

How **rejections** will make you a better community leader

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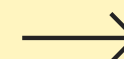
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- Microsoft Learn Student Ambassador
- Co-founder - HackClub Hackerabad
- 12x Hackathon Winner
- MLH TOP 50 2022





My Journey as a community leader

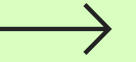




Apply



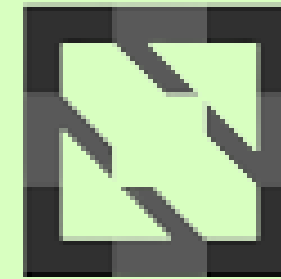
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KubeCon



CloudNativeCon



Developer Student Clubs



GitHub
Campus Experts

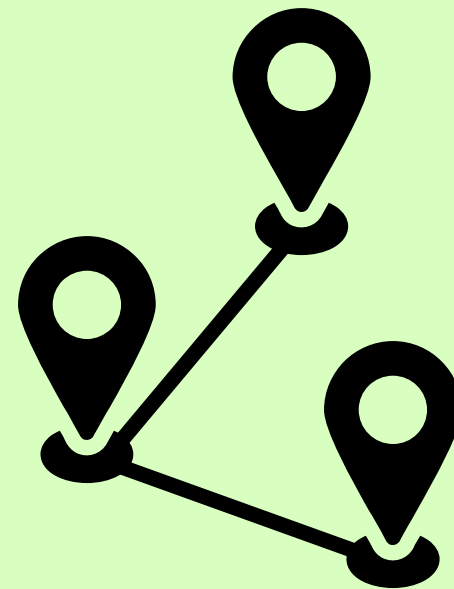


Get Rejected

Better than regret of not trying

Track your rejections

- Keep track of application status
- Keeping a record of your responses helps
- Evaluate what worked and what did not
- Take inspiration, Do not copy



Track your rejections

Applications

 Board view  Table  Add view

Filter Sort  

New 

Not started 1

OSS EU


+ New


In progress 1

 KubeCon NA

+ New

Completed 4

 GDSC Lead 22

 DevConf.US (2022)

 MLH Top 50

 MLH Coach

+ New

Accepted 8

DevOps World

 Github Field Day

 GCE 22

 IamRemarkable 2022

 Open Source Summit NA

 MLSA 22

 The @ Company Summer Internship

 Codiga

+ New

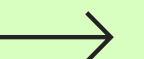
Rejected 2

 MLH Pod Leader

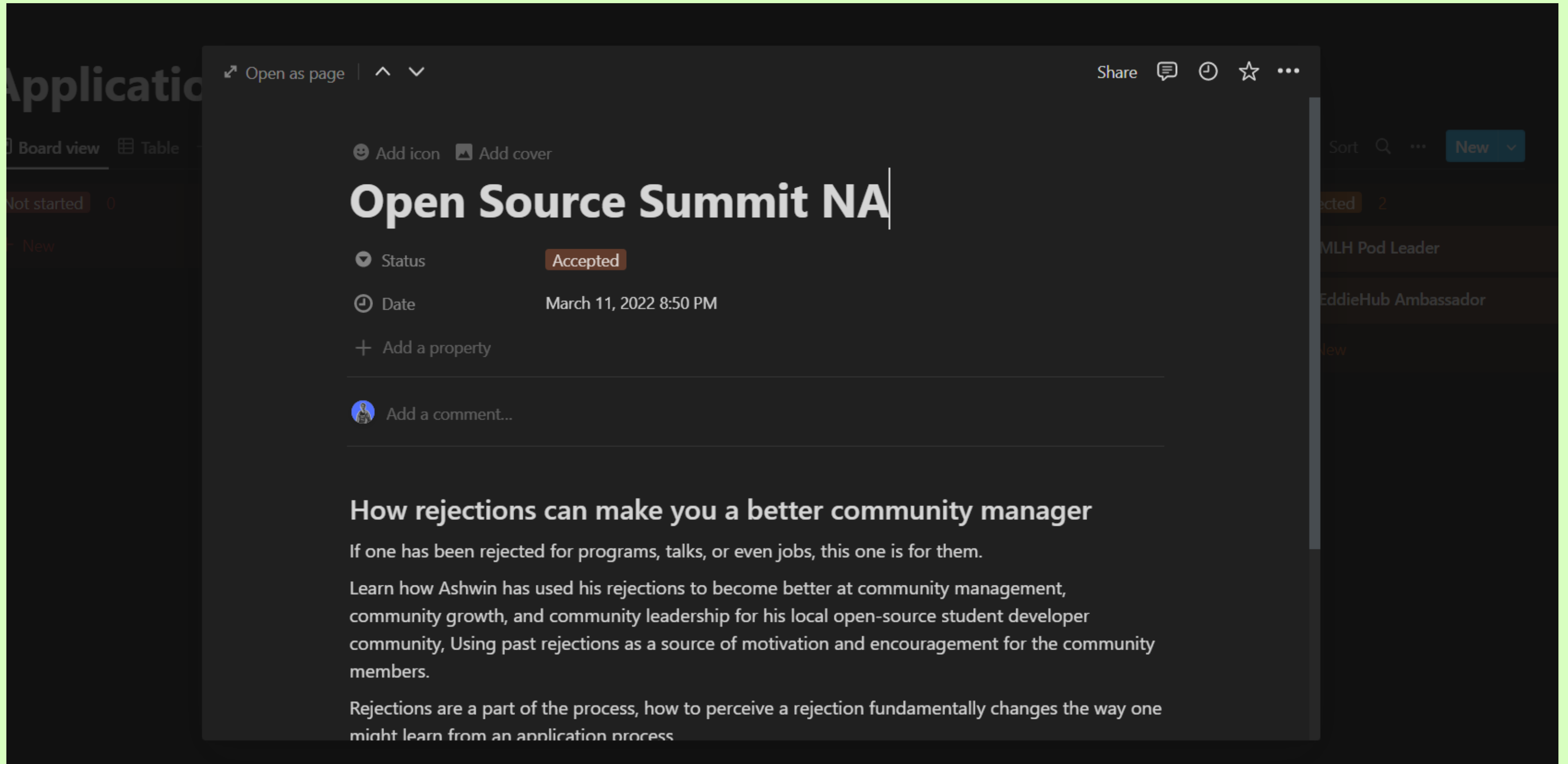
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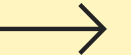
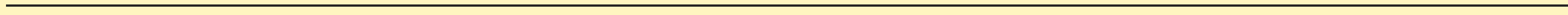
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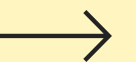


**Ask for
feedback**



When to seek feedback

- **Events:** Dedicate time for feedback at the end (but no later)
- **Program:** Ask the Program Managers for feedback
- **Internal Team:** Have 101s, occasional anonymous feedback forms



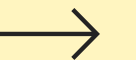


Implement the feedback



Try/Apply Again

after incorporating the feedback

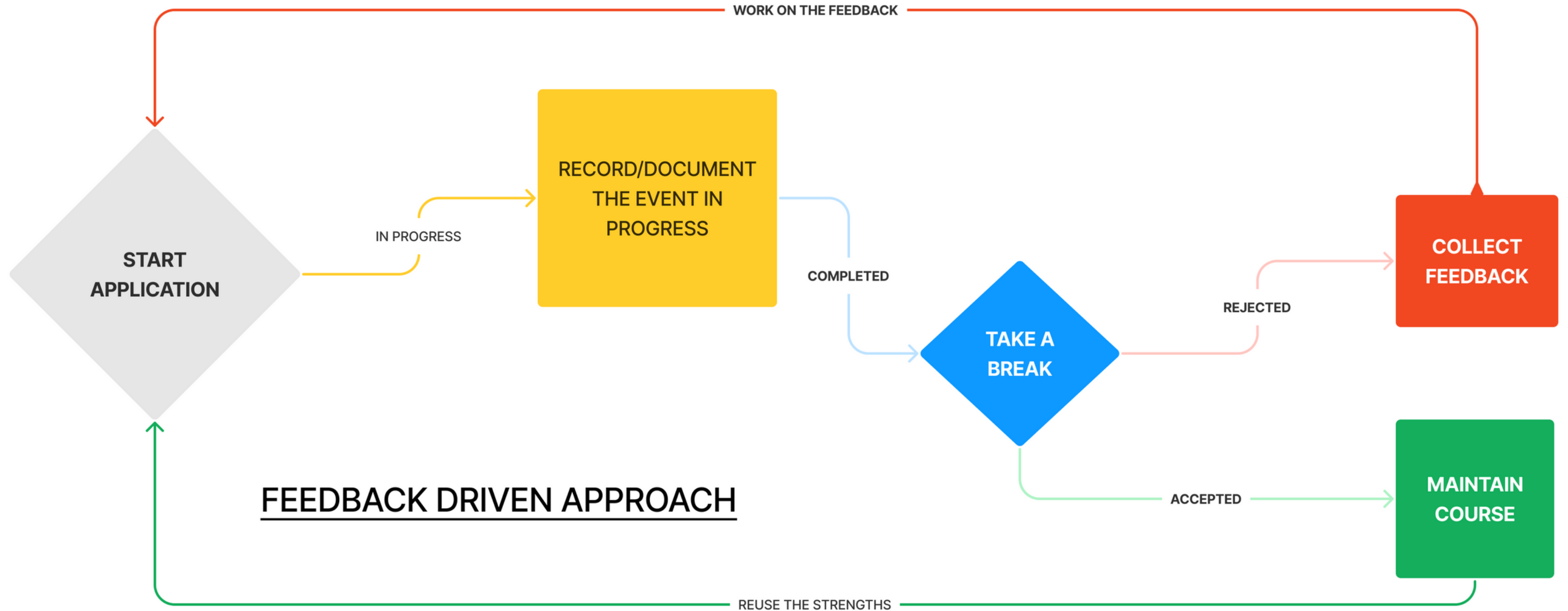


**Keep doing the
work regardless
of rejections**

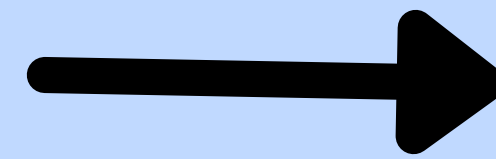
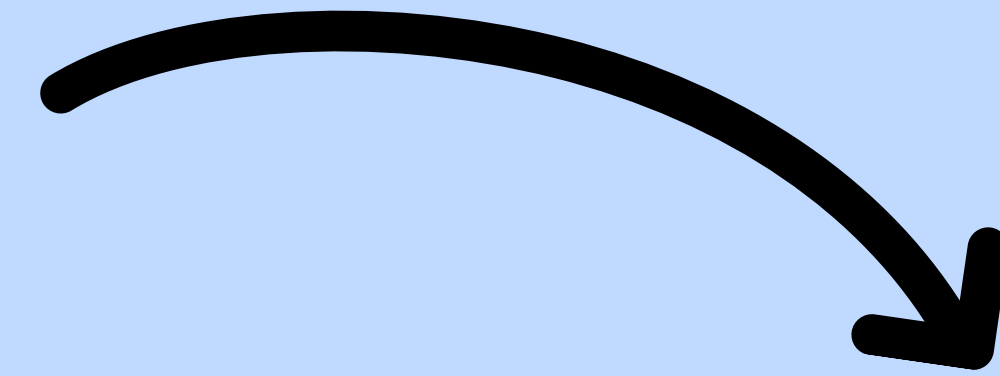


**What's the
worse that can
happen?**

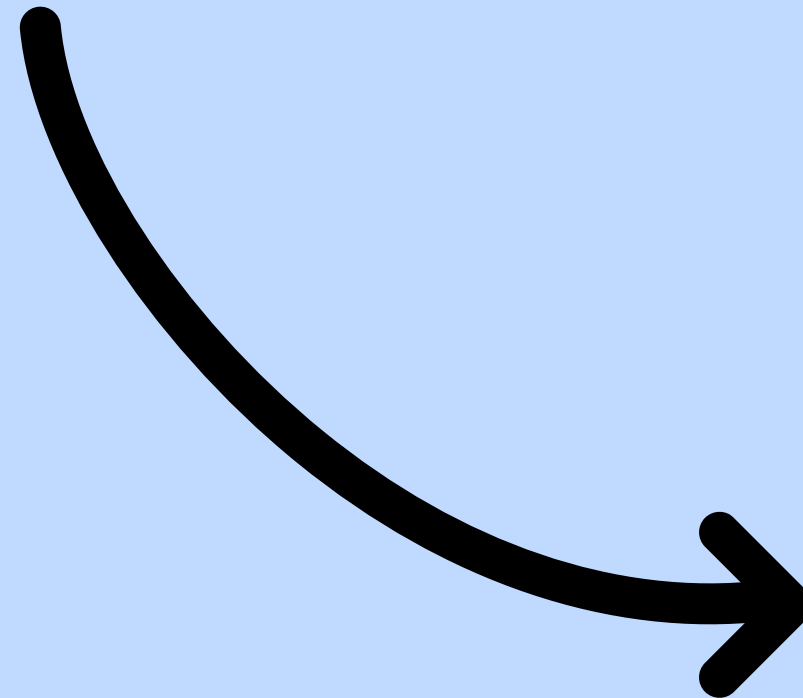




Have
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Resources

- <https://education.github.com/experts>
- <https://studentambassadors.microsoft.com/>
- <https://developers.google.com/community/gdsc>
- <https://www.cncf.io/people/ambassadors/>
- <https://events.linuxfoundation.org/>
- <https://www.devconf.info/>

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