

Being a Good Corporate Citizen in Open Source: Finding the right balance for collaboration between companies, individuals, and community

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- Geek, traveler, reader
- 20+ year tech career focused on community & open source
(Intel, Puppet Labs, Scale Factory, etc.)
- PhD from the University of Greenwich
concentrating on Linux kernel collaboration
- Kubernetes contributor
- CHAOSS Governing Board / Maintainer

Collaboration in OSS Projects: individuals, companies, and communities

Individuals

Contributions

Leadership



Companies

Employees Contribute

Recruiting

Resources



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Communities

Community = People

Small World



Contribution Strategy and Plans

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Align with business goals

Execs understand importance

Employees see their impact



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Which Open Source Projects?

Already Use

Existing Contributions

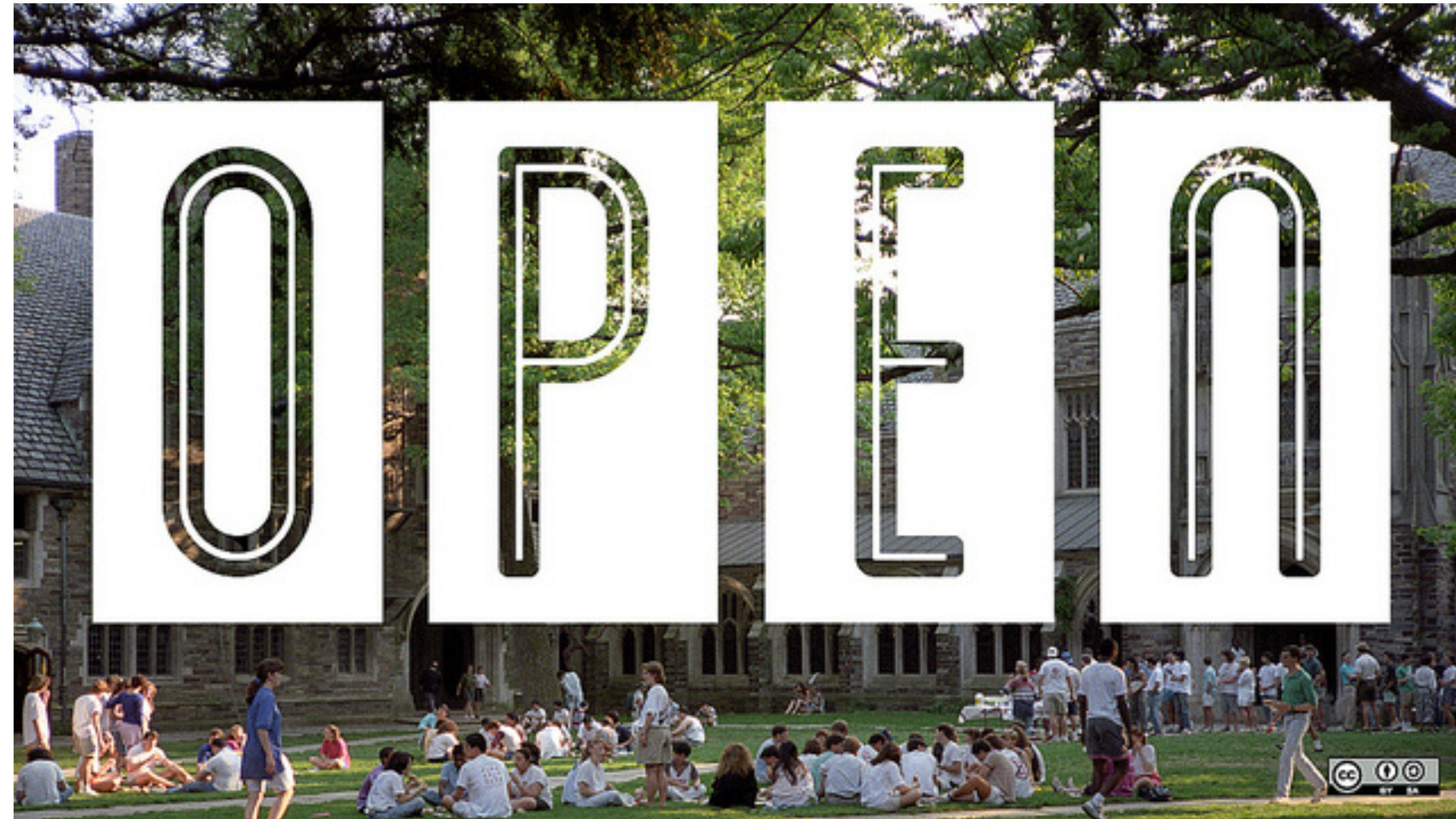


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Resources Required

Grow vs. Hire

Funding for Membership



Resources Required

Guidelines / Processes

OSS Program Office

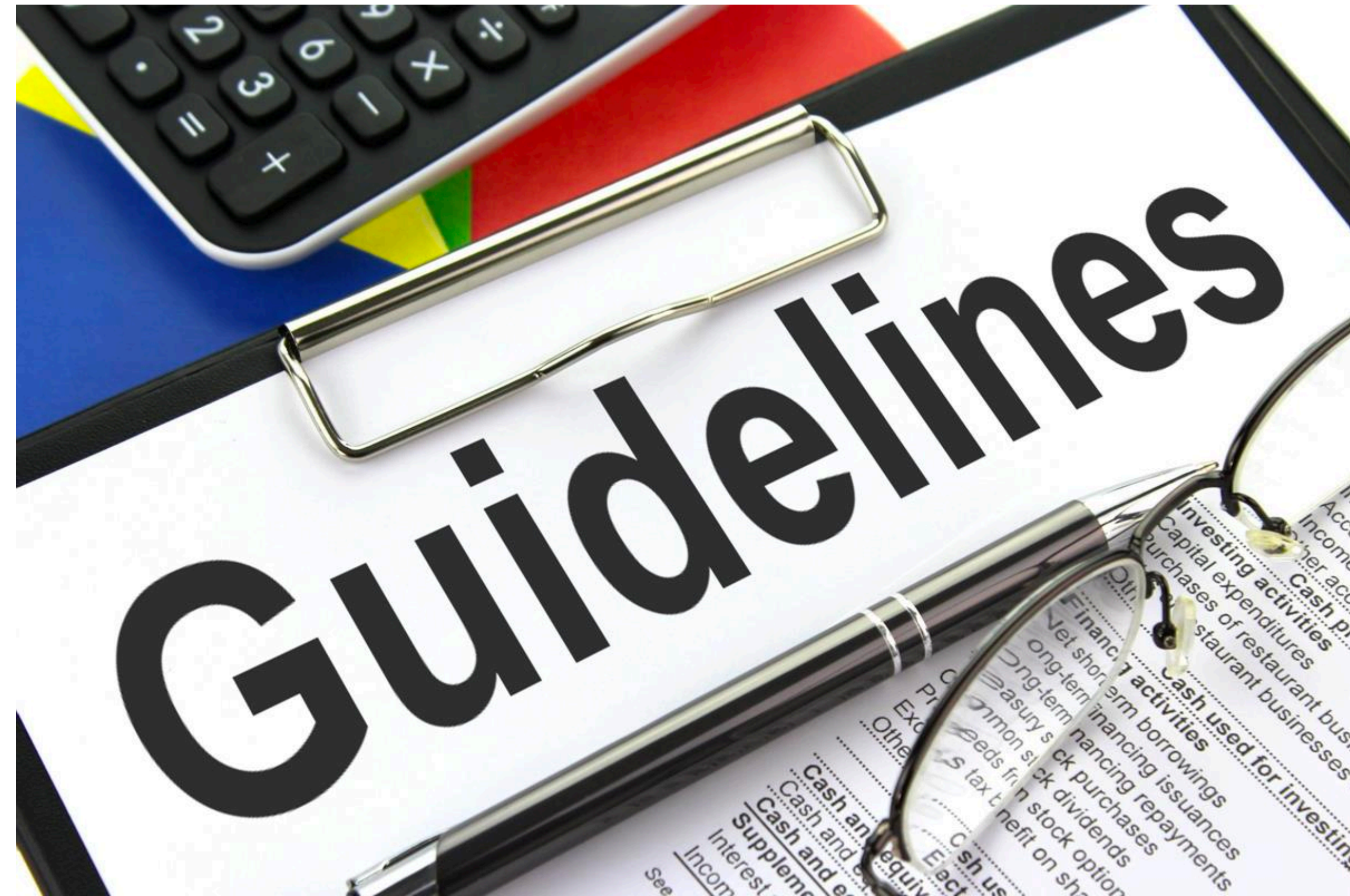


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Measure Success

Criteria for Success

Data Required (CHAOSS)



Good Corporate Citizen

Getting Started

Join

Read the Docs

Lurk & Understand

Start Small



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Learn from Feedback

Avoid Getting Defensive

May Need to Iterate



Work with the Community

Discuss Changes

Early and Often

Lack of Control



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Relationships

Attend Events

Get to Know People



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Upstream your Patches

Reduces Your Overhead

Benefits the Community

Right Thing to Do



Maintenance Expectations

Small Contributions vs.
Large Contributions



Open Sourcing Your Software

No Dumping

Maintenance

Community



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Resources / References

Learn more about
open source
collaboration and
related topics.

Linux Foundation TODO Group

- <https://www.linuxfoundation.org/resources/open-source-guides/>

GitHub

- <https://opensource.guide/>

Red Hat's Opensource.com

- <https://opensource.com/resources>

Thank You and Questions

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