



Overview

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SOFTWARE
FOUNDATION

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Why Open Source?

Why Open Source?

- Software development has a **cost**
 - Development
 - Maintenance
 - Documentation
 - Training
- Open Source ecosystems **share** those costs
- Empower developers to lead development

Open Source Projects



Get the browser that protects what's important

No shady privacy policies or back door advertisers. Just a lightning fast browser that doesn't sell you out.

Download Firefox



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Firefox Browsers Products Who We Are Inspiration
Firefox for Desktop

The collage includes:

- A screenshot of the Mozilla Firefox homepage with the slogan "Get the browser that protects what's important".
- A screenshot of the Blender.org website showing the "Blender 2.92 Release Candidate" news section.
- A screenshot of the WordPress.org homepage with the heading "Meet WordPress".
- A screenshot of the WordPress dashboard showing the theme library.

Open Source: Innovation Accelerator

Standardization on open technologies

Neutral environment for collaboration & cross-pollination

Innovation multiplier

Enables better interoperability

Minimizes fragmentation

Qualifies reference architectures

Lowers barriers to enter a new domain

Enables new business opportunities

Leads to better products

Allows shared cost of development

About the Academy Software Foundation

Open Source in Entertainment

*How the Academy Software Foundation
Creates Shared Value*

A report from



Written by
Barbara Robertson

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An Open Source Foundation Developed in Partnership



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The Academy Software Foundation provides a neutral forum for open source software developers in the motion picture and broader media industries to share resources and collaborate on technologies for image creation, visual effects, animation and sound.



Why the Academy Software Foundation?



- Legal Framework
- Continuous Integration and Build Infrastructure
- Clear path to accepting contributions (neutral forum)
- Versionitis

ASWF created

August 10, 2018

Founding members:

Animal Logic

Autodesk

Blue Sky Studios

Cisco

DNEG

DreamWorks

Animation

Epic Games

Foundry

Google Cloud

Intel

SideFX

The Walt Disney

Studios

Weta Digital



Scitech
Council
Open source
Investigation
concludes

01

First project

October 23, 2018

OpenVDB

New members:

Sony Pictures

Entertainment

Warner Bros.

Blender Foundation

Visual Effects Society

02

February 8, 2019

OpenColorIO

May 1, 2019

OpenEXR

OpenCue

NVIDIA

ftrack

Red Hat

03

04

Open Source Day 2019

July 29, 2019

OpenTimelineIO

Netflix

Amazon Web Services

Rodeo FX

MovieLabs

05

September 13, 2019

Apple

Microsoft

06

COVID
19

\$1M/
year



May

2018

Open Source Days 2020

August 19-20, 2020

Unity Technologies

Conductor Technologies

SMPTE

08

07

AMD

DockYard

December 15,
2020

Adobe

ETC

09

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Open Source Days 2021

August 4-5, 2021

MaterialX

Maxon

Open Source Forum

March 10, 2022

Rez

DPEL

RawtoACES

Open Source Days 2022

August 8-9, 2022

OpenFX

OpenAssetIO

Open Review Initiative

Canonical

Khronos Group

Membership

Premier



ACADEMY
OF MOTION PICTURE
ARTS AND SCIENCES



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ENTERTAINMENT
TECHNOLOGY
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Our Mission

Increase the *quality* and *quantity* of open source contributions by establishing a *governance model*, a *legal framework* and a *community infrastructure* that lowers the barrier to entry for developing and using open source software.

Our Goals

- Provide a ***neutral forum*** to coordinate cross-project efforts, establish best practices and share resources.
- Develop an open ***continuous integration (CI)*** and build infrastructure to enable reference builds from the community.
- Streamline development for build and runtime environments through the sharing of ***open source build configurations, scripts and recipes***.
- Provide individuals and organizations with a ***clear path for participation*** and code contribution.
- Provide better, ***more consistent licensing*** through a shared licensing template.
- Create working groups for exploration of ***new or larger projects***.
- Focus on ***diversity and inclusion*** and raising the profile of software engineers in our industry.

Our Projects



contributed by:
Dreamworks
Animation



contributed
by:
Lucasfilm



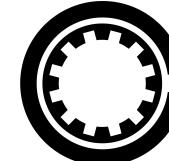
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Pixar Animation
Studios



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Open Effects
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Google Cloud and
Sony Pictures Imageworks



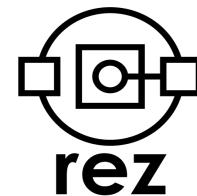
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Foundry



contributed by:
The Academy of Motion
Picture Arts and
Sciences



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Academy Software
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Digital Production Example Library

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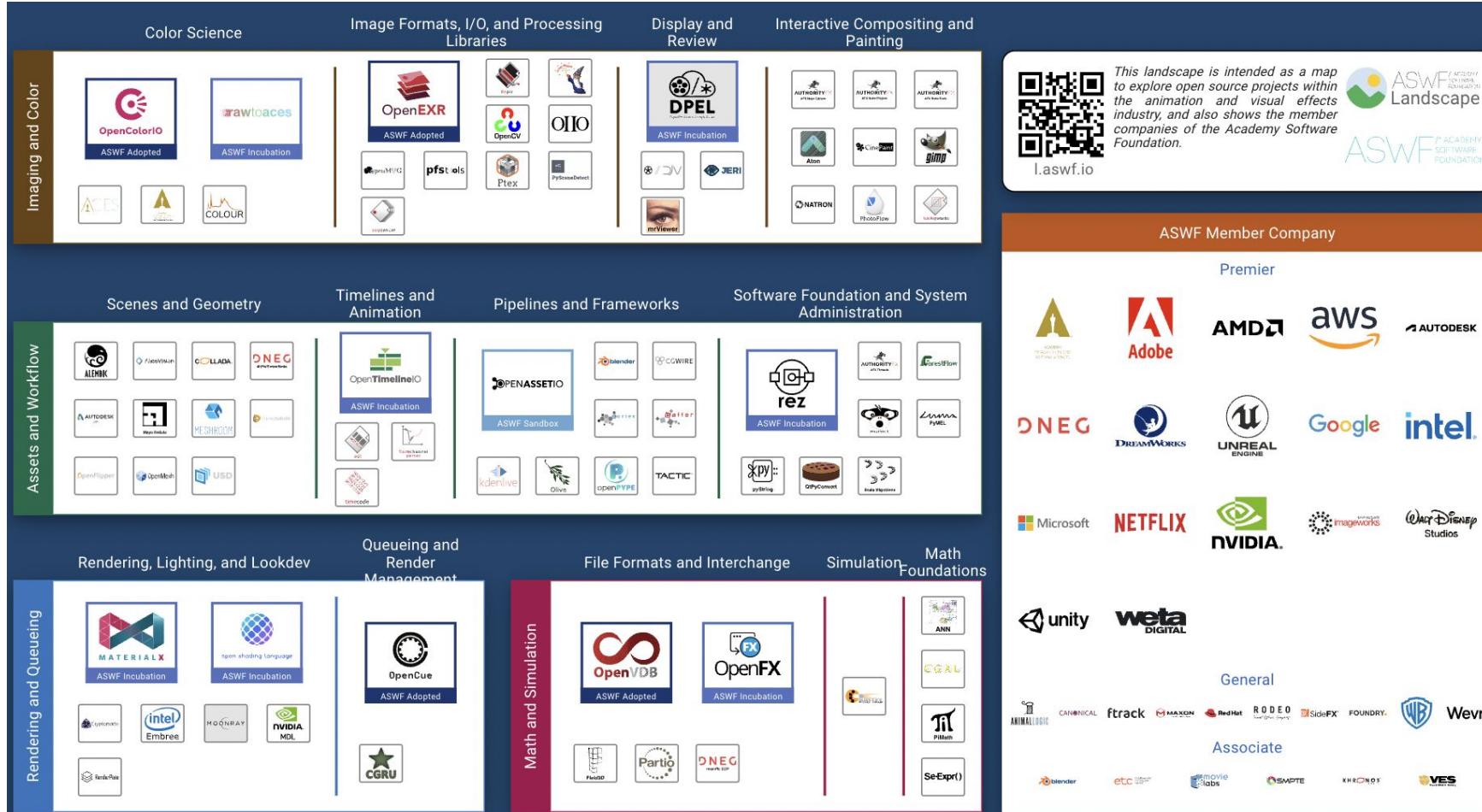
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Diversity & Inclusion Working Group

“Open source has the power to break down racial, gender, and corporate barriers to unite people around a shared goal...”

Read more at aswf.io/diversity_inclusion.

ASWF Landscape



<https://l.aswf.io/>

- Public list of open source projects in the animation and VFX industry
- Updates can be submitted via GitHub
- Goal is to have all active, open source projects in animation and VFX industries represented.



The Croods; courtesy of DreamWorks Animation

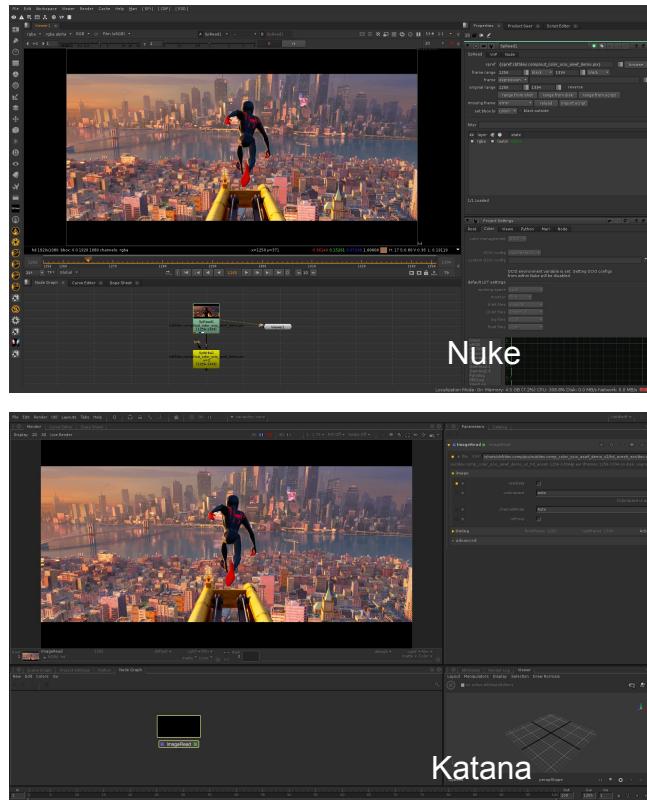


How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World; courtesy of DreamWorks Animation



github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/openvdb

- First project adopted by ASWF in Sept. 2018; first project to graduate to adopted status in July 2019.
- Developed by DreamWorks Animation in 2012.
- C++ library for volumetric representations including fluid simulations, animated volumes and environmental effects.
- Academy Technical Achievement Award recipient.
- Key contributors include DreamWorks, Autodesk, DNEG, Industrial Light & Magic, NVIDIA, SideFX, Weta Digital.



OpenColorIO

github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/OpenColorIO

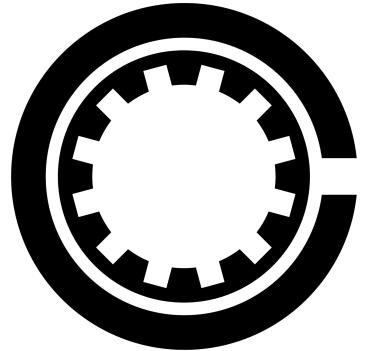


Spider-Man™: Into the Spider-Verse; all images courtesy of Imageworks

- Joined ASWF in Feb. 2019; adopted status in Nov. 2019.
- Developed by Sony Pictures Imageworks in 2003.
- Provides a consistent user experience across digital content creation applications; widely adopted in VFX and computer animation studios and software.
- Academy Technical Achievement Award recipient.
- Key contributors include Imageworks, Autodesk, DNEG, ILM, Foundry, Framestore.
- OCIO v2 released fall 2020, led by Autodesk.

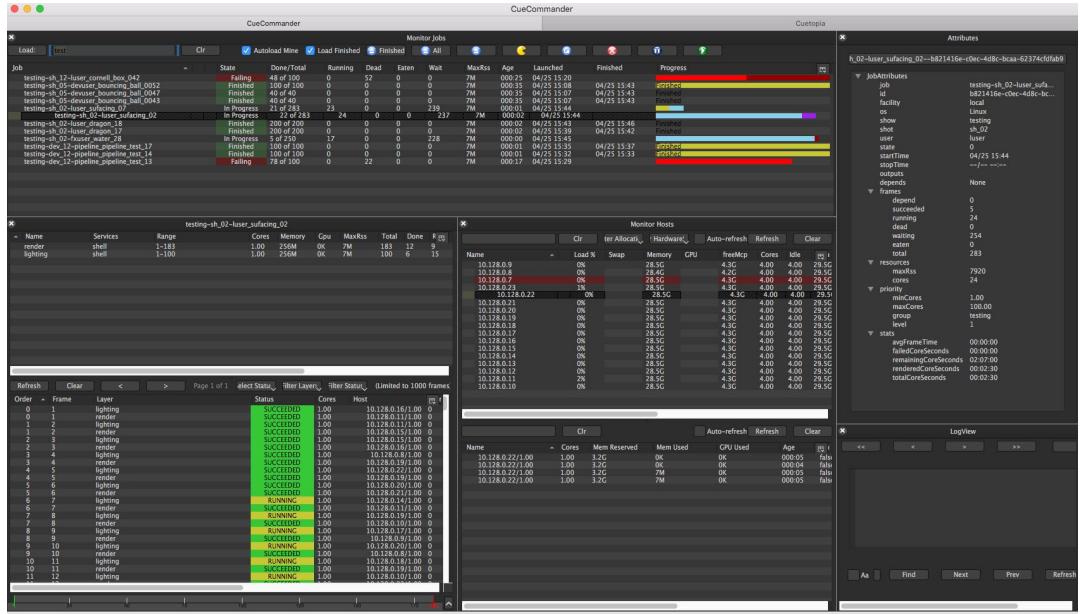


Smurfs: The Lost Village; courtesy of Sony Pictures Imageworks



OpenCue

github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/OpenCue

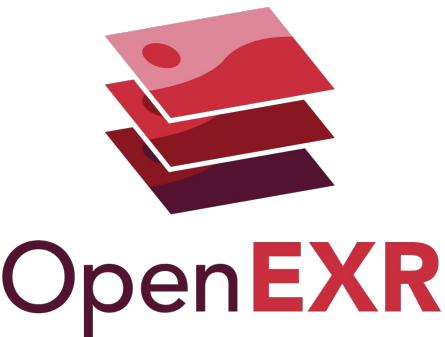


OpenCue screenshot

- Joined ASWF in April 2019.
- Developed at Sony Pictures Imageworks as its internal render farm manager (“Cue3”); collaboration with Google Cloud to release as OpenCue in January 2019.
- Fully featured render manager for media and entertainment that can be used to break down complex jobs into individual tasks.
- Contributors include Imageworks, Google, Netflix, Microsoft, Amazon.
- Monthly releases over the past year, including adding Python 3 compatibility, Windows support, new documentation.



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github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/OpenEXR

- Joined ASWF in April 2019; adopted status in Nov. 2019.
- Developed by ILM in 1999; first release of a major open source project by a studio.
- High dynamic-range (HDR) image file format for high-quality image processing and storage; widely adopted standard in computer graphics.
- Academy Technical Achievement Award recipient.
- Key contributors include ILM, Disney Animation, Imageworks, Epic Games, Weta Digital, Pixar, Autodesk, and DreamWorks.
- OpenEXR 3.0 just released.



OpenTimelineIO used on Coco
for transitions and linking
media to the latest renders.

Image courtesy of Pixar Animation Studios.



OpenTimelineIO

github.com/PixarAnimationStudios/OpenTimelineIO

- Joined ASWF in July 2019.
- Developed by Pixar Animation Studios.
- Open source interchange format for editorial timeline information – clips, timing, tracks, transitions, metadata etc.
- Key contributors include Pixar, Netflix, DreamWorks, Autodesk.
- In Public Beta



The Angry Birds Movie 2; courtesy of Imageworks



Spider-Man: Far From Home; courtesy of Imageworks



open shading language

github.com/Imageworks/OpenShadingLanguage

- Joined ASWF in April 2020.
- Developed by Sony Pictures Imageworks; released as open source in 2010.
- De facto standard shading language for VFX and animation, ideal for describing materials, lights, displacement, and pattern generation.
- Academy Technical Achievement Award recipient.
- Key contributors include Imageworks, Animal Logic, NVIDIA, Pixar, DNEG, Autodesk.

ILM Production tests using MaterialX



ILM UNIFIED

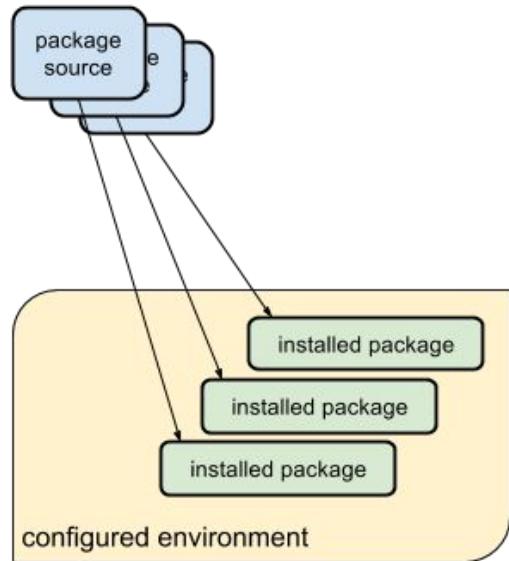


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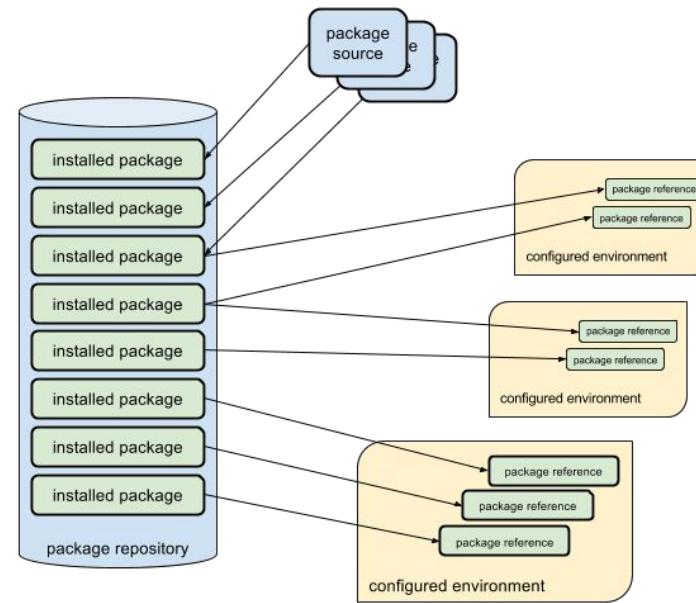


github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/MaterialX

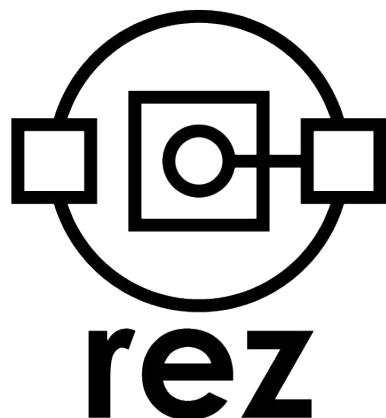
- Joined ASWF in March 2021.
- Open standard for representing rich material and look-development content in computer graphics, enabling its platform-independent description and exchange across applications and renderers.
- Launched at Industrial Light & Magic in 2012, MaterialX has been a key technology in their feature films and real-time experiences since Star Wars: The Force Awakens and Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run.
- Key contributors include Sony Pictures Imageworks, Pixar, Autodesk, Adobe, and SideFX.



Typical package managers
install packages into an
environment



Rez installs packages once,
and configures environments
dynamically



github.com/nerdvegas/rez

- Joined ASWF in February 2022.
- Developed by Allan Johns of Method Studios.
- Cross-platform package manager that leverages a central repository for storing packages instead of installing into each environment separately, reducing the time to create complex environments to just a few seconds.
- Key contributors include Luma Pictures, Method Studios, NVIDIA, and Shotgrid



github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation/rawtoaces

- Joined ASWF in January 2021.
- Software package that converts digital camera raw files to ACES container files containing image data encoded according to the Academy Color Encoding Specification (ACES) as specified in SMPTE 2065-1.
- Key contributors include AMPAS and Weta Digital

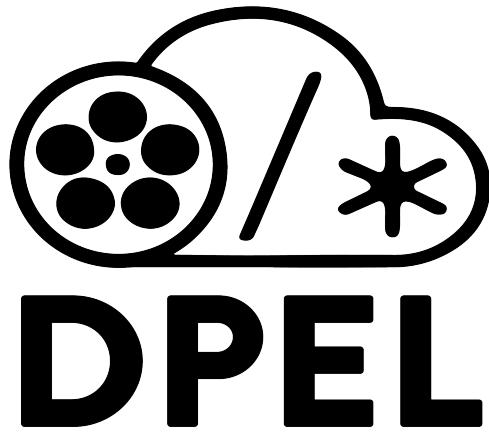


<https://tac.aswf.io/engagement/#OpenFX>

Industry-wide common interface between image-based visual effects plugins and host applications, used by *Autodesk Flame*, *Foundry Nuke*, *Blackmagic Design DaVinci Resolve and Fusion*, *Sony Catalyst* and *MAGIX Vegas Pro*, *Assimilate Scratch*, *Filmlight Baselight*, *Boris FX Sapphire* and *Silhouette*, *RE:Vision Effects* and more. Open, extensible C API currently version 1.4 with version 1.5 in development. Want to find out more or contribute?



Launching with ASC Standard Evaluation Material II (StEM2), Animal Logic's ALab Phase 2, Intel's Volumetric Clouds Library and AWS character Noa.



Digital Production Example Library

<https://tac.aswf.io/engagement/dpel>

Providing a vendor-neutral hosting platform and a uniform license agreement, to encourage, curate and publish *production-grade sample assets* for developers, researchers and educators, Digital Production Example Library is the conclusion of an Academy Software Foundation working group on assets



<https://tac.aswf.io/engagement/#OpenAssetIO>

OpenAssetIO is an early stage open source interoperability standard between tools and asset management systems, *developed by Foundry* with proofs of concept and design input from 15 companies including *DNEG, Pixar, Amazon Web Services, Animal Logic, Blizzard, and Blender*. OpenAssetIO was the first project to join the Academy Software Foundation in sandbox stage.

Open Review Initiative

<https://tac.aswf.io/engagement/#OpenAssetIO>

A new open source project with the mission to build a unified toolset for *playback, review and approval* of motion picture and related professional media, with *Autodesk contributing RV, Dneg contributing xSTUDIO, Imageworks contributing parts of itView*, and the three companies providing lead architects and maintainers for the project Technical Steering Committee.

Working Groups

- CI
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Rust
- USD

How to contribute

 Search Academy Software Foundation

Need help or have a question? Contact us here

Contribute to an existing project:

- Submit a PR with a bugfix or new feature
- Pick existing GitHub issue as a sample project
- Integrate with a new app / contribute plugin
- Help improve project documentation
- Submit additional test cases
- Join the TSC discussion: dev mailing list, conf calls

Get involved with the TAC or Working Group:

- DevOps / CI expertise always useful
- Interest / expertise in security especially welcome
- Join the TAC discussions: mailing list, conf calls, working groups

More information at tac.aswf.io/engagement

Getting Involved in Projects

All of the projects hosted at the Academy Software Foundation are open and transparent, and welcome participation from anyone interested in the technology areas. Each project publishes their governance processes within their project repo (typically in the README.md file or in a GOVERNANCE.md file within the primary project repo or TSC repo) on roles within the community and how decision making is made.

TAC Meetings

Learn more about joining the public meetings of the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) on [the Meetings page](#)

Mailing Lists and Slack channels for hosted projects

Each project hosted at the Academy Software Foundation collaborates on open channels that are welcome for anyone in the community to participate in. See the below list of channels for each project.

All Slack channels referenced below are part of the [Academy Software Foundation Slack organization](#) unless otherwise noted.



Website: <https://opencolorio.org/>
Dev Mailing List: <https://lists.aswf.io/g/ocio-dev>
User Mailing List: <https://lists.aswf.io/g/ocio-user>
Slack: slack.opencolorio.org
Leads: Carol Payne - Imaging Technologist at Netflix, Inc



Website: <https://www.openexr.org/>

Join the Discussion

Mailing Lists for ASWF projects: lists.aswf.io

Join as a member: aswf.io/join

Slack: slack.aswf.io

Github: github.com/AcademySoftwareFoundation

Behind the Screens: bit.ly/BehindtheScreens

Twitter: [@AcademySWF](https://twitter.com/@AcademySWF), [#ASWF](#)

YouTube: [AcademySoftwareFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/user/AcademySoftwareFoundation)

How to participate

Developers can join our mailing lists to stay informed about the code and our projects at lists.aswf.io.

Learn how your organization can support the Academy Software Foundation community at aswf.io/join.

Stay connected to us on Twitter at
[@AcademySWF](https://twitter.com/AcademySWF) and [#ASWF](https://twitter.com)

THANK YOU!