Open Source Collaboration: Finding the Right Balance

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- Geek, traveler, reader
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How Does Collaboration Work in Open Source Projects?
Structure
Individuals

Employees Contribute

Individuals as Leaders

Small World
Contribution Strategy and Plans
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Align with business goals

Execs understand importance

Employees understand impact of their work
Which Open Source Projects?

Already Use

Existing Contributions
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
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
Learn more about open source collaboration and related topics.

**Linux Foundation TODO Group**
- [https://www.linuxfoundation.org/resources/open-source-guides/](https://www.linuxfoundation.org/resources/open-source-guides/)

**GitHub**
- [https://opensource.guide/](https://opensource.guide/)

**Red Hat’s Opensource.com**
- [https://opensource.com/resources](https://opensource.com/resources)
Thank You and Questions

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