Canon, Lenovo, Red Hat, Google, SAP, Dropbox, GM, Ford, and other have committed to donate thousands of patents to LOT
- To qualify:
 - can't be a PAE
 - must have between \$500k and \$25M in annual revenue, OR \$500k and \$25M in funding over the last 18 months
- You can select your technology area
- LOT will recommend 5 highest rated assets available
- You can pick 3
 - You can earn an additional 2 more by getting a peer to join LOT
- Companies that follow you into LOT are not licensed to the assets