

# Open Interconnect Consortium takes on Qualcomm's Allseen

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In December when Qualcomm, the Linux Foundation, and several major consumer electronics companies announced the open source Allseen Alliance for standardizing Internet of Things connectivity, we wondered at the absence of major semiconductor companies. Well, here they are, starting up their own rival IoT group called the Open Interconnect Consortium. Intel, Samsung, Broadcom, and Atmel have launched OIC along with computer manufacturer Dell and Intel's embedded software provider Wind River.

The OIC members will "create both a standard specification and an open source project to address the challenges of connecting billions of IoT devices," according to the OIC FAQ. The organization says it will create a "standard for interoperability across multiple vertical markets and use cases," starting with smart home and office markets, followed by automotive, and later moving to industrial and health applications.

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