Open Source Playbook Q&A
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This was an open discussion with questions asked by participants and answers provided by the Code.gov team.

What do we mean by well-managed?
Well-managed isn't exactly the best descriptor, but we're looking for things like well-documented, a good community presence, the code is able to be run by contributors, things like that.

Where is Code.gov located?
The project is the open source playbook under Code.gov.

What is the purpose of the project?
To create a playbook & toolkit resource so that agencies who need additional help/guidance in open sourcing code have more implementation support.

What will the outcomes/timeline look like?
The thought is to start with playbook since it would be a smaller deliverable than a toolkit. We imagine it might have 5-10 "plays" and act as a quick start checklist for open source projects. We would then move on to work on putting together a toolkit with additional examples, templates, and case studies.

What has been done already?
We haven't started putting together a playbook yet, just some research around some things that we think might be included.

There are several other playbooks and toolkits that folks could look to as to what we think this will be modeled like:
https://www.citizenscience.gov/toolkit/
https://www.challenge.gov/toolkit/
https://playbook.cio.gov/#introduction

Timeline:
The goal is to have something published on the Code.gov site in the Fall of 2019.

What does success look like?
Publishing a resource to the Code.gov site that agencies can use to implement best practices when standing up and maintaining open source repos.

Ideally, we could use this quality score to track quality progress for the projects listed in the Code.gov inventory to see improvements after the playbook & toolkit are released.

Are we starting from scratch or using current agency implementations?
We will definitely look toward current agency implementations to see what's working or not working with current open source projects and use that to help guide us in this project.

We'll keep the group open so others can join at any time and will continue to share the work with the community through the Code.gov listserv and issues in the Open Source Playbook GitHub repository (once created). Be sure to join the CODE@listserv group for updates.

We will create an open repo on GitHub for folks to add discussion and collaborate on the project.