Whoami

- Geek, traveler, reader
- 20+ year tech career focused on community & open source (Intel, Jive, Puppet Labs, etc.)
- PhD from the University of Greenwich concentrating on Linux kernel collaboration
- OSS Strategy Lead at Pivotal
- Kubernetes / CHA OSS

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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
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 (CHA OSS)
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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