

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



76,200
TECH WORKFORCE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



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



LOCAL COMPANIES, GLOBAL PLAYERS

Our software sector is flourishing with innovative startups and successful SMEs and MNEs

Ottawa's publicly traded tech companies, including Shopify, Kinaxis and Calian, have a higher market cap than all other public tech companies across Canada*.



When reviewing potential expansion opportunities in North America, we considered a number of attractive options. In the end, Ottawa's diverse workforce and bustling tech community made it the clear choice."

- **SHANE BUCKLEY** President and Chief Operating Officer, Gigamon

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' were developed in Ottawa.

Global Players

 BlackBerry | 



Accelerating SaaS

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



Ottawa has top talent. Within the city, there is a large pool of intelligence industry professionals and also top sales, marketing and creative experts."

- **MEGAN PATERSON**
Chief Human Resources
Officer, Kinaxis

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