

SOFTWARE

By the Numbers

HIGHLY SKILLED SOFTWARE PROFESSIONALS AND WORLD-CLASS R&D CAPABILITY MAKE OTTAWA AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

560+ 
COMPANIES

22,000+ 
EMPLOYED

68,600+ 
ICT TALENT
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
Source: ICTC, Top Job Locations (2016)

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IN CANADA

Ottawa software companies have raised more money on the public markets in the past five years than those in all other Canadian cities combined.



12 of the 16 Ottawa companies from Canada's Fastest Growing Companies are in the IT or Software industries.



Homegrown software companies have become global players in their industry. Some include QNX Software; Shopify; Pythian; and Kinaxis.



“Ottawa is very family-friendly and embracing. There’s no shortage of people willing to help. Invest Ottawa has also been hugely useful in giving us a ‘soft landing’; everyone has been very proactive with us, as a young business, in providing both advice and accessibility to services such as legal, accountants and office space.”

James O’Brian, Director at Legend Recreation Software, leading U.K based leisure management software company

LEADING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Home to leading software developers. In particular, Ottawa’s BlackBerry QNX Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Centre supplies software for car computer systems to almost every major automotive brand on the market today.

COGNITIVE COMPUTING

IBM Watson is a super computer used across industries and around the world to develop interactive and analytical technologies. Key components of IBM Watson’s ‘brain’ was developed in Ottawa.

GLOBAL PLAYERS



“I felt a pull from Ottawa, I know the market well, I know the people, I know what they’re capable of and I felt putting a R&D here made a lot of sense. One of the objectives was to grow aggressively, and . . . I said [Ottawa] is a place to grow.”

Mike Potter, Senior Vice President of R&D, Qlik

ACCELERATING SaaS

Home to L-Spark, the only Canadian Incubator and Accelerator that focuses exclusively on Enterprise SaaS and cloud startups.