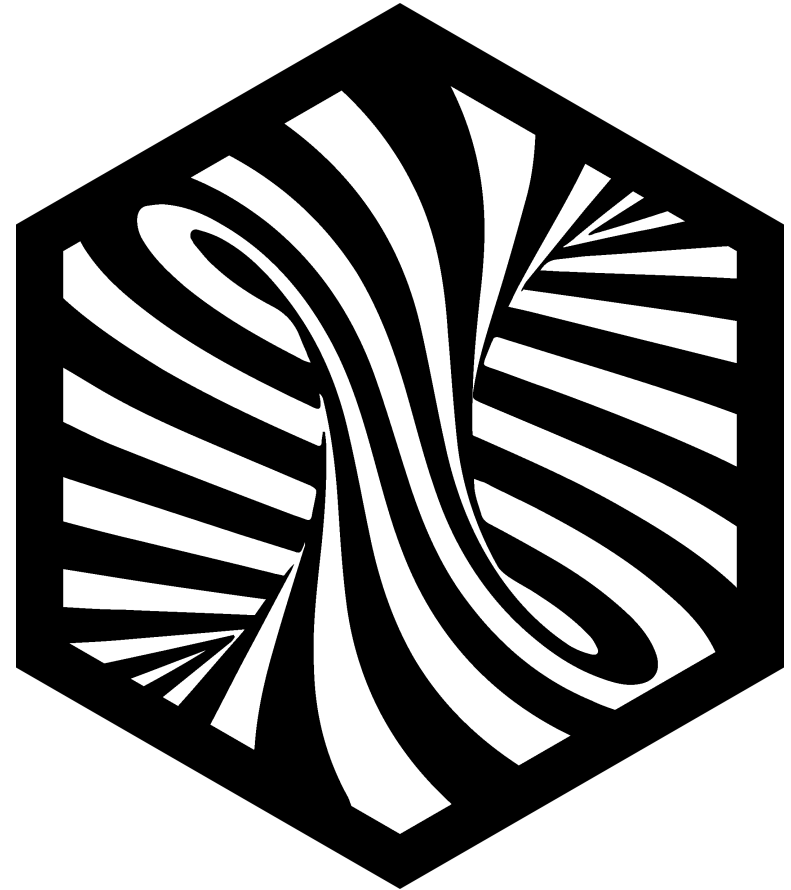# The InnerSource Program Office (ISPO) Working Group

The InnerSource Program Office (ISPO) Working Group creates resources for enterprise InnerSource teams.

If you're in any of these groups, we invite you to join us:

- InnerSource responsibilities in an Open Source Program Office (OSPO)

- Platform Engineering Teams

- Other centralized groups such as Enterprise Architecture

But what is an InnerSource Program Office (ISPO)?

"Person(s) working on improving the internal code collaboration experience at full organization scale"

Lots of overlap

You don't formally need an ISPO for
this content to be useful

Q: WHY is the ISPO working group a subset of InnerSource Commons?

A: We focus on accelerating teams that run and support InnerSource across an organization rather than individuals.

Our objective is to help you discover the benefits of our ISPO working group.

https://github.com/InnerSourceCommons/ispo-working-group/blob/main/CONTRIBUTING.md

By participating in our working group

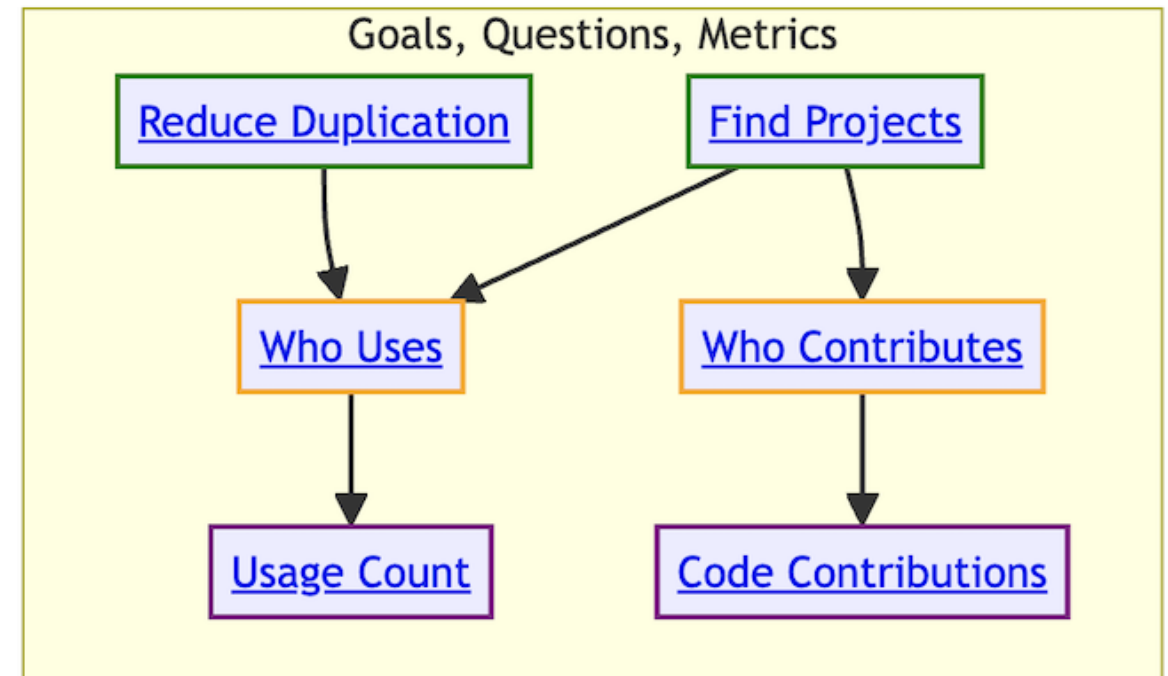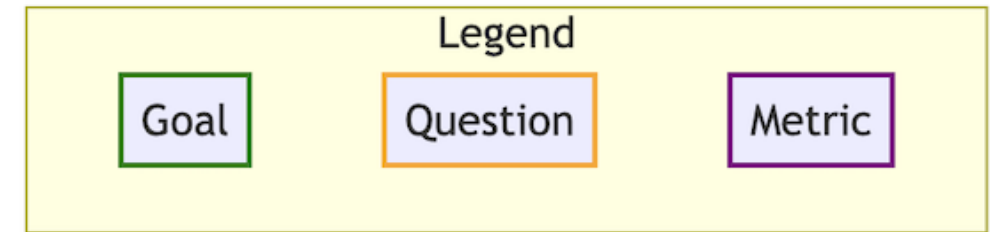**YOU** can increase the speed and impact of **YOUR** InnerSource Program Office.

Examples of products we are working on specifically for teams that drive InnerSource company-wide:

- Metrics:
- SCM (Source Code Management)
- InnerSource Project Assessment and Linting

An overview of the Goals, Questions, and Metrics (GQM) catalog.

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Legend

| Goal | Question | Metric |

Goals, Questions, Metrics

Reduce Duplication → Who Uses

Find Projects → Who Uses

Find Projects → Who Contributes

Who Uses → Usage Count

Who Contributes → Code Contributions

Source Code Management (SCM) is:

"How do you set up GitHub, GitLab, etc. configuration at an enterprise level to best balance security and collaboration?"

Security-First Perspective and InnerSource-first Perspective 🔗

There are two perspectives presented in the table: the Security-First Perspective and the InnerSource-First Perspective. By considering these two perspectives, companies can address the risks associated with sensitive code leaving the organization while also fostering collaboration and sharing of code within the company for increased productivity and innovation.

	Security-First Perspective	InnerSource-first perspective
Concerned with What Risk?	Sensitive code gets outside Company.	No effective way for anyone at company to search, discover, or evaluate code for use created outside their org.
Absolute positions for each perspective	All repositories should be their own silo. Access to know each repo exists only individually granted by upper management.	All repositories should be visible to all FTEs.
What Repositories are the Perspective's Focus?	Sensitive repositories: Those whose release has market impact or is core infrastructure with safety implications.	Highly reusable packages, internal reusable tools, templates, examples, or code that builds services many people have stake in like websites, SDKs, etc.

The opportunity to balance both needs comes from observation that there is not much overlap between the repositories that each perspective cares about the most.

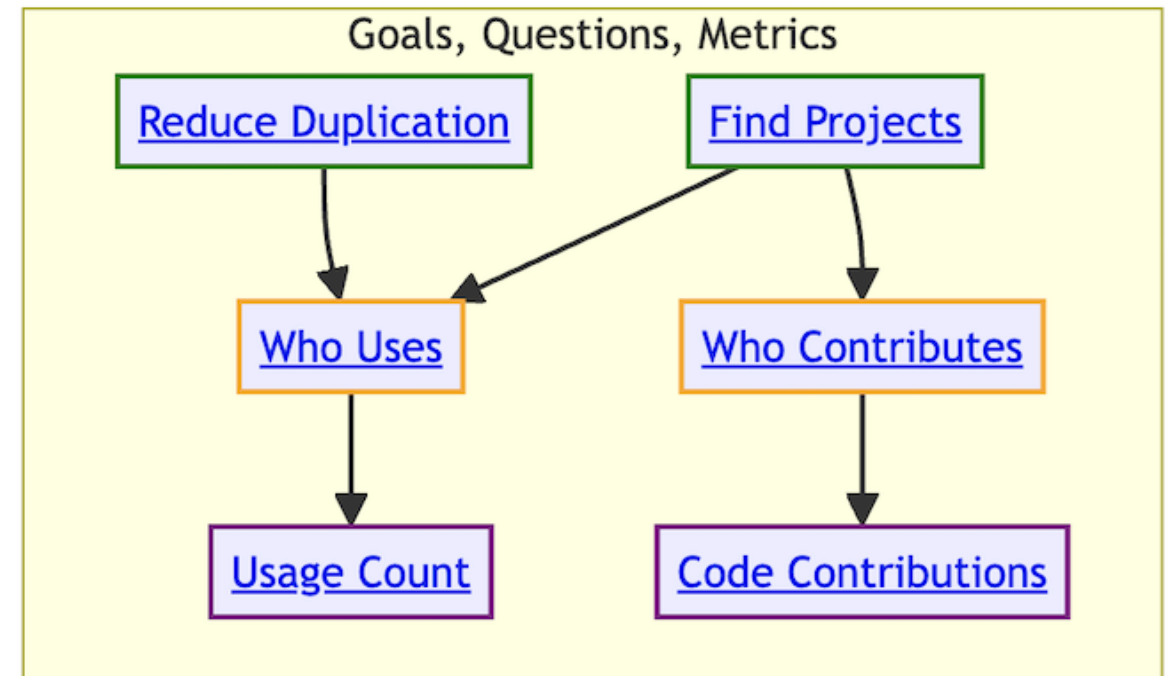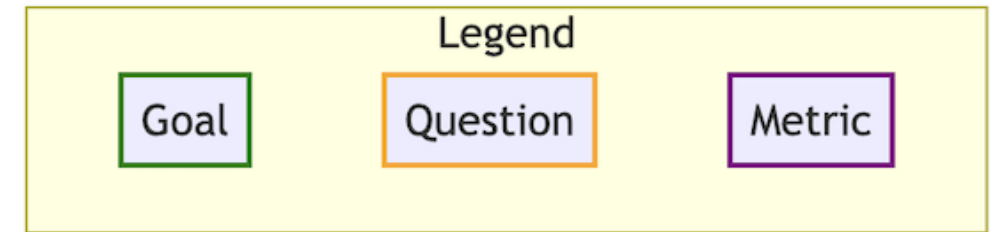What did I get from contributing to Source Code Management project?

Example InnerSource Metrics

- **Usage count** — how many times the InnerSource project is used.
- **Code contributions** — Count of commits that do not come from the project owner.

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How did I benefit from collecting examples of how different companies are using these metrics?

How the ISPO working group operates

Deliver valuable products reusable inside our companies through collaborative efforts, accommodating participants' availability and interest

- Website pages documenting patterns and methodologies
- GitBooks

InnerSource Commons

Managing InnerSource Projects

Methodologies for the Enterprise - What, when, and how to measure

Daniel Izquierdo & José Manrique López

InnerSourceCommons.org   Bitergia

When:

Asynchronously

- Slack channel

- GitHub repositories

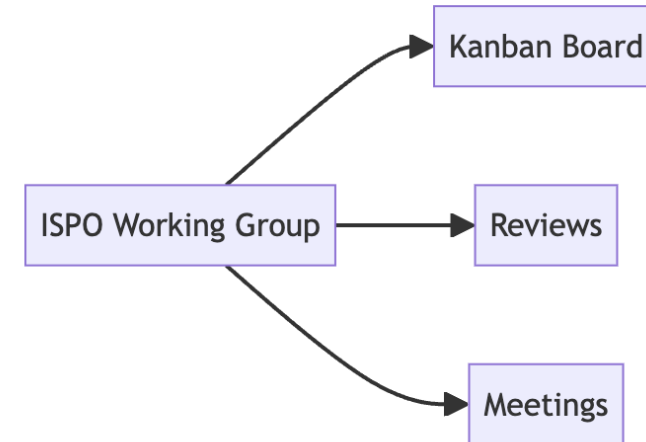- GitHub-based Kanban board

Synchronously

- Biweekly working group meetings

How we work

1. Kanban board *(GitHub)*

2. Peer review *(GitHub)*

3. Focus on external products useful to others

- Markdown books, website pages, and other things that can be linked to from inside company resources or ingested into them.

Ways to Contribute

The ISPO working group can be your force multiplier!

- Produce content at lower cost collaboratively

- Get feedback from deeply experienced people in your niche

Attend an ISPO working group meeting

Get meeting invites by adding an issue: https://github.com/InnerSourceCommons/ispo-working-group/issues/new

The working group has the same benefits as open source.

Build it together ... work together ... reduce duplication.

Collaborate with us!

- GitHub repository https://github.com/InnerSourceCommons/ispo-working-group

- Kanban board: https://github.com/orgs/InnerSourceCommons/projects/4

- Join our slack group: https://innersourcecommons.org/community/#ispo

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