



## Hosting Projects with Open Mainframe Project



#### **Vision**

The mainframe is an active, integrated, and essential part of modern enterprise IT, consumable by mainstream developers and users, and driven by a vibrant open source community.

#### **Mission**

To achieve the vision of the Open Mainframe Project by...



Setting a high bar for application development on the mainframe through documentation, API development, and a security-first approach.



of today
to both the mainframe
ecosystem as well as the
broad enterprise IT
community.

Showcase the mainframe



Enable the mainframe to be

more consumable by
developers
with a transparent experience in
leveraging the value
propositions of the mainframe.



Ensure the mainframe aligns well in the changing enterprise IT landscape of cloud-native and DevOps.

#### **Active**









#### Incubation

Open

Project

Mainframe

enables this

innovation

















#### **Sandbox**





#### **Working Groups**



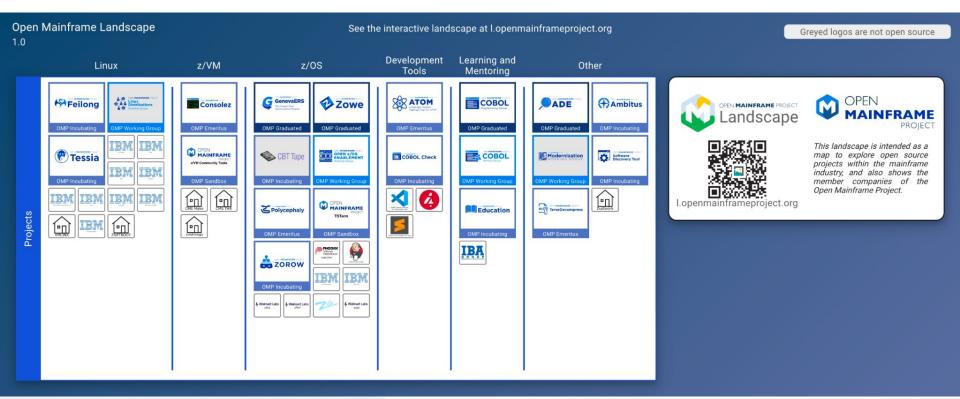






#### Landscape of open source projects only on mainframe





Source: <a href="https://landscape.openmainframeproject.org/fullscreen">https://landscape.openmainframeproject.org/fullscreen</a>

years since launch

Supporting **Organizations** 

Hosted Projects and Working Groups

Mentees

1600+ **Project** Contributors

88,000+

**Project** Contributions















**Sponsored** 











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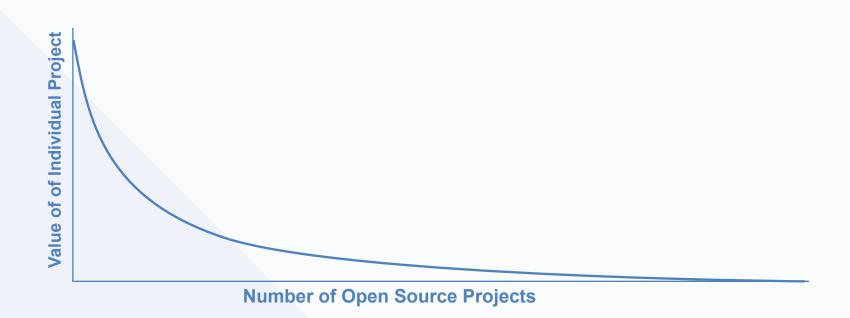






#### The Real Question is Which Projects Matter?

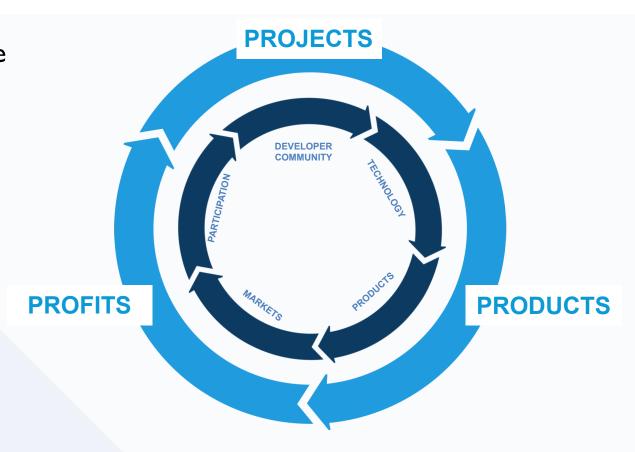




### The Answer: Projects With Sustainable Ecosystems



Sustainable projects have a developer community whose technology is used in commercial solutions that profit businesses, who in turn participate and reinvest back into the project and hire developers to work in the community.



### Open Source on Mainframe - Ecosystem Challenges



#### Managing projects assets

As project grows, it is unclear who should own legal and administrative tasks that are essential to the health of the project

#### **Governance challenges**

No formal governance, governance favors the creators of the project, project backer dominating dev and governance



## Glass ceiling for project investment and adoption

in the absence of a fair governance and safe haven for the project's assets

#### Developed for a specific product needs

The open source spinoff is a result of wanting to build an ecosystem and collaborate on building a platform

Fragmentation
Lack of integration
Lack of cross pollination across
projects

## Creating sustainable open source projects requires real work



Governance and Membership	<ul> <li>Incorporation, Tax status, Bylaws, Member Agreements, Anti-trust, etc.</li> <li>Ongoing business development and membership recruitment</li> </ul>
Development Process	<ul> <li>Technical Decision Making</li> <li>Project Life Cycle</li> <li>Release Process</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	Custom infrastructure using open source best practices     Security and reliability
Ecosystem Development	Marketing     Events     Training
IP Management	<ul> <li>Code Provenance and License compliance</li> <li>Trademark management</li> <li>Legal defense and Collaboration</li> </ul>

### Case Study: Zowe



Open Mainframe Project focuses on projects that are critical for industry



#### **Major Problem**

- Modernize integration with z/OS based applications and services
- Bridge the talent gap by enabling modern development stacks on z/OS

#### **How OMP Innovated**

- 2018 Open Mainframe Project added Zowe from contributions from Broadcom, IBM, Rocket Software
- 2019 Zowe reached 1.0, launched Zowe Conformant to enable downstream ecosystem
- 2021 Zowe formed TSC to have technologists lead project direction; Zowe Support Conformance program launched
   2022 Zowe 2.0 launched

#### Results - 2022

- 30000+ Commits, 250+ committers all time
- Zowe gaining significant mindshare in DevOps community
- 50+ Zowe Conformant offerings from Broadcom, IBM, MicroFocus, Phoenix Software International, Rocket Software, BMC
- New project contributions from BMC, IBA Group, Vicom Infinity, and others, has grown codebase

**Number of Open Source Projects – Millions on Github** 



Why host your project at Open Mainframe Project?

### Question: Value of a Foundation?



There have been times when projects have asked what the value of an open source foundation can offer them?

A basic premise behind the LF, and open source in general, is that most interactions are positive-sum. There is no fixed amount of investment, mindshare, or development contributions that is allocated to specific projects. Just as open source development is based on the idea that, collectively, we are smarter than any one of us, open source foundations work to make the entire community better off. Equally important, a neutral home for a project and community fosters this type of positive-sum thinking and drives growth and diversity that we believe are core elements of a successful open source project.

## It's more than putting a project on GitHub



Organizations and projects come to the Open Mainframe Project to...

- Have a vendor-neutral home for the project and assets.
- Bring in contributors from different organizations (including your competitors)
- Drive broad industry awareness with press and analysts.
- Build a downstream ecosystem for open and commercial solutions.
- Have world-class tools for measuring project insights and success.
- Leverage the collective experience and expertise of the Linux Foundation.

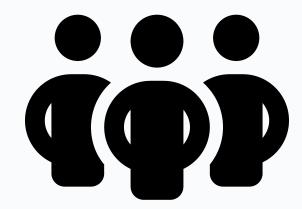
How does the Open Mainframe Project enable this?

## Vendor-neutrality provides a sustainable home



Groundbreaking and game-changing projects are a collective effort across organizations. Hosting at the Open Mainframe Project ensures a project has a reputable legal home and governance to attract contributors and adoption.

- All projects are set up as 501c6 Series LLC legal entities, giving the project a non-profit status and giving them the autonomy to set their own policies and processes with expert guidance.
- Infrastructure such as mailing lists, websites, and domain names are owned by the project to ensure neutral management.
- Open Mainframe Project TAC project lifecycle gives the project guidance on how to establish a sustainable project.

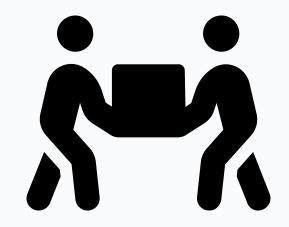


## Bring in a broader contributor base



Shared R&D with a broad ecosystem means bringing more contributors and maintainers into your project - including your competitors.

- Our staff works with the project to establish an open, neutral governance that makes roles clear and paths to leadership available.
- All projects have a Code of Conduct to ensure collaboration is done in safe and welcoming environment for all.
- Outreach done through the Open Mainframe Project is done from a neutral perspective, which separates out product promotion and vendor favoritism and promotes the work of the community.



### Drive broad industry awareness with press and analysts



Through our large audience, extensive media outreach, and with key partnership with publications such as <u>Linux.com</u>, <u>TFiR</u>, <u>TechChannel</u>, and <u>MediaOps</u>, your project will get broad exposure in mainframe, tech, and open source.

- Your project will be featured on both the Open Mainframe
  Project website and Linux Foundation website.
- Always available guest blog post(s) on the Open Mainframe Project blog on project updates.
- Provide a guest for the <u>"I Am A Mainframer" podcast</u>, hosted by Steven Dickens and Open Mainframe Project
- Post one technical article about an open source project you care about to <u>Linux.com</u>, which has over I million unique visitors per month.
- Support of your announcements with social outreach and quotes from Linux Foundation and/or Open Mainframe Project leadership as appropriate.
- Access to opportunities for contributed articles, videos, podcasts, and events











6000+ followers



3500+ followers



1100+ global media articles in 2022 from 4 press announcements

## Build a downstream ecosystem for open and commercial solutions



Sustainable projects are those the industry adopts and drive economic value with. Doing this at the Open Mainframe Project takes advantage of the expertise in building these programs.

- Conformance programs with community requirements that are managed by the Open Mainframe Projects
- Training and certification programs through LF Training
- Badging using Credly to recognize individuals
- Events for the community to connect and collaborate.







#### World class tools with LFX



**LFX Insights** is an analytics tool that is provided to all open source projects hosted by the Linux Foundation. Its capabilities include:

- Getting the visibility you need to remove bottlenecks at any stage of your project's code pipeline. Drill down into performance metrics across every step in the development lifecycle to identify where you should be focusing your resources.
- Ensuring the health and viability of the open source projects you care about.
   Leverage data to help validate projects for investment, and track the activity and growth of projects your organization is already involved in.
- Showcasing your organization's leadership and subject matter expertise in the open source community. Leverage affiliations to measure the impact of your employees' contributions and capture the full picture of your team's impact

**LFX Security** is a tool for managing security for your project. It's capabilities include:

- Monitoring of your entire project for potential vulnerabilities with an aggregated project-level view of your entire software sandwich across source control systems and repositories, with the ability to remediate the found issues.
- Identifying non-inclusive language and code secrets in your project to prevent embarrassing situations.





## Leverage the collective experience and expertise of the Linux Foundation



Open Mainframe Project staff collective have decades of experience in driving open source projects and ecosystems in a variety of vertical and horizontal industries, bringing the best practices to your project

- Press relations and analyst relations teams to increase awareness of and excitement about your project, and receive regular reports on press mentions and comparisons to similar projects.
- Open Mainframe Project is able to leverage the expertise of its parent organization,
  The Linux Foundation, which hosts other successful projects including the Linux
  kernel, Let's Encrypt, and Node.js. For example, Open Mainframe Project has worked
  on cross project collaboration between Kubernetes, HyperLedger, and Cloud Foundry
  for improving mainframe support of those technologies.
- You will have access to full-time Open Mainframe Project staff who are eager to assist your project in myriad ways and help make it successful



# Bringing your project here

## Anna Karenina Principle of Open Source



- > https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna Karenina principle
- All happy open source projects are alike; each unhappy open source project is unhappy in its own way...
- > The "LF Way" is that there is no one way...
- The LF assumes that each open source project is unhappy/different in its own way and that leads to building a unique governance and solution to sustain their communities...

## Basic requirements for hosting a project at Open Mainframe Project



#### The project must:

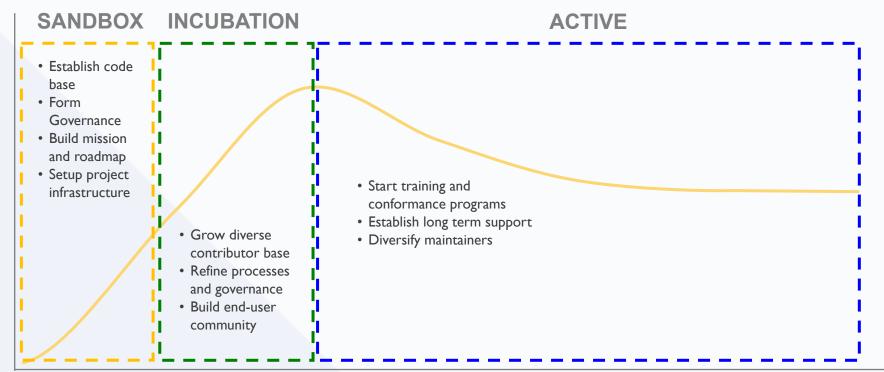
- use an approved OSI open source license, preferably inline with the Open Mainframe Project IP Policy;
- ☐ be supported by a <u>TAC member</u>;
- allow neutral ownership of project assets such as a trademark, domain or GitHub account (the community can define rules and manage them);
- determined technical do-ocracy and separation of business governance from technical governance (we're flexible on the model) clearly documented in a charter;
- □ allow anyone to participate in the technical community, whether or not a financial member or supporter of the project

Often projects are new open source project, but that isn't a requirement - existing projects are welcome!

# INVESTMENT

## You can bring a project in any stage





TIME

Read more about the project lifecycle at <a href="https://tac.openmainframeproject.org/process/project\_stages.html">https://tac.openmainframeproject.org/process/project\_stages.html</a>

## Project Preparation Checklist



Prepare draft mission and scope statement
 Identify internal teams within mission and scope
 Identify developers internally
 Analyze code for identification of licenses, license quality and project dependencies
 Assess potential universe of project participants
 Identify ecosystem constituents and concerns of each
 Identify any trademarks leveraged by the project (these will be owned by the LF neutrally)
 Outline infrastructure, marketing any other requirements needed for the project
 Complete the project proposal and submit to the TAC for consideration

The Open Mainframe Project staff is happy to engage and advise during this process - let us know how we can help!

## Project Trademarks



- Our project communities control the name of the project, not any one member or company contributor
- In order to provide for neutral ownership of project assets, we require that The Linux Foundation entities own the trademarks leveraged by the project.
- In the event that a trademark is already in use by the sponsoring organization, we recommend that the project create a new name to operate under or the owner assign the interest in the mark to The Linux Foundation.
- > See <a href="http://fossmarks.org">http://fossmarks.org</a> for an education on trademarks in open source



- → Discover and participate in any of our 18 hosted projects and working groups at <a href="maintenangle-open-mainframe-project.org/projects">openmainframe-project.org/projects</a>
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## Thank you!