

# About the .NET Foundation

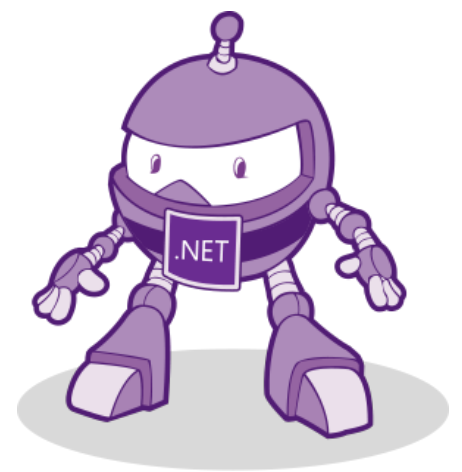
The .NET Foundation is an independent organization created to foster innovation, which we believe starts with open development and collaboration. It 's also a forum for community and commercial developers to broaden and strengthen the future of the .NET ecosystem.

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## What we do

The .NET Foundation supports .NET open source in a number of ways.

- Promote the broad spectrum of software available to .NET developers through NuGet.org, GitHub, and other venues.
- Advocate for the needs of .NET open source developers in the community.
- Evangelize the benefits of the .NET platform to a wider community of developers.
- Promote the benefits of the open source model to developers already using .NET.
- Offer administrative support for a number of .NET open source projects.



## Services for .NET Foundation projects

The .NET Foundation provides several services to support the projects in our community. If you 're currently running a project along these lines, or if you 're interested in kicking off a new idea, please take a look at our New Project Checklist.

## Management and administrative nitty-gritty

### Project guidance and mentoring

New projects joining us will get mentorship on how to best run an open source community along with access to developers currently seeking .NET projects. We work with project leads to help ensure the project grows into a vibrant and welcoming community. And of course, we love to share best practices for managing a friendly, collaborative, and innovative open source workplace, wherever you may be.

### IP and legal

Legal can be tricky. We can help. Projects in our organization will get assistance to organize and manage their IP assignments as well as infrastructure for tracking common, simple, Contribution License Agreements across all .NET Foundation projects. We can also help ensure that your collaborators respect the open source licenses and trademarks of projects assigned to the .NET Foundation. Need advice on legal issues? We offer support there as well.

### Marketing and communications

The more people who know about .NET, the better for the ecosystem. We work with Microsoft and other industry leaders to improve your project 's exposure within the community at large. Your success is our success-we'd love to see you achieve the accolades you deserve!

### Financial support