

# Project Brief

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## Bottom line

Don't streamline the process until you know what the open source software release process is, how it helps ARL meet its mission objectives, and that it's a worthwhile effort to make.

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**Current ARL OSS policy & process is cobbled together rather than a coordinated, purposeful effort.** There's no single POC setting/implementing vision, process isn't used much and visibility into the overall process is very limited, lessons learned on successful software sharing are isolated.

## Paths

### Forward

**ARL can continue as is with better visibility and education** on the current process.

In the future, OSS may not be a productive or utilized means for ARL to accomplish its AFC mission of preparing future battlefield and developing new civilian/military relationships to expedite latest technology to the field.

**ARL can improve the current process** by defining/aligning on stakeholders, roles, steps, and tools needed. In the future, streamlined OSS process map based on current needs.

**ARL can hold off, and instead first figure out the value proposition** of OSS and how much to share to meet mission objectives. In the future, ARL assesses the risk costs against mission benefits of streamlining ARL's current OSS process. It may not be worthwhile for ARL to invest in streamlining the OSS process, or greater alignment on these upstream questions may resolve concerns with current process already.

## Asks

1. Revise the Written Policy to separate out policy from procedures (from beginning to the end of the process)
2. Work with 18F on Product Ownership training to plan succession next steps
3. Post newly created process maps throughout ARL and ALC in key stakeholders' work areas
4. Post newly created process maps as well as Policy & Procedures document on ARL Inside and ARL's GitHub repository
5. Educate branch chiefs on documentation and where to find it