OCP Impact Study 2022

The impact of the OCP community is changing

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2. What is the vendor and end-user ecosystem seeing?
3. Q&A with the Omdia team
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In the past the impact of the OCP community could be measured in number of adopted OCP-recognized equipment

The work of the OCP community has become broader than just equipment specification with OCP-standardized modules, including best practices & advice, increasing its impact in the industry
A set of new market fundamentals

Lifecycle

Supply chain

Macroeconomy

Semiconductor supply chain issues 2021 continued for longer than expected. Switch silicon and power semiconductors had the longest lead-times with the latter still having an impact on manufacturing today. Switch silicon supply and manufacturing began a sharp recovery in 2Q22.

COVID-19 impacted revenue growth across industries, driving a huge reduction in IT budgets. 26% of 5000 companies reported reduced IT budgets during our 2021 IT Enterprises Insights Survey (October 2021).

Recovery slower than expected due to resurging pandemic, infection rate only reached a peak between 4Q21 and 1Q22.

We’ve baked in prolonged macroeconomic uncertainty in our new forecast.
Top Takeaways

• The global supply chain issues and macroeconomic conditions have impacted the investment in OCP-recognized products in 2021.

• Networking is a bright spot for the OCP with the adoption of OCP-recognized switches, NICs and routers continuing to soar.

• We expect component-level collaboration to result in broad adoption of the technologies and standards developed by the OAI and ODSA subgroups.

• The Open Edge server design appeals to a broad set of end users – from communication SPs to retailers.

• The Yosemite v2 and v3 servers are not seeing broad market demand in the same way as the Tioga Pass design.
In 2021 OCP-recognized equipment worth $18 billion was deployed

Significant differentiation is occurring in the breadth of OCP community influence. The adoption of non-edge server designs is decelerating in favour of server components/building blocks.

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All vertical markets continue to adopt OCP-recognized equipment

- During interviews with us, vendors highlighted demand from cloud SPs was the highest, followed by communication SPs.
- Financial/insurance, education and government were the top verticals following this.
- We observed large scale deployments across retail, media and entertainment.
- At a smaller scale, we’ve seen demand from all other market segments.

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Vendor and end-user interviews

• During August and September 2022 we interviewed 25 OCP-vendors, end-users and colocation providers

• We selected the sample so that the respondents would represent the makers of every equipment or end-user category, i.e. both physical infrastructure and IT equipment, both service provider and enterprise verticals

• In the following slides we show the anonymized, cumulative responses.
Top drivers for adoption

1. Open
2. Cost-effective
3. Energy efficient
4. Fast deployment
5. Software-defined

Top barriers

1. Servicing and support
2. Volume requirement
3. Familiarity
4. Supply chain
5. Integration with existing equipment
Top technologies being deployed and developed

1. Edge-ready equipment
2. Specialized equipment designed for specific environments
3. Storage
4. Software
5. A tie between liquid cooling, 21-inch racks & parallel computation

Top deployment locations

1. Centralized data center
2. Colocation facility
3. Telco Edge (CO, Cell Tower)
4. Enterprise Edge (Branch, industrial)
5. Outdoors
What does a typical OCP deployment look like in terms of size?

- 5-10 servers
- 11-20 servers
- 21-30 servers
- 41-50 servers
- More than 50 servers
- Don't know

What is the typical equipment split compute vs. storage in a typical OCP deployment?

- 100% compute, relying on server storage drives
- 20% compute & 80% storage
- 35% compute & 65% storage
- 65% compute & 35% storage
- 50% compute & 50% storage
- Don't know
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