

The On-boarding Experience and Software Ecosystem Health

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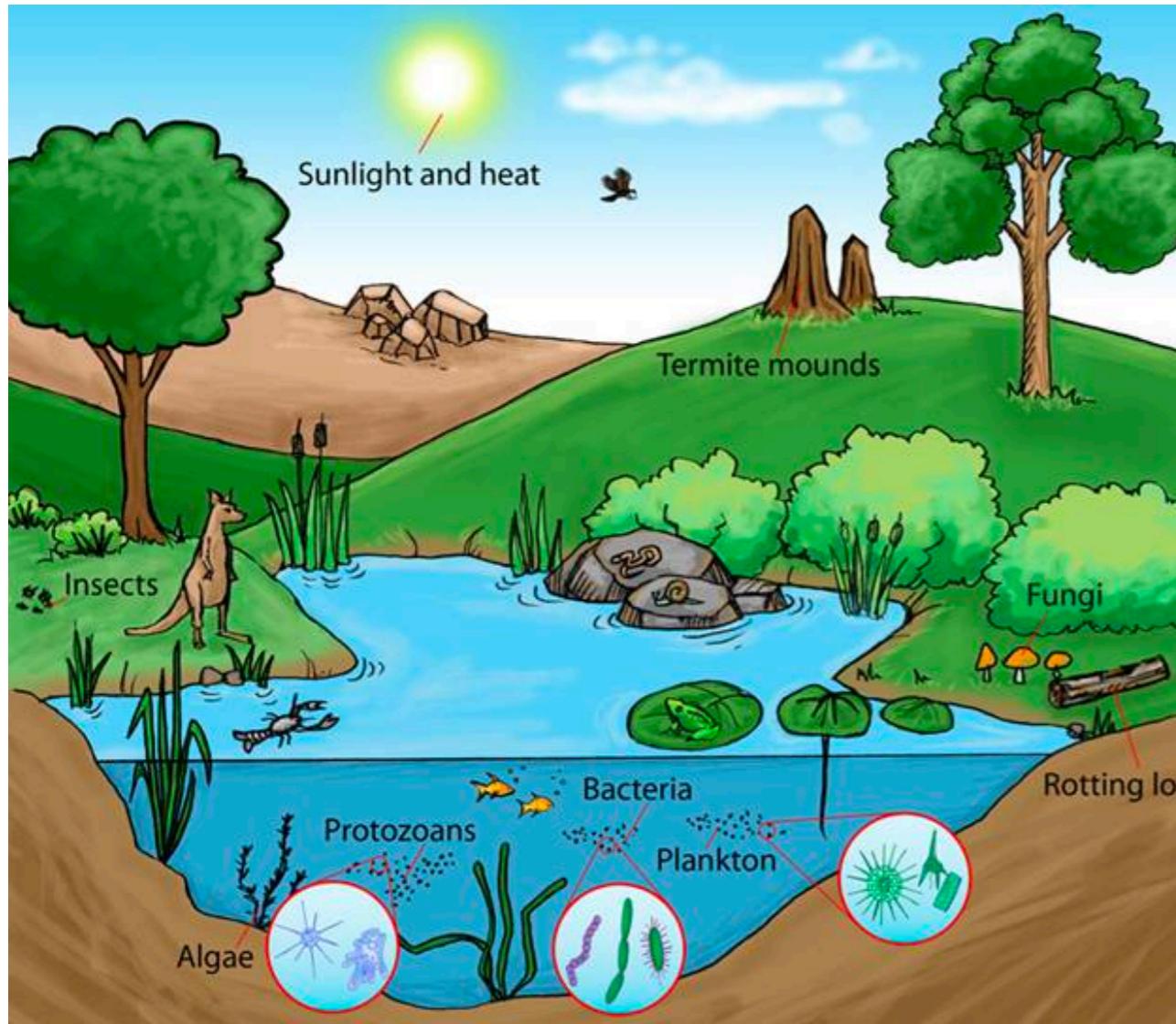
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Ecology: The Natural Ecosystem

Ecology relates to the Interactions of Organisms and their Environment

SECO

- Interactions ► Socio-technical Activities
- Organisms ► Contributor/Community-member
- Environment ► Ecosystem



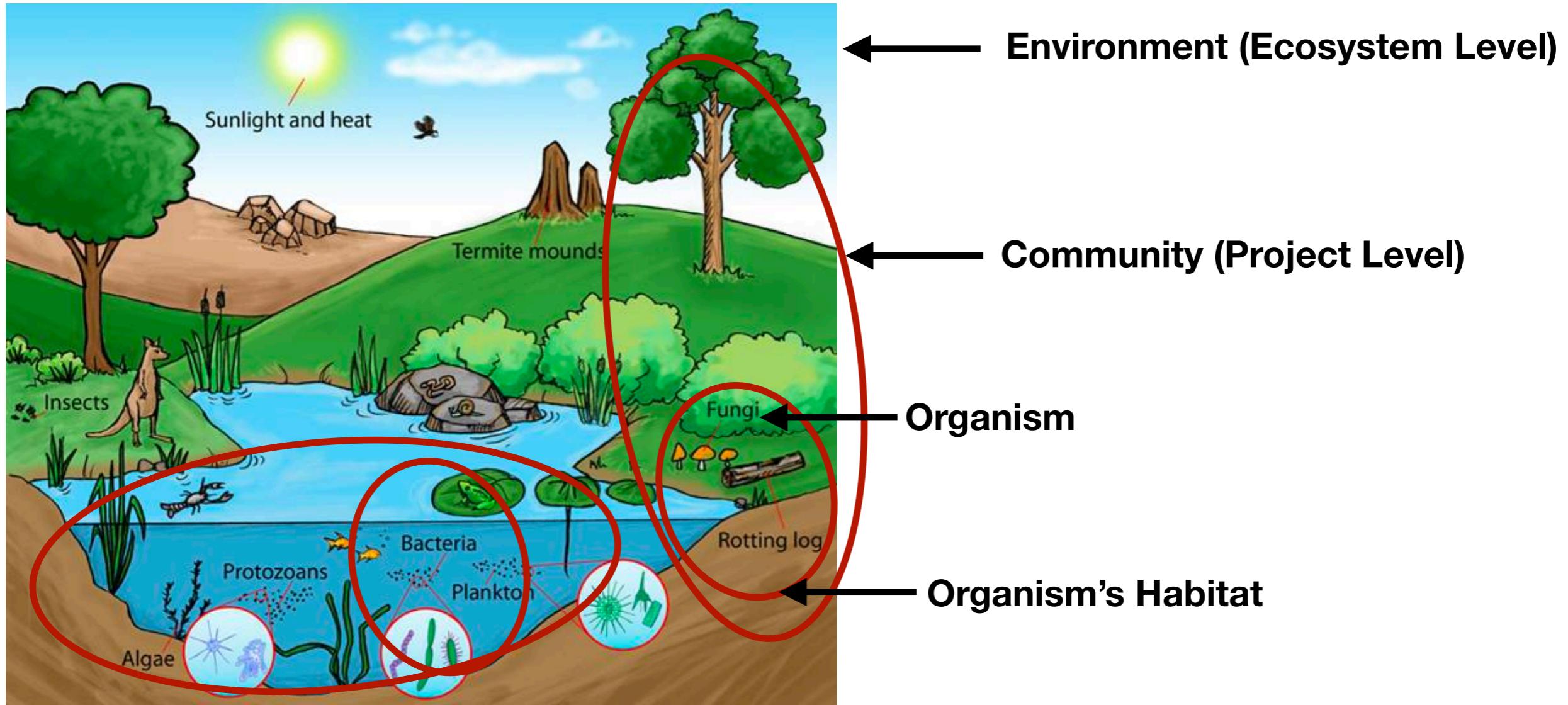
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1. <https://www.zmescience.com/ecology/ecosystems-what-they-are-and-why-they-are-important/>

From Natural Ecosystem To Software Ecosystem

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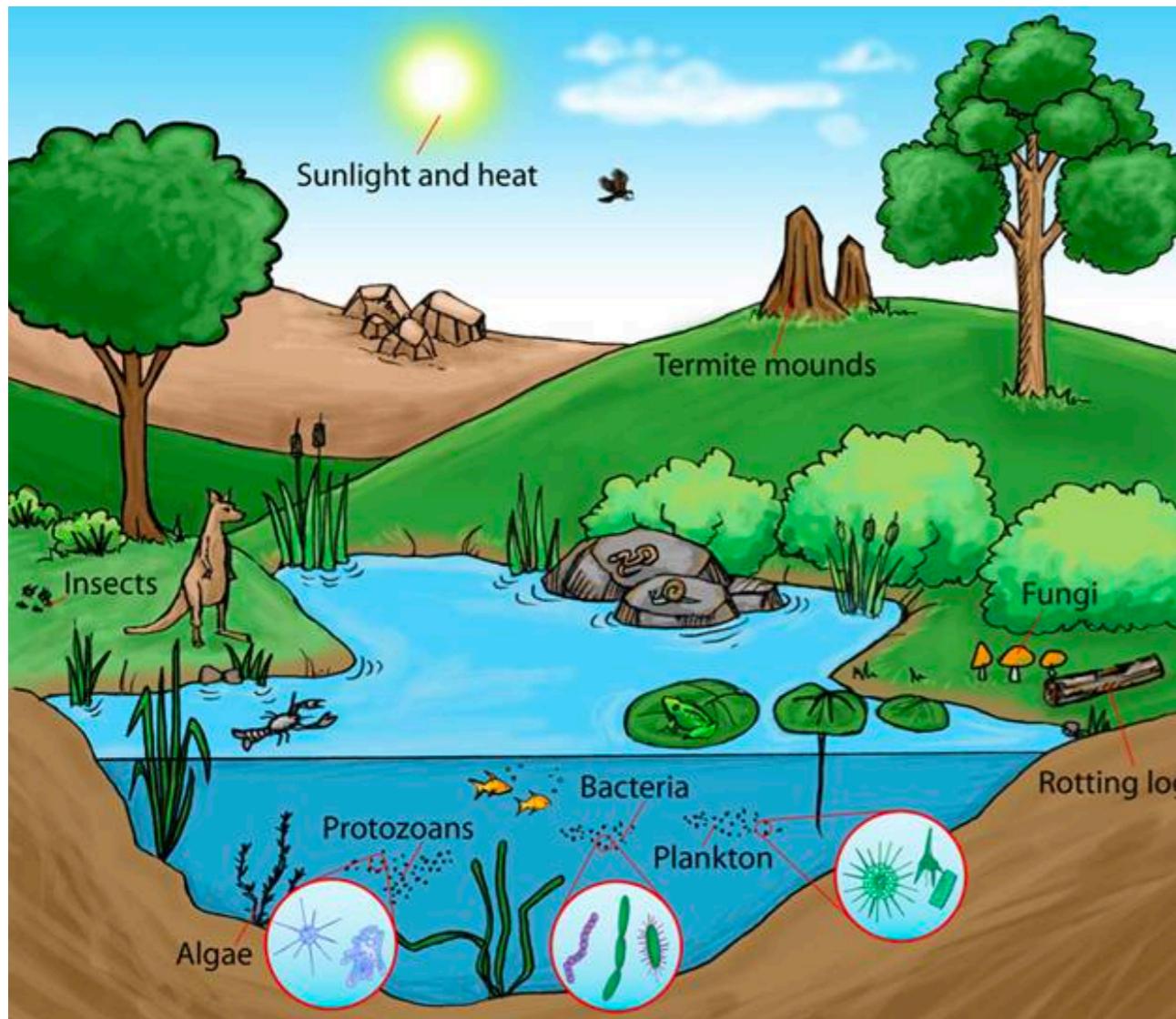
an organism's physiological adaptation to, and interaction with, the environment.



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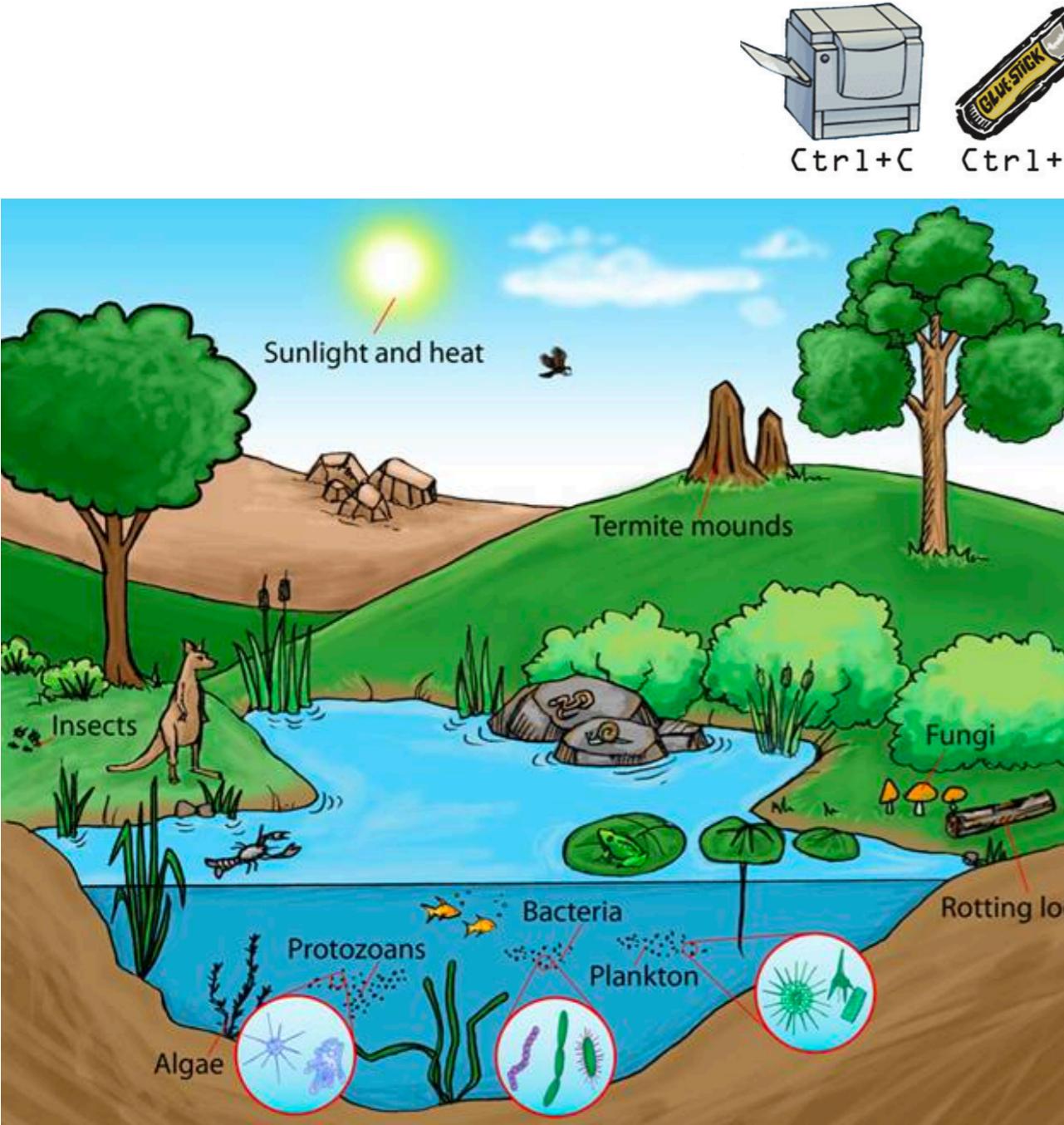
Biodiversity: variety and variability of life on Earth ➤ **SECO** projects/skills



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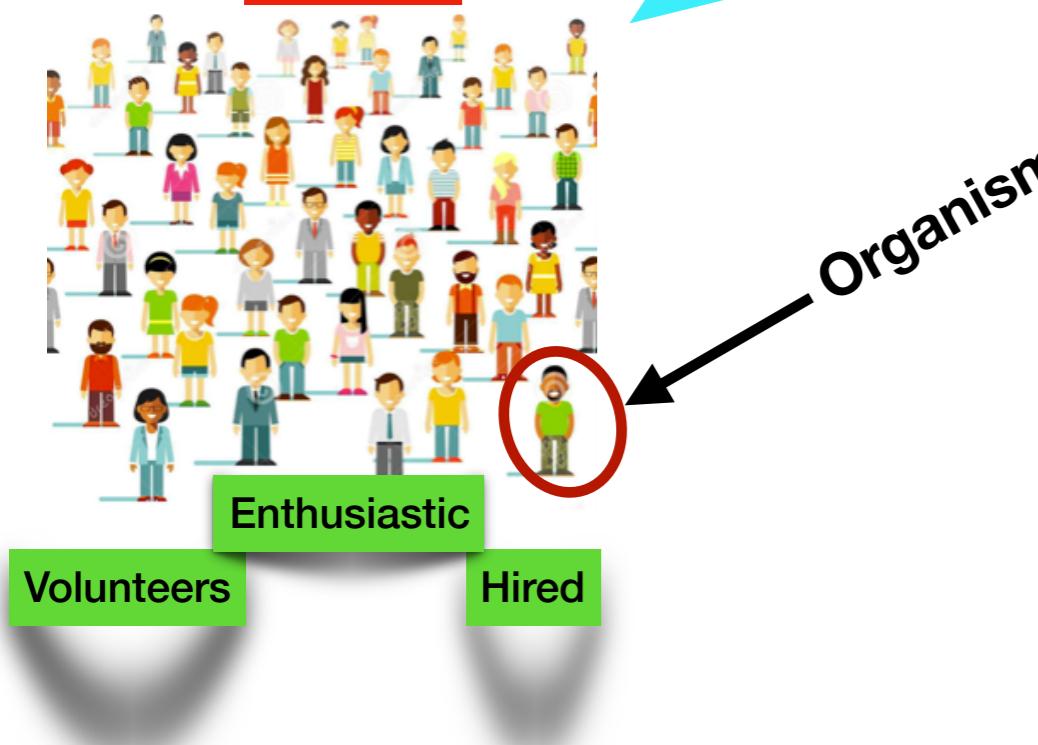
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Step 1

Niche Creation in Software ecosystem



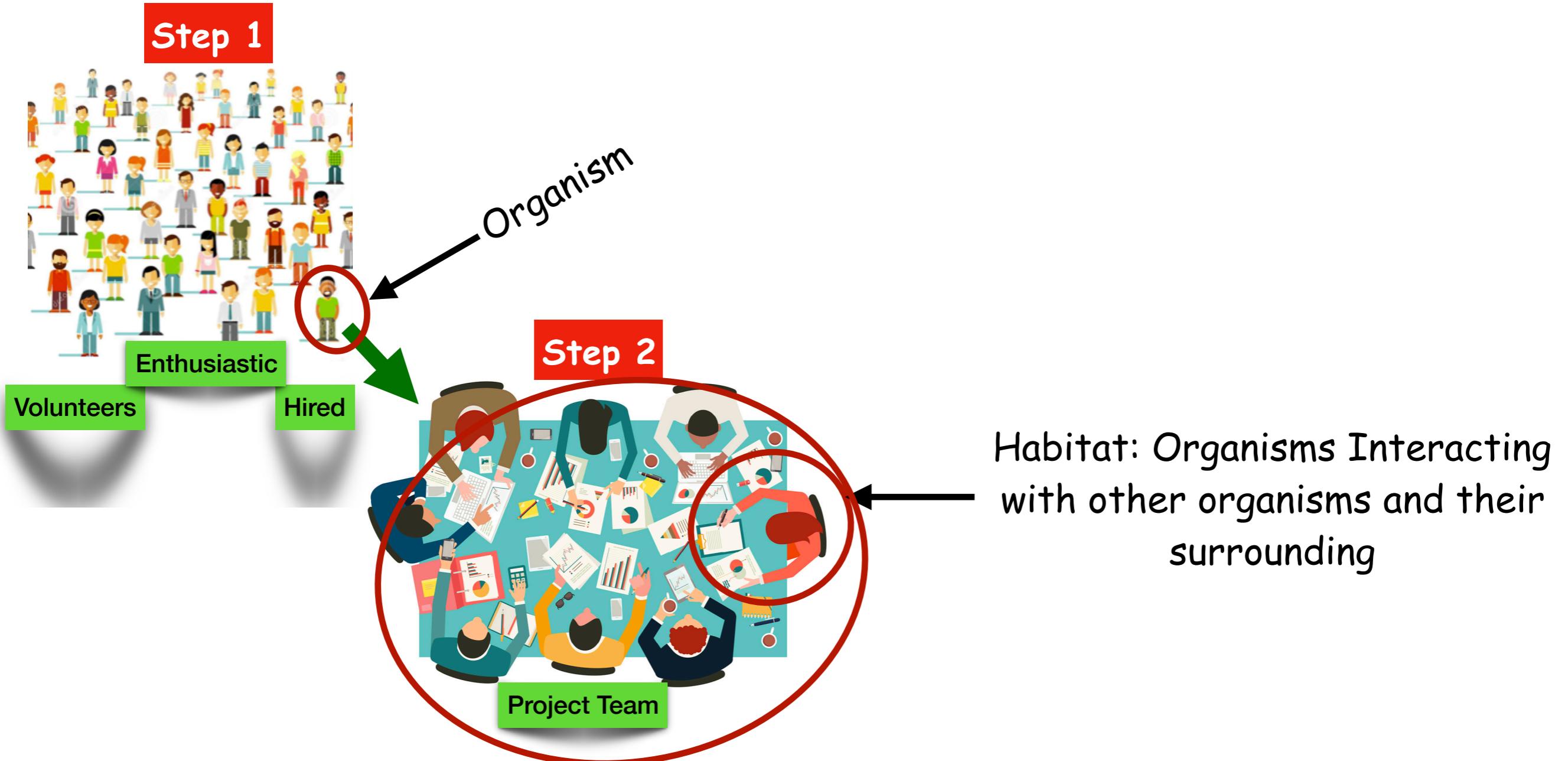
The Importance of **Keystone organisms** (Mentors & Experts), influencing the behaviours and adaptation of other organisms.

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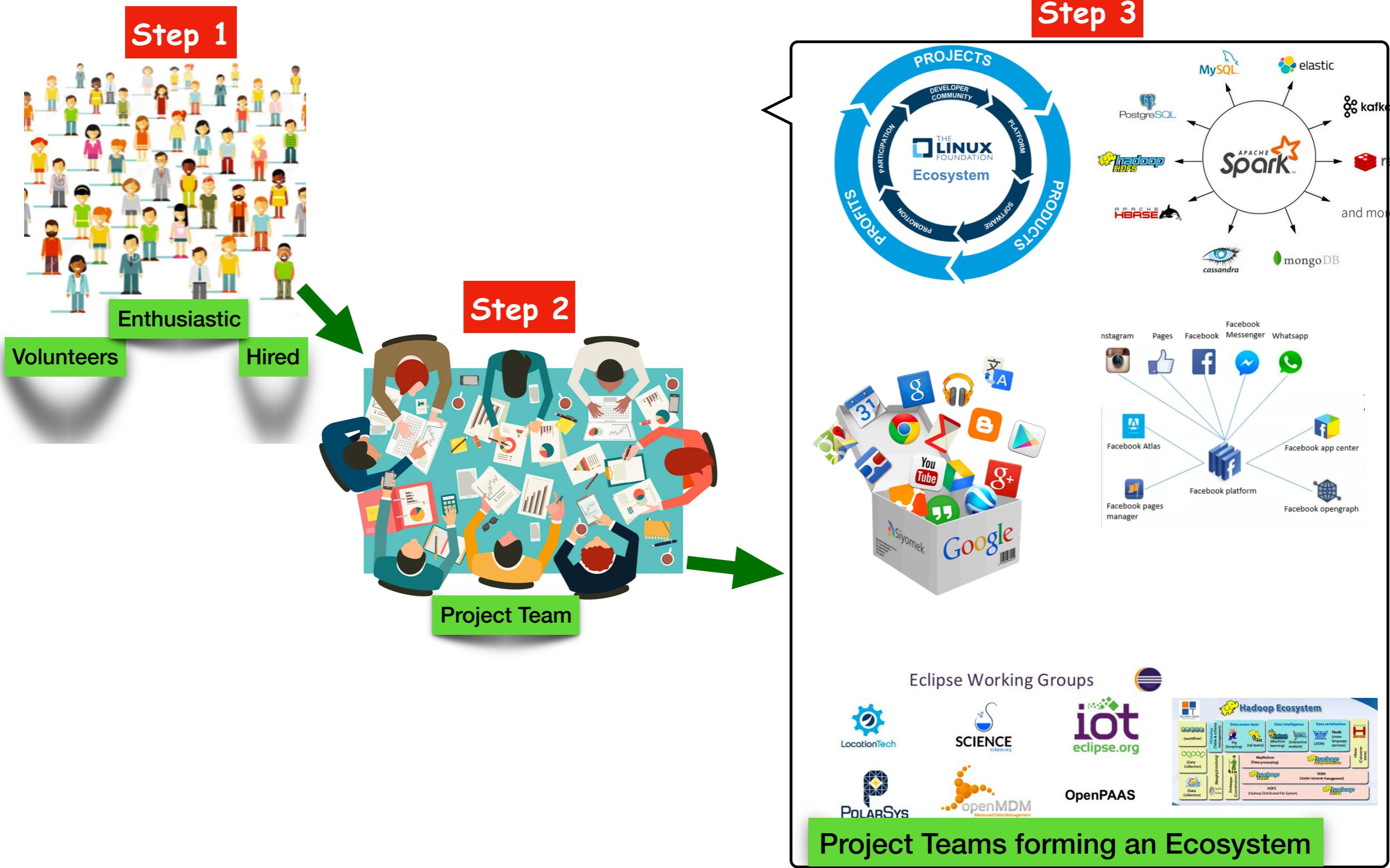


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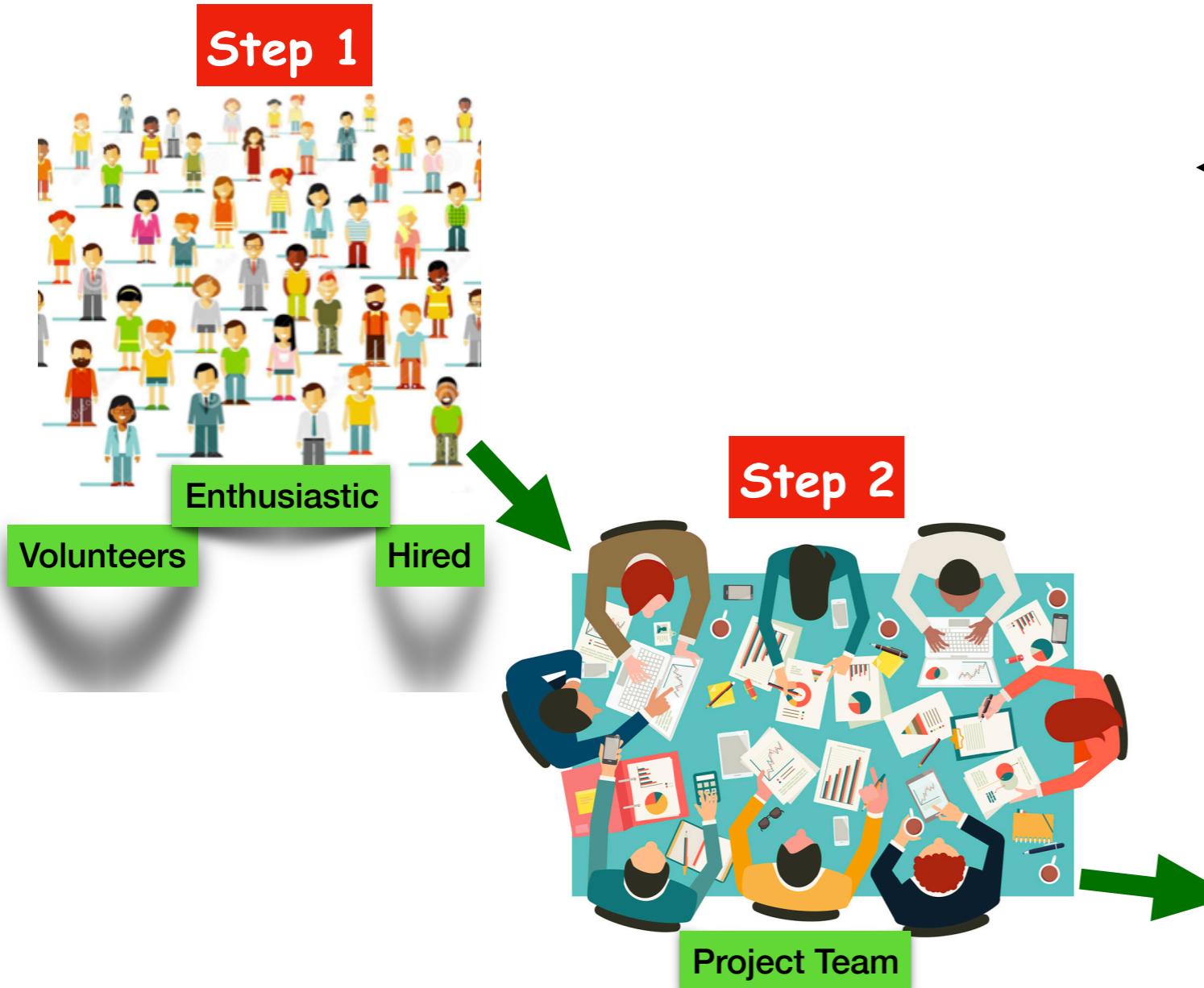
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Niche:

Adaptation occurs in every step.
We investigate three Niches.



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Mostly during release cycles; devs gain skills; +++ features

Eltonian: encourages organism growth within its environment and also, alters the environment and its behaviour as it grows.

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What is a Healthy?



Health is a state of ***complete***
physical, mental and social well-being
and not merely the absence of disease

<https://www.who.int/about/who-we-are/constitution>

Holistic Adaptation of Health To Ecosystem

SECOHealth

Comprises a complete physical (interdependent project teams), mental (teams are intellectually capable of challenges) and social well-being (Socio-technical interactions) and not merely the absence of bugs/toxicity, code/community

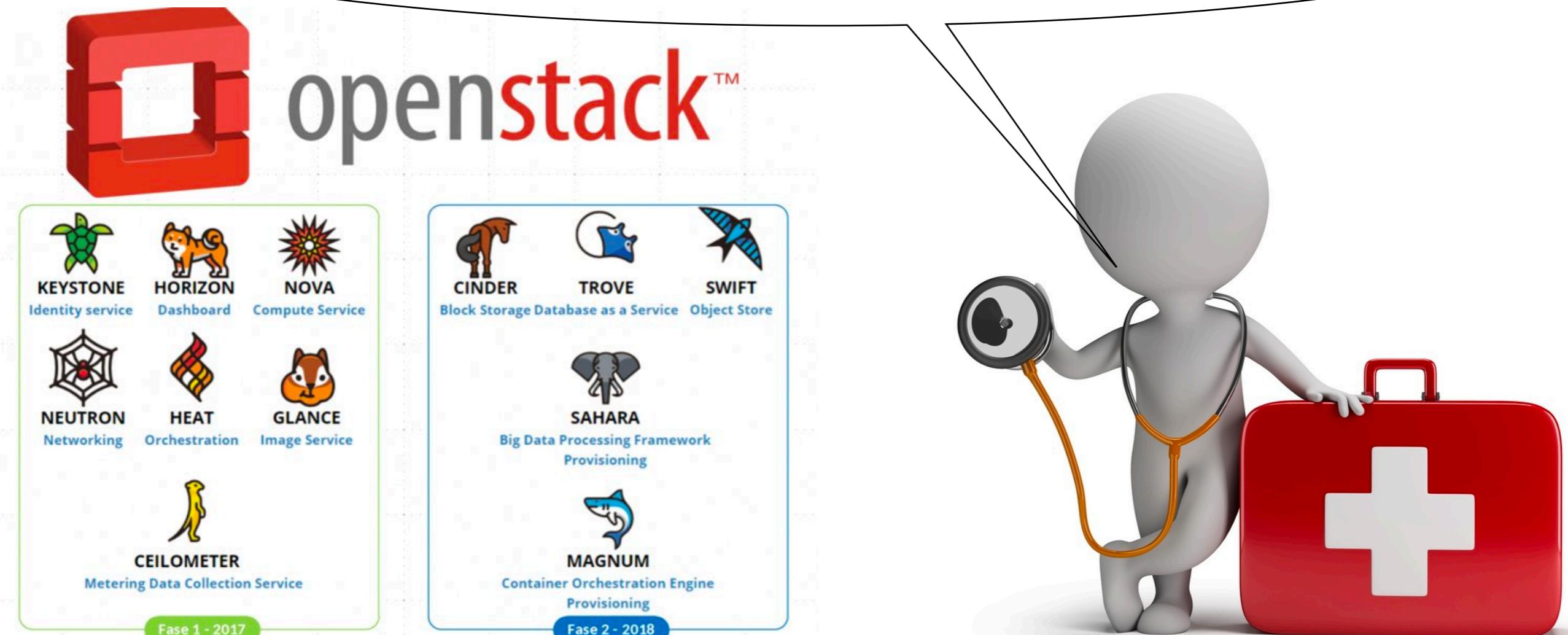




Investigating An Open Source Software Ecosystem's Health (SECOHealth)

SECOHealth

"Consider **SECO** as a living organism, whose constituent software projects are the vital technical systems that need to perform "normally" to have a healthy ecosystem, and whose community is healthy if all community members are functioning well within a community."^[1]



1. T. Mens, B. Adams, and J. Marsan, "Towards an interdisciplinary, socio-technical analysis of software ecosystem health," 2017.

SECO Health Issues



Technical Debt & Code Smells
Bugs, Deprecated Components
Dependency Hell
Security Risks & Vulnerabilities



Bus Factor & Contributor Abandonment
Toxicity, Community Smells, Social Debt
Contributor Diversity (Gender; Seniority; ...),
Popularity



Elephant Factor
Company Involvement, Organizational Diversity,
Organizational Structure, Distributed Structure,
Policies, Standards



Code of Conduct
Demographic / Ethnographic/
Cultural Diversity

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Ecosystems Can Benefit From CHAOSS Metrics To Measure Its Health.

<https://github.com/chaoss/metrics>

Specialized Working Groups

CHAOSS Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup

CHAOSS Evolution Workgroup

CHAOSS Value Workgroup

CHAOSS Risk Workgroup



SECO Health Through The Lens of Onboarding Experience



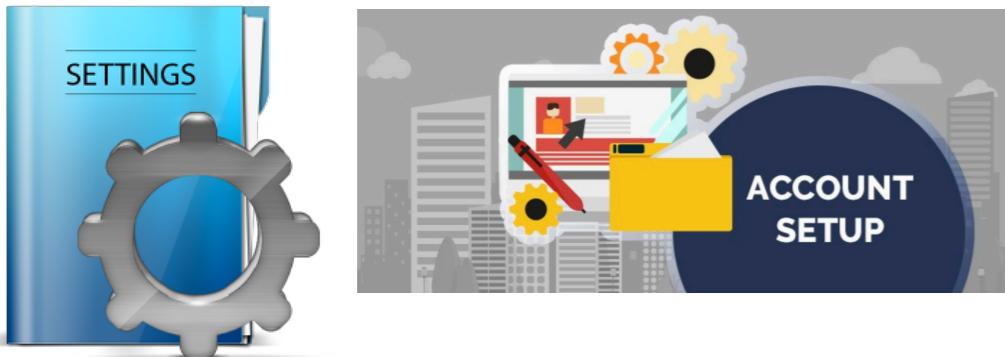
onboarding | ən'bɔ:dɪŋ |

noun [mass noun]

the action or process of integrating a new employee into an organization or familiarizing a new customer or client with one's products or services: *after the initial onboarding is complete, continue to offer new hires relevant training and development opportunities | client onboarding is a critical time for any business | [as modifier] : a little extra effort during the onboarding period can go a long way towards improving staff retention.*

New Contributors

Can Onboarding Experience Improves Software Ecosystem Health?



Participants create Accounts and configure their local system



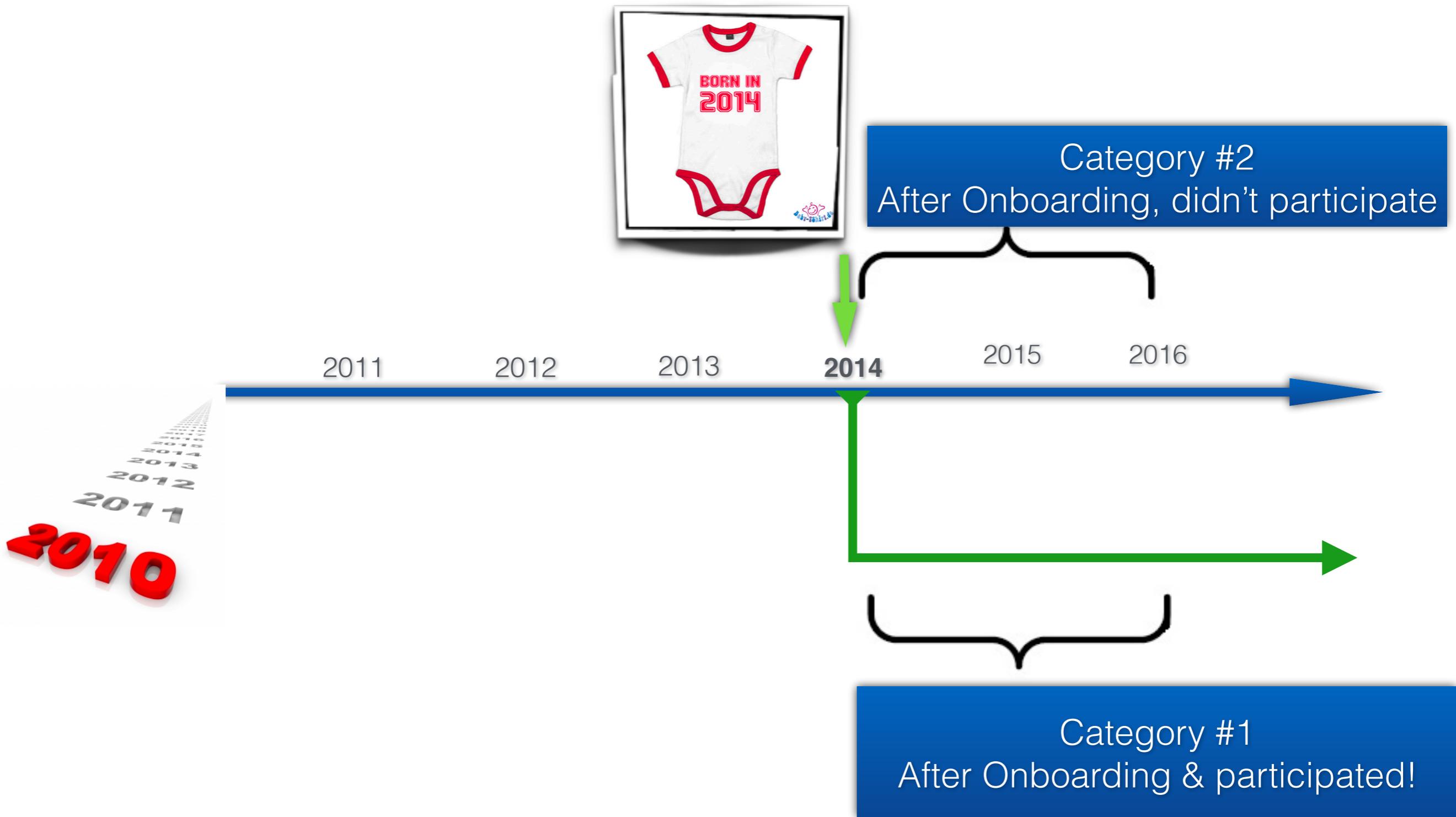
Diverse population





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We Study Each Period in The Timeline for three yrs and Set a Baseline



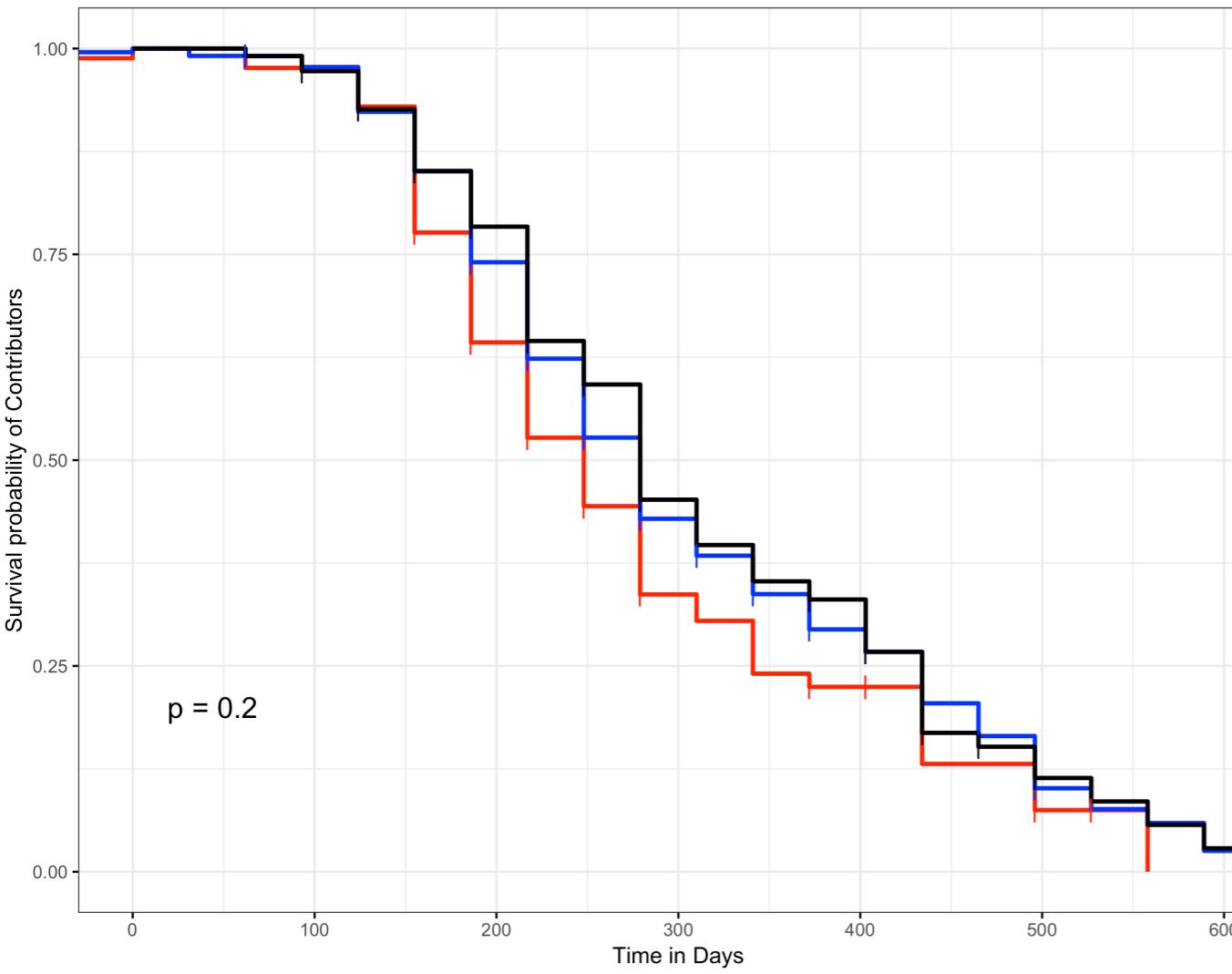
Evolution of Contributors towards first commit



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Gender Survival Rate Towards First Commit Before Onboarding

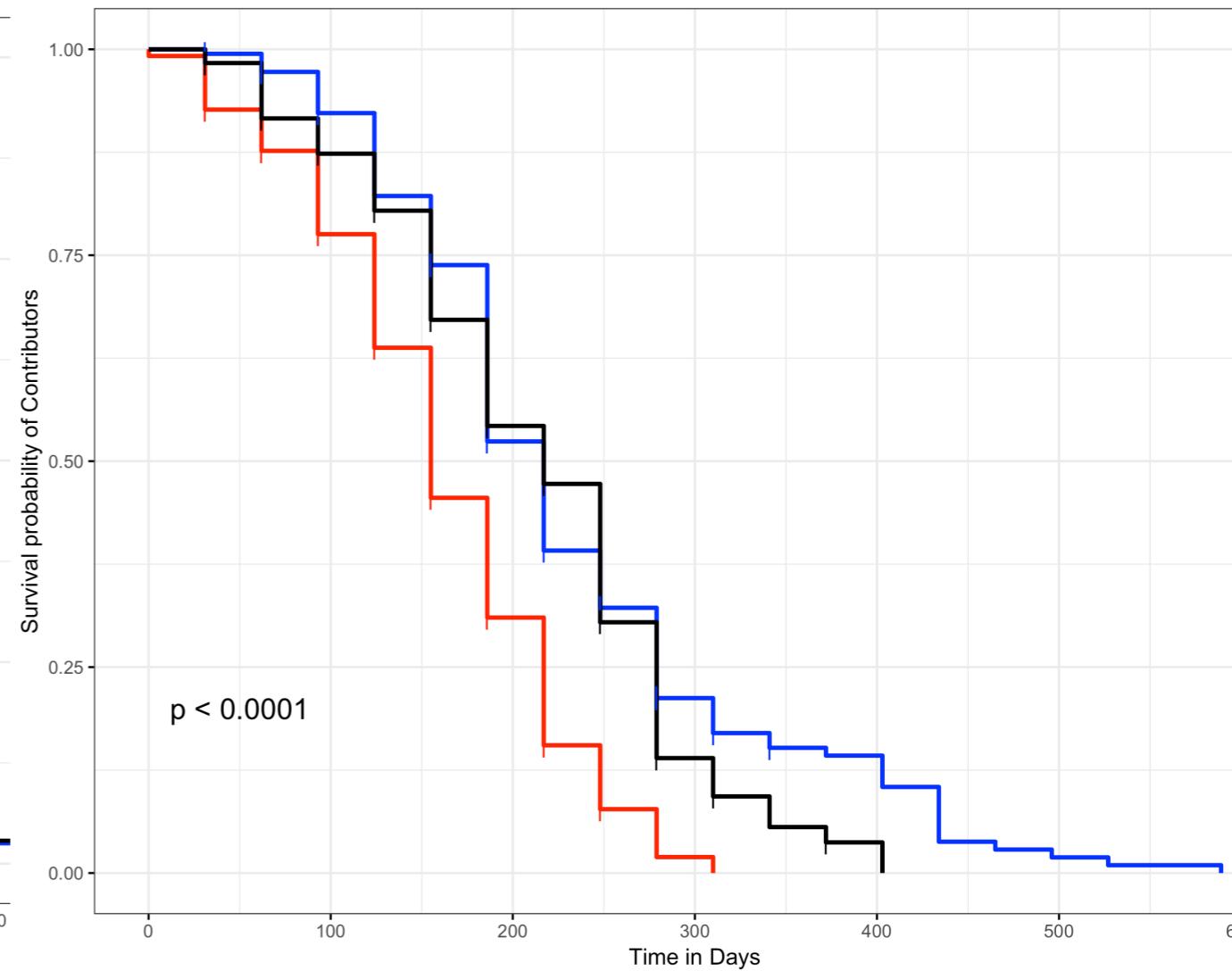
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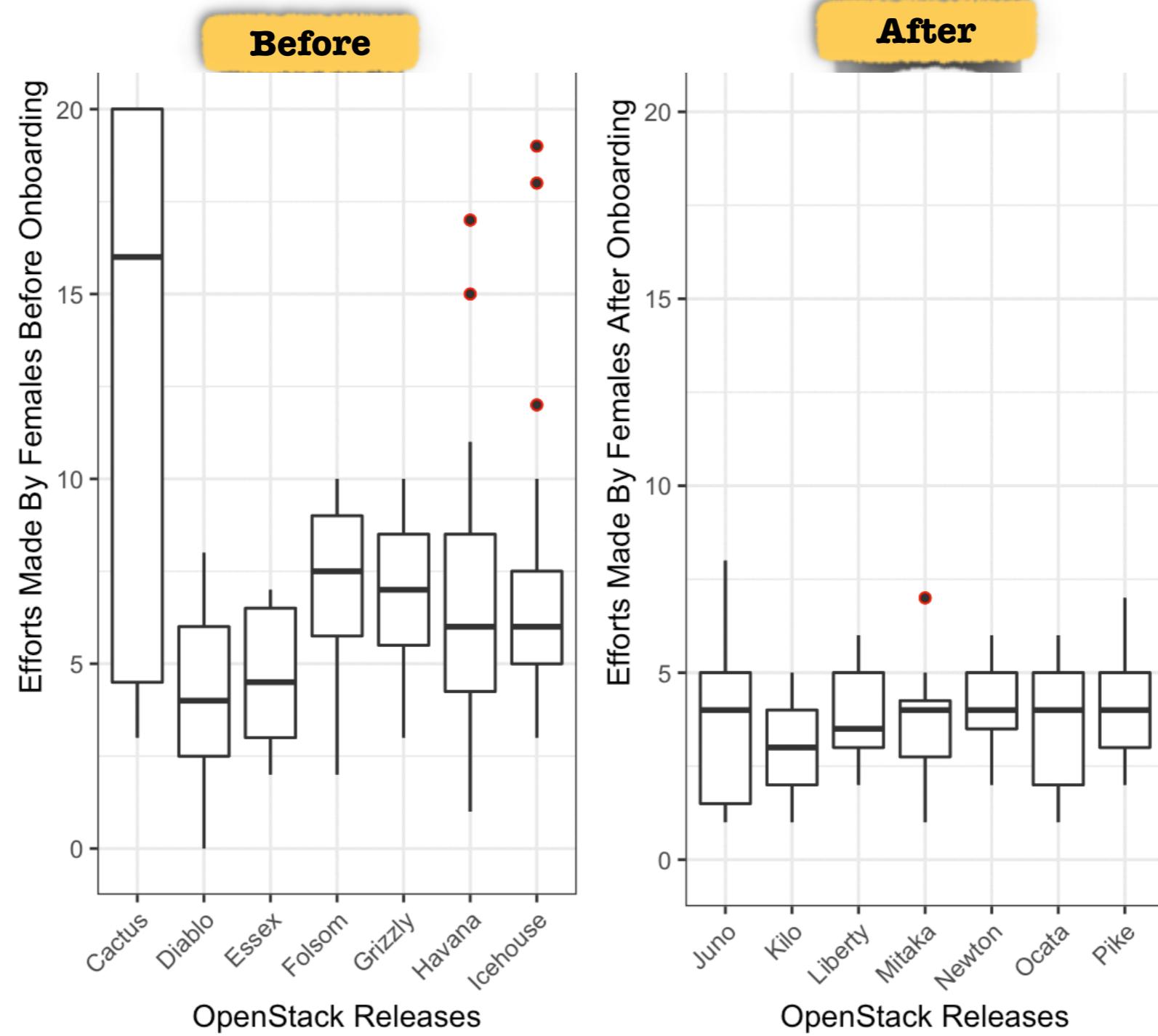
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Contributors Submitted Successful Patches With Less Effort After Onboarding



Effort to contribute successful patches

$$Effort = \frac{Number_Of_Attempts}{Actual_Commits}$$

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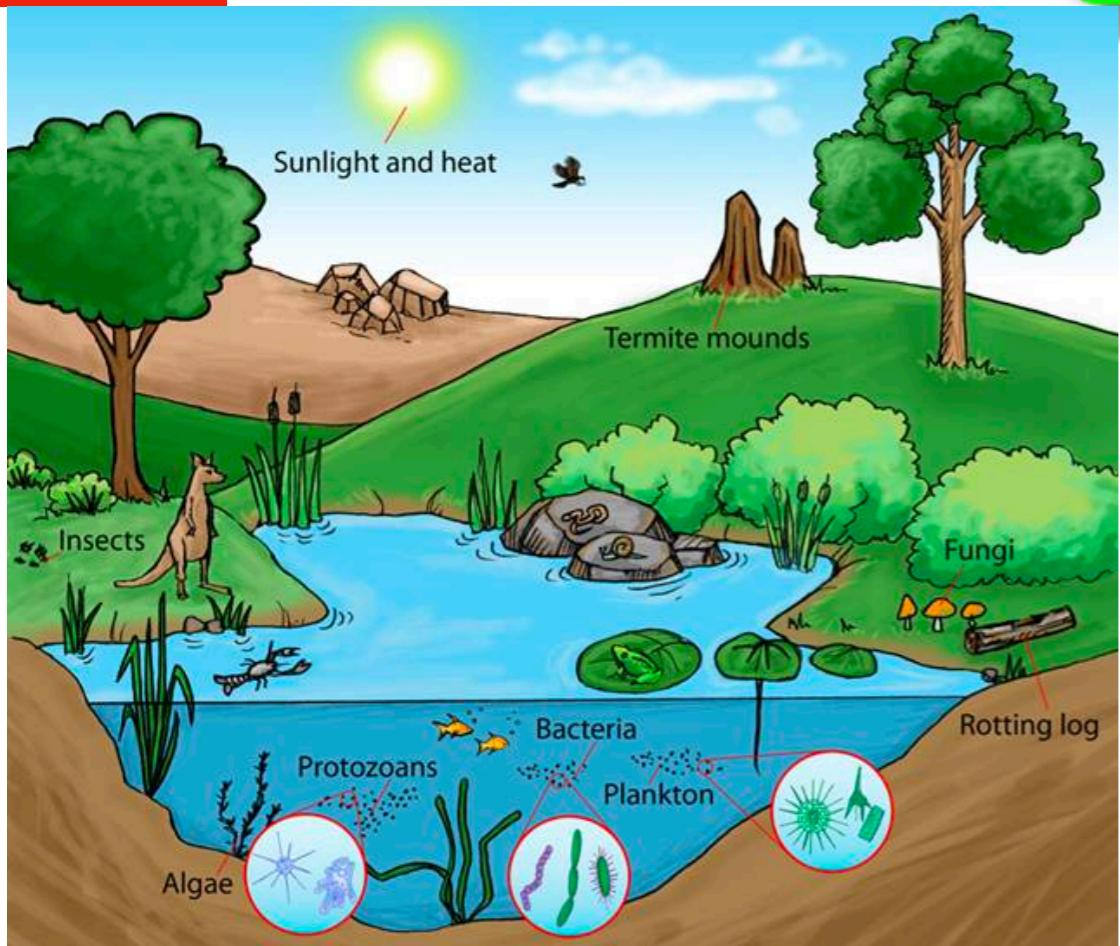
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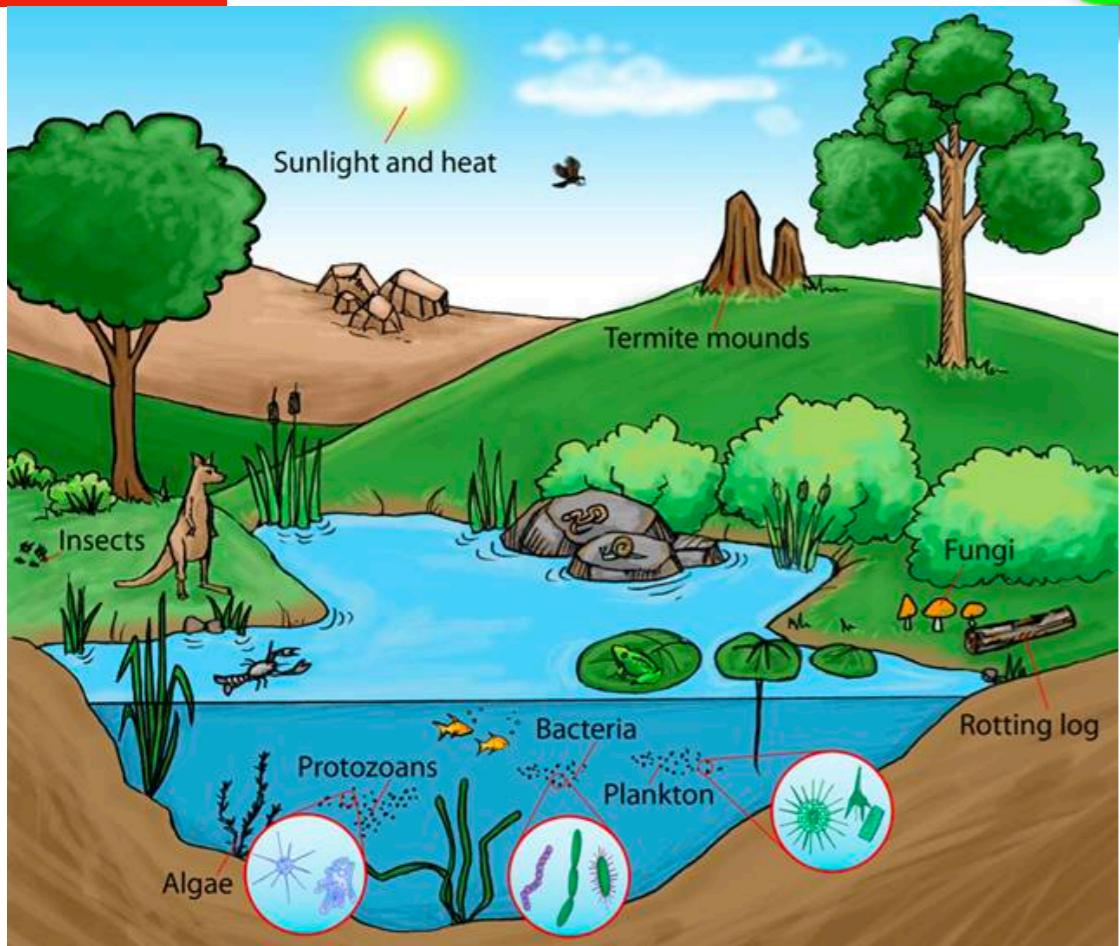
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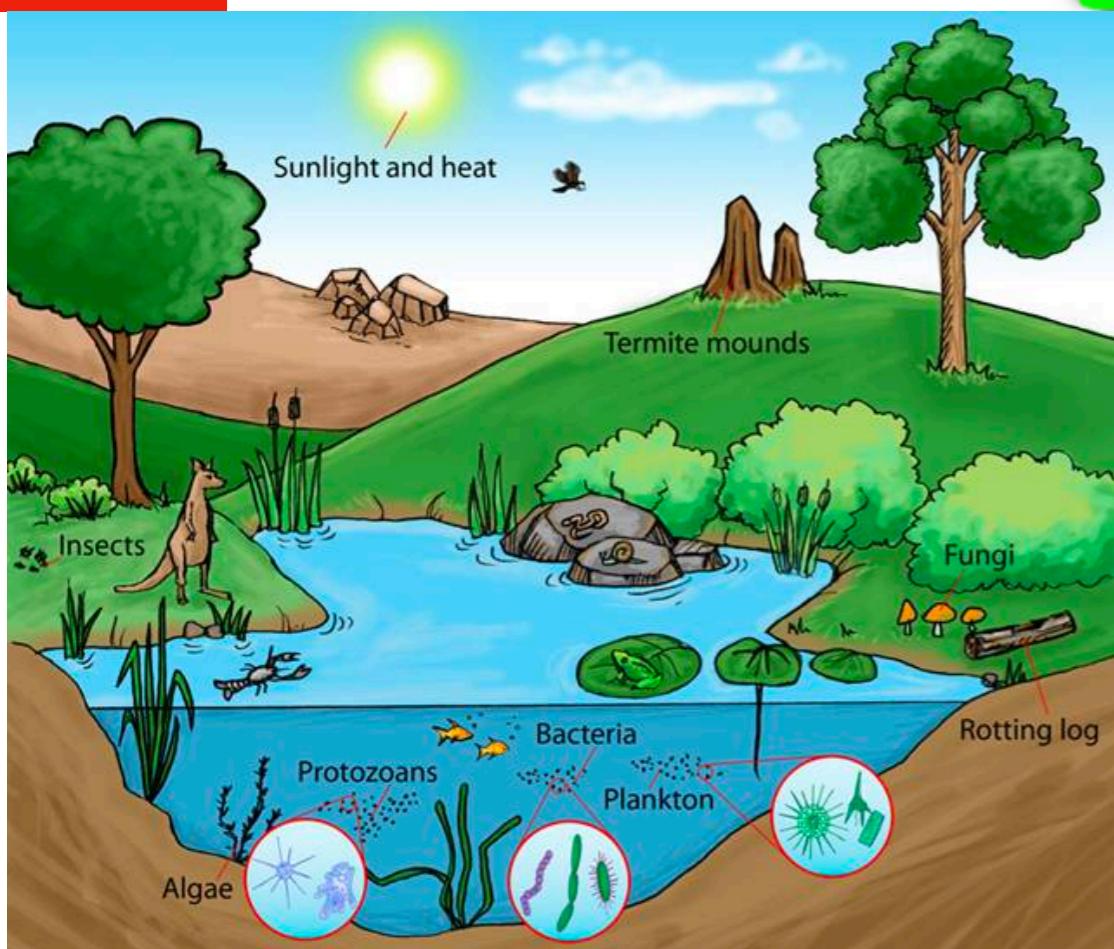
There are strong evidences of joint contribution among participants (Novice-Novice collaboration) and between participants and mentors (Novice-Expert collaboration).

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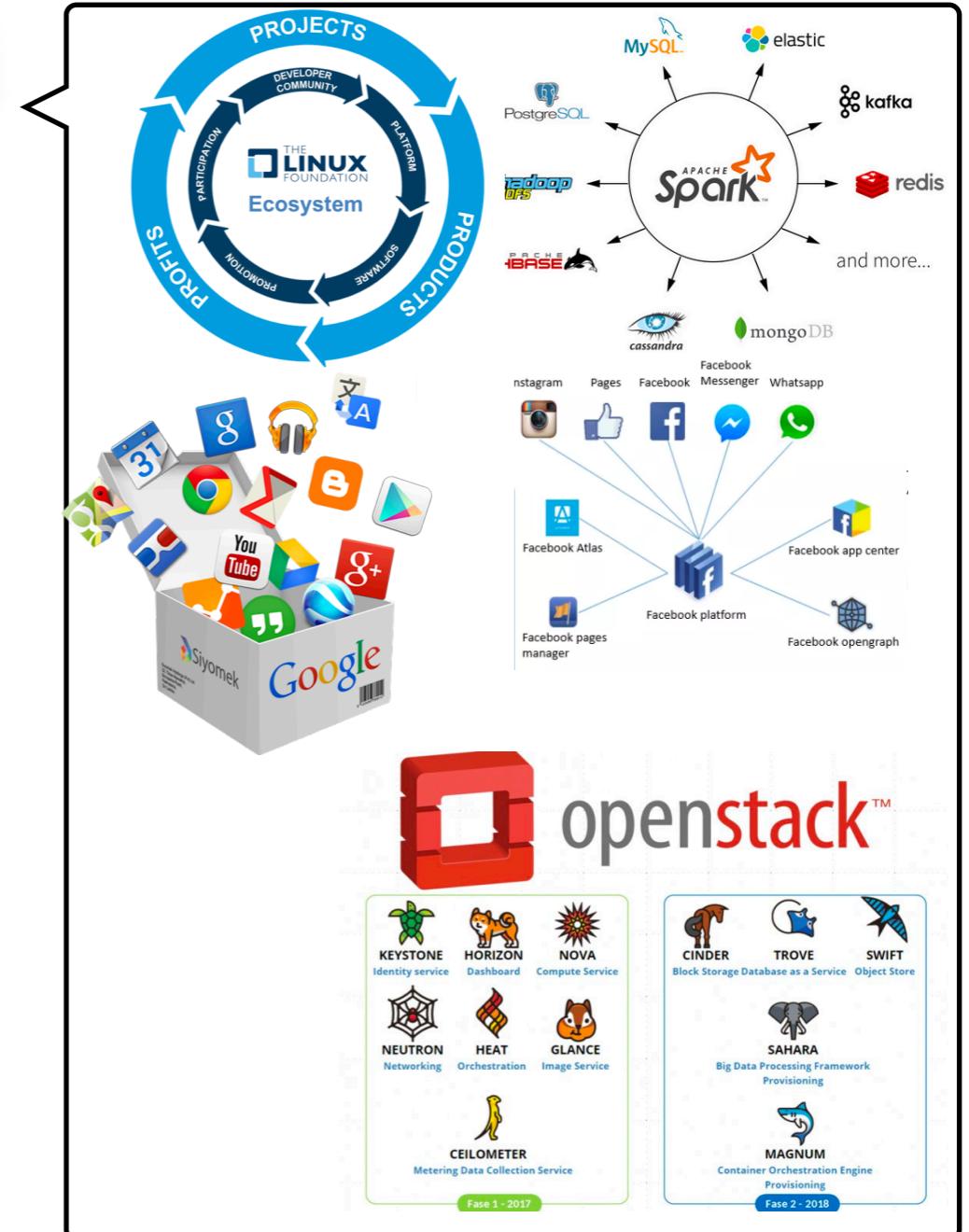




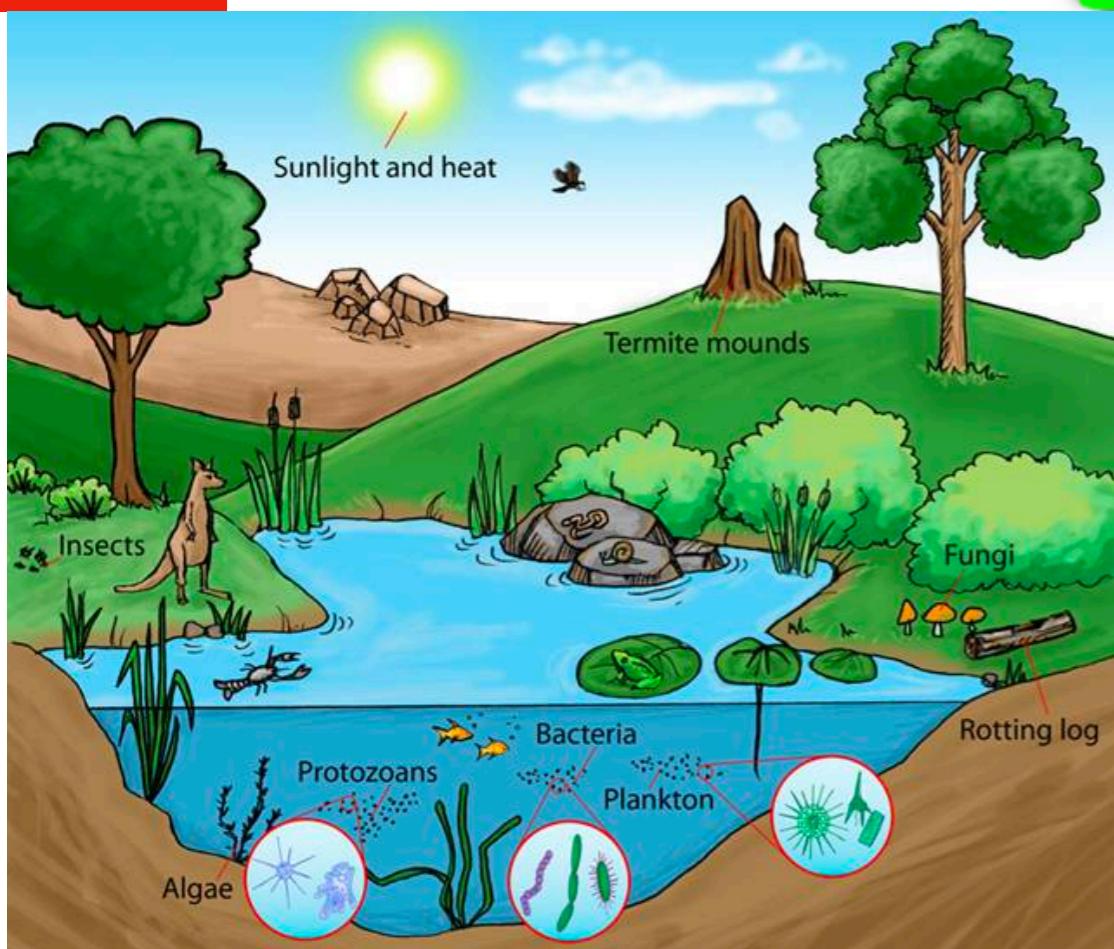
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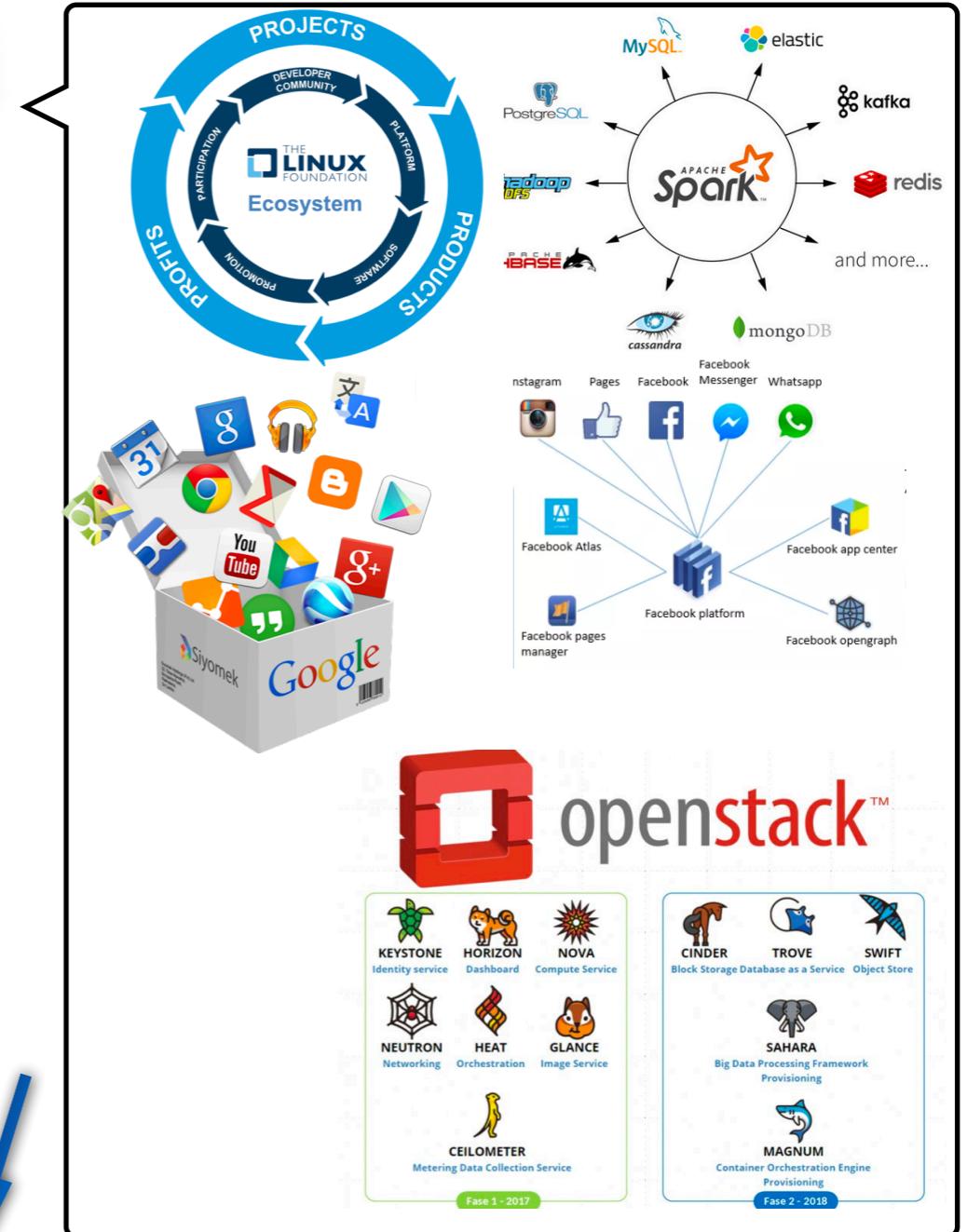
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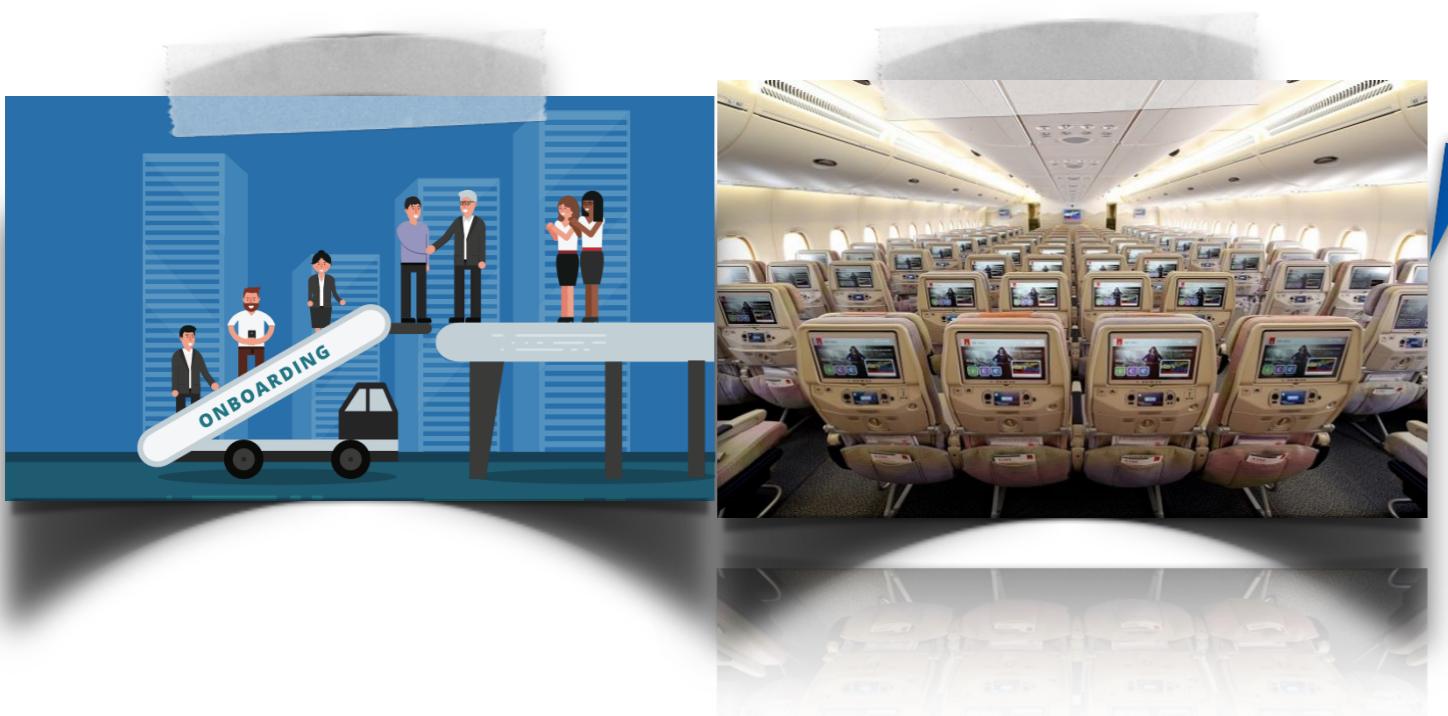
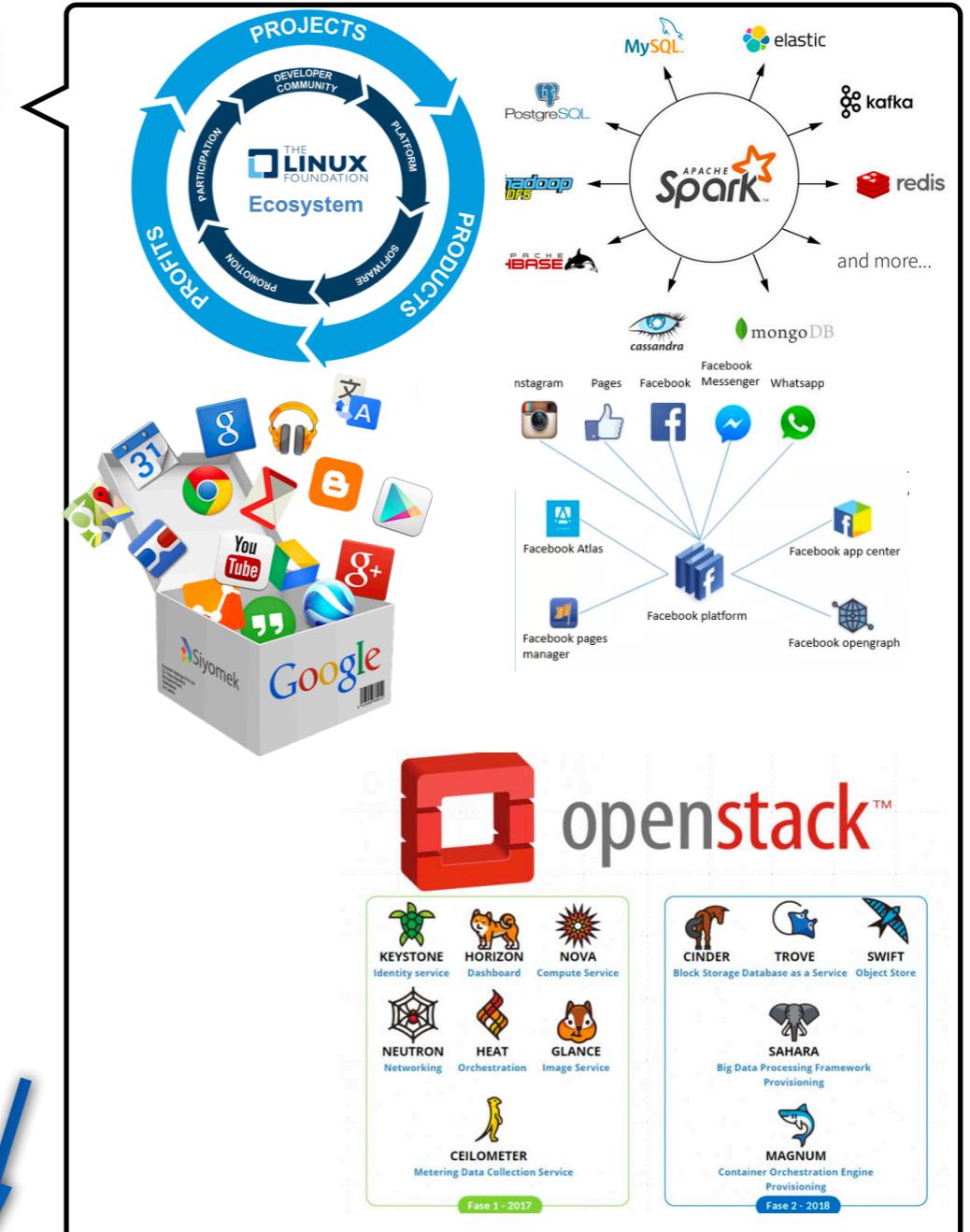
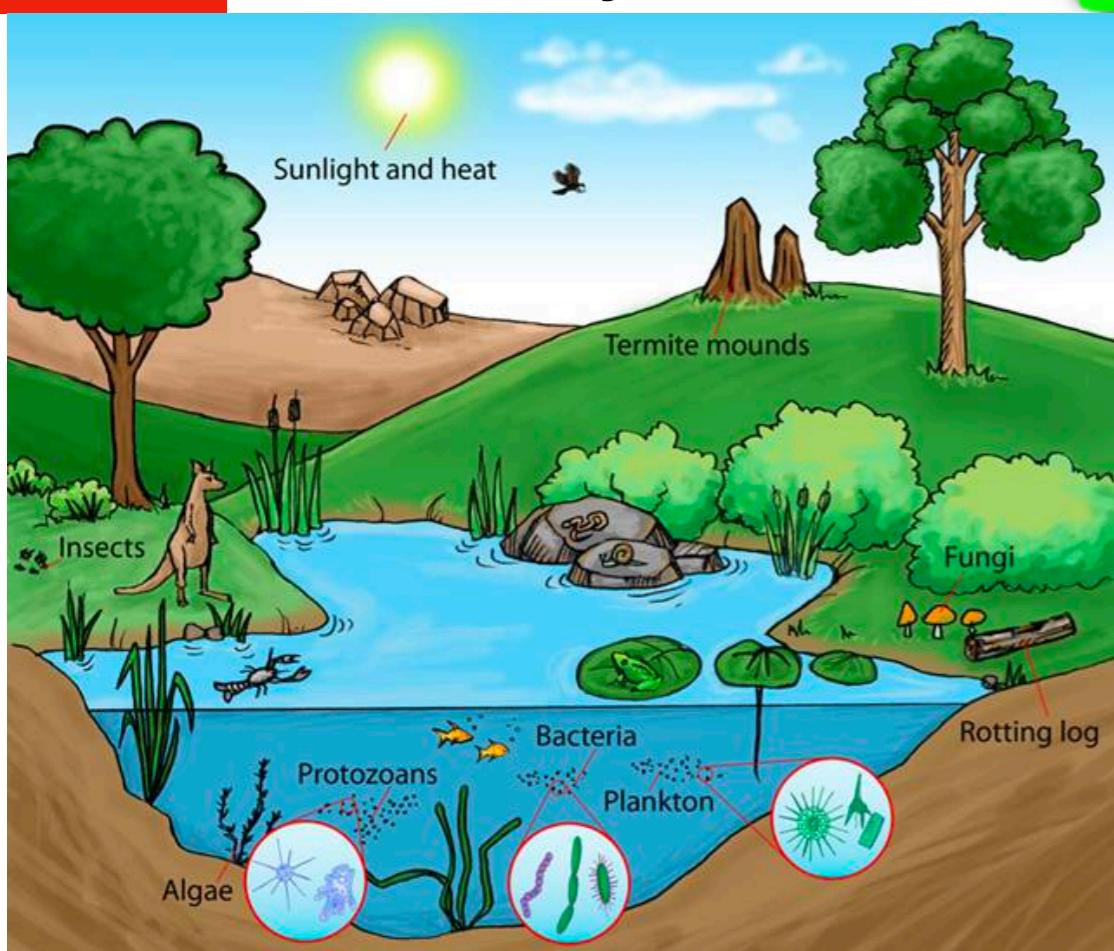


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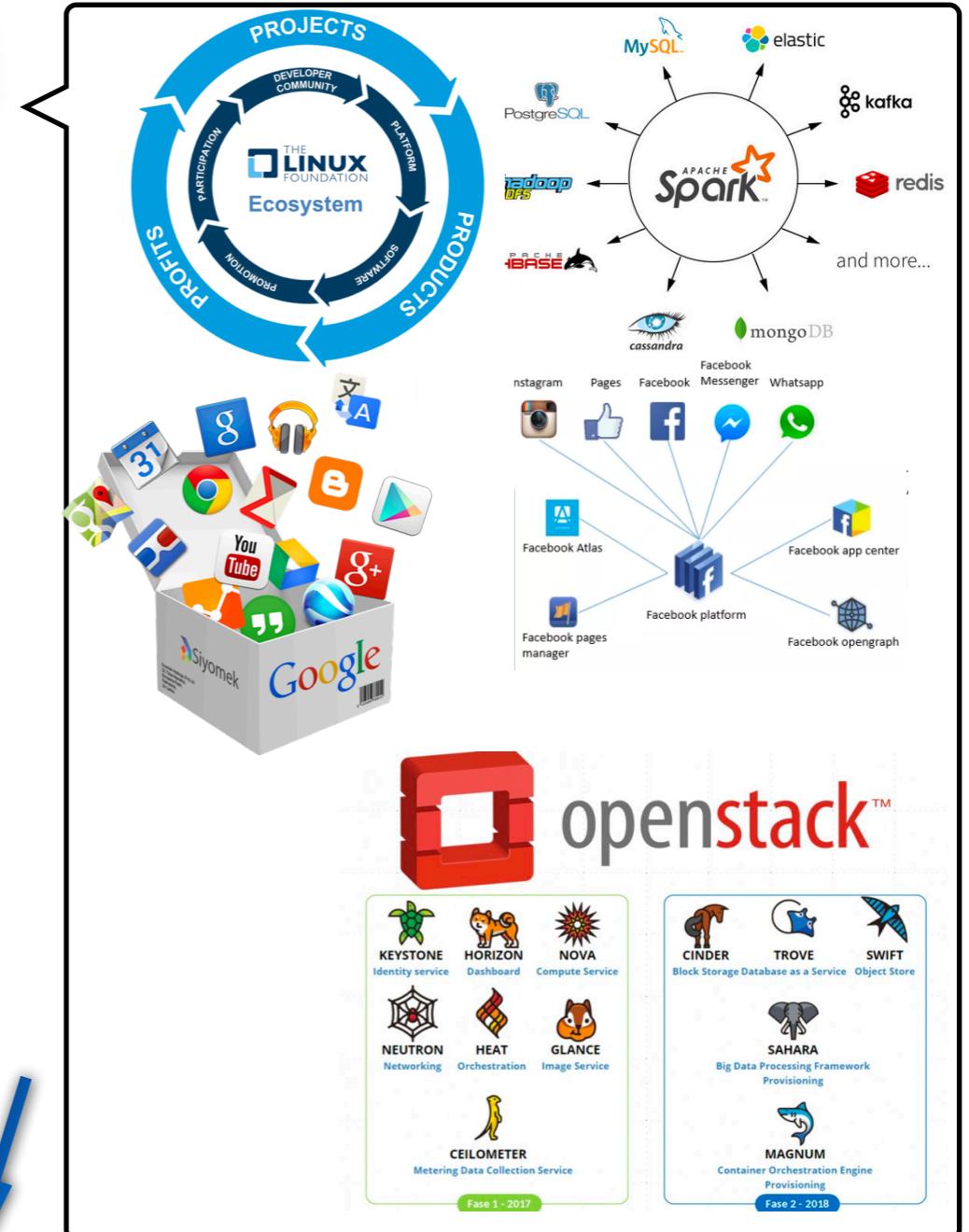
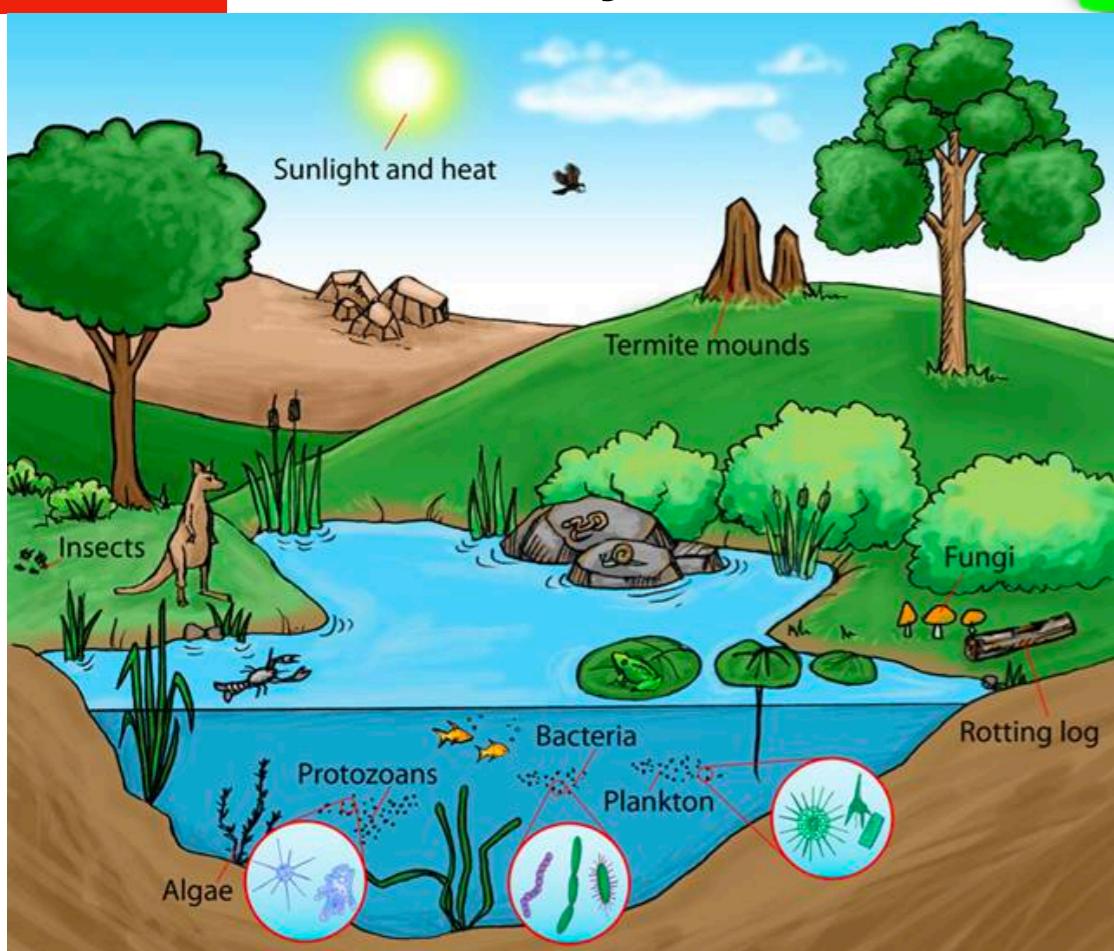
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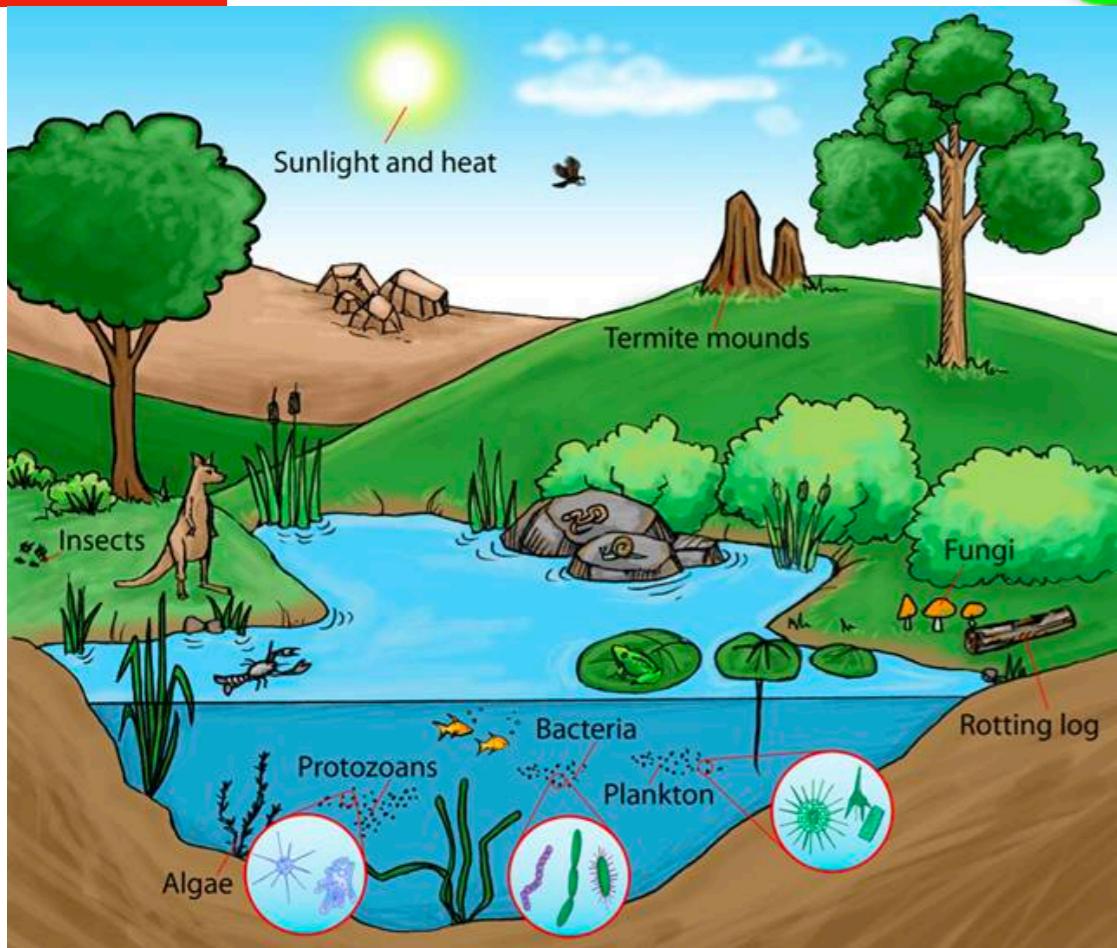


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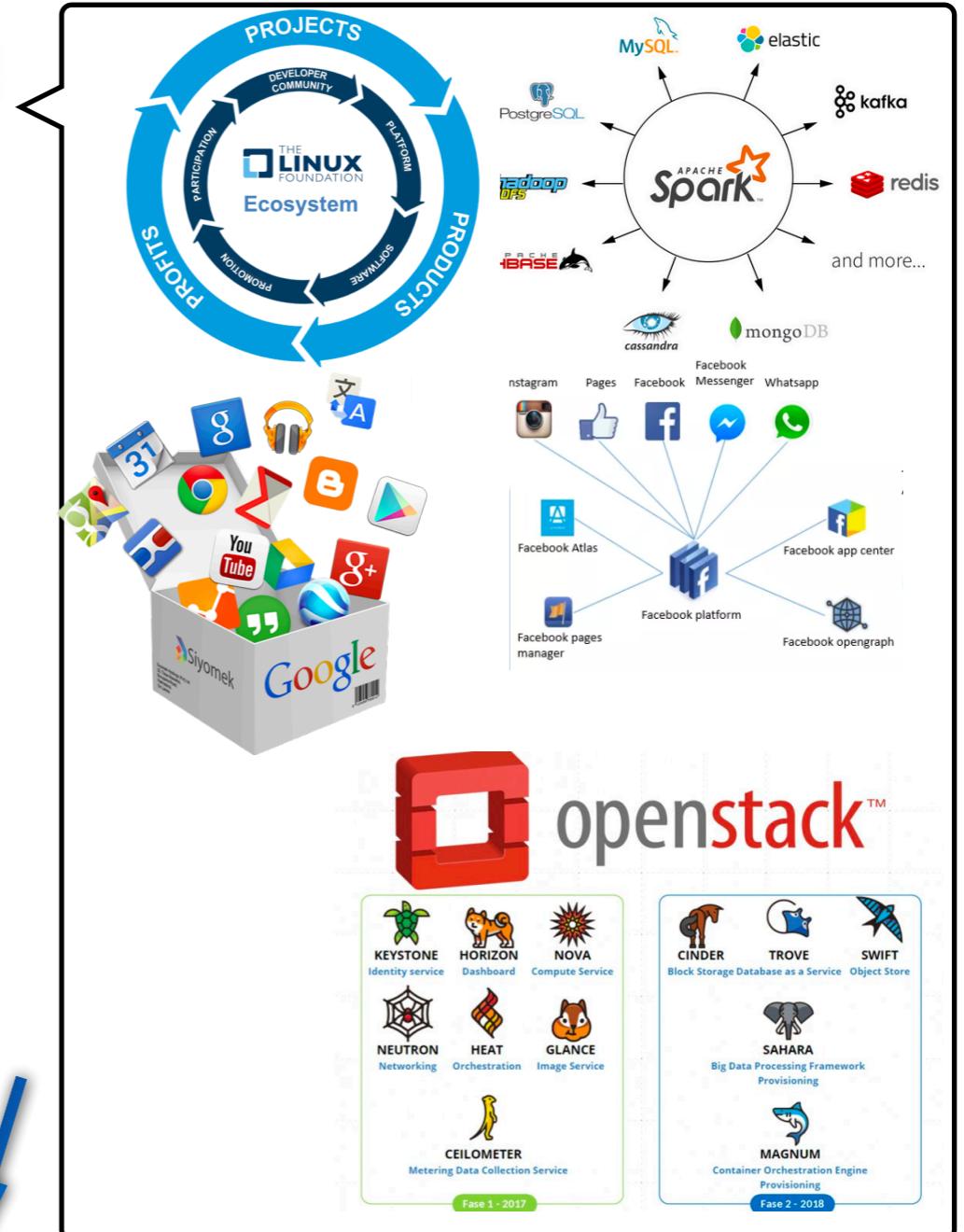
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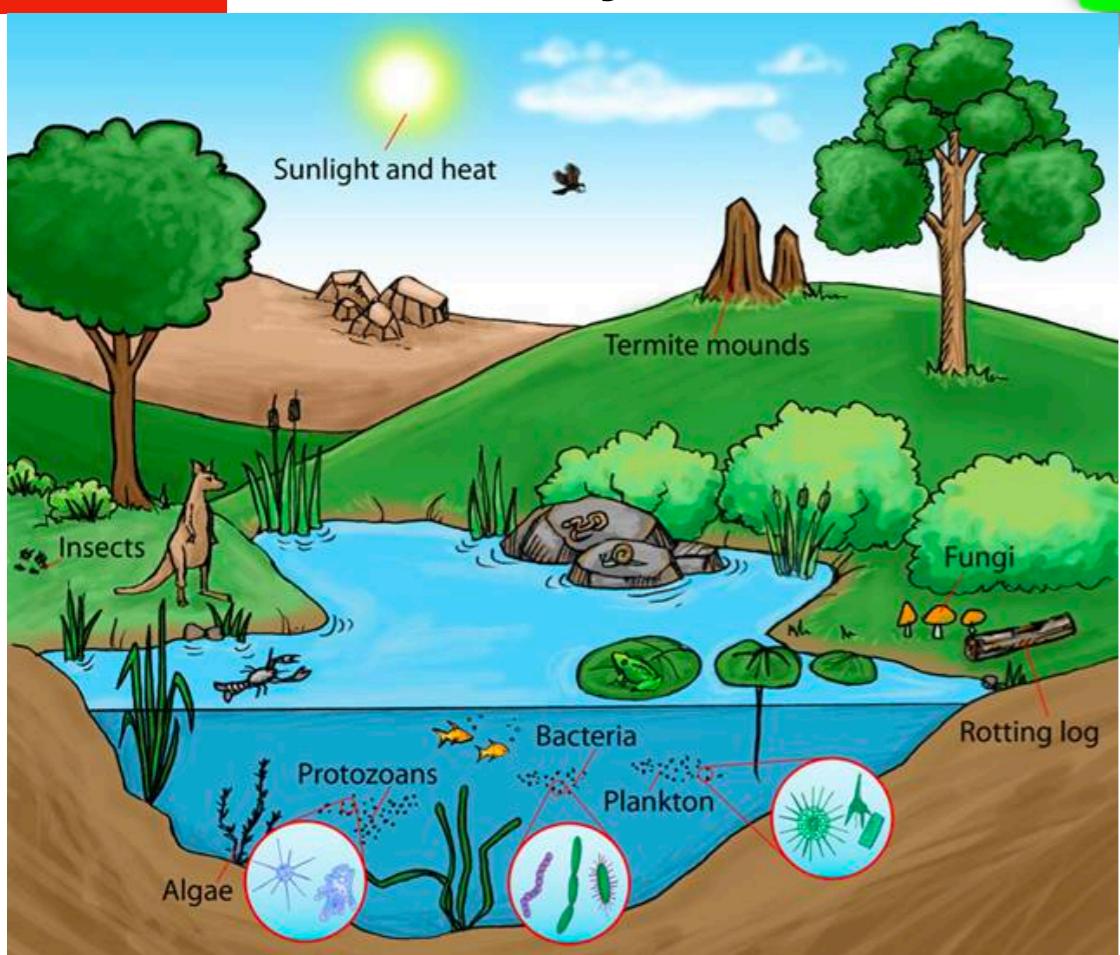
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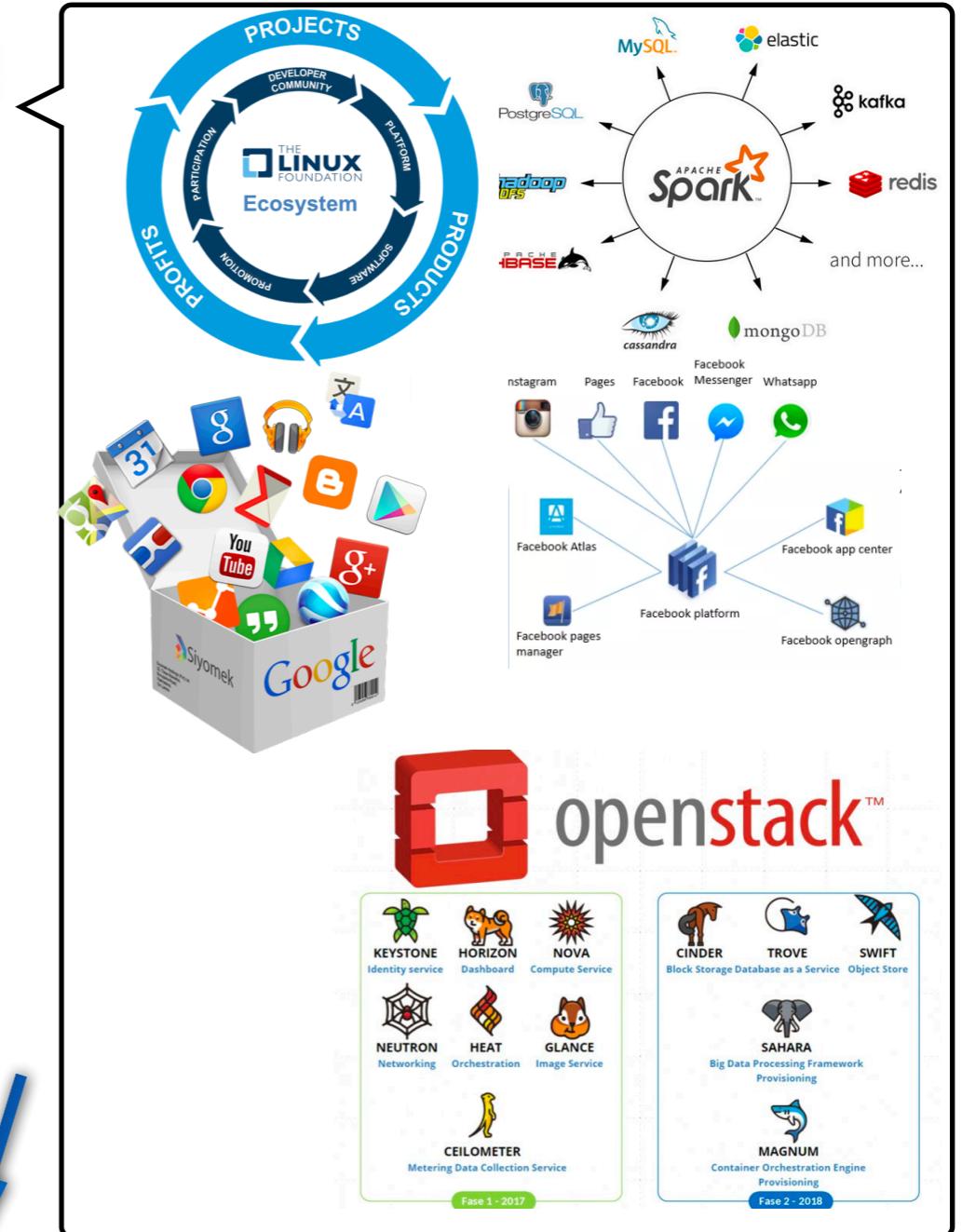
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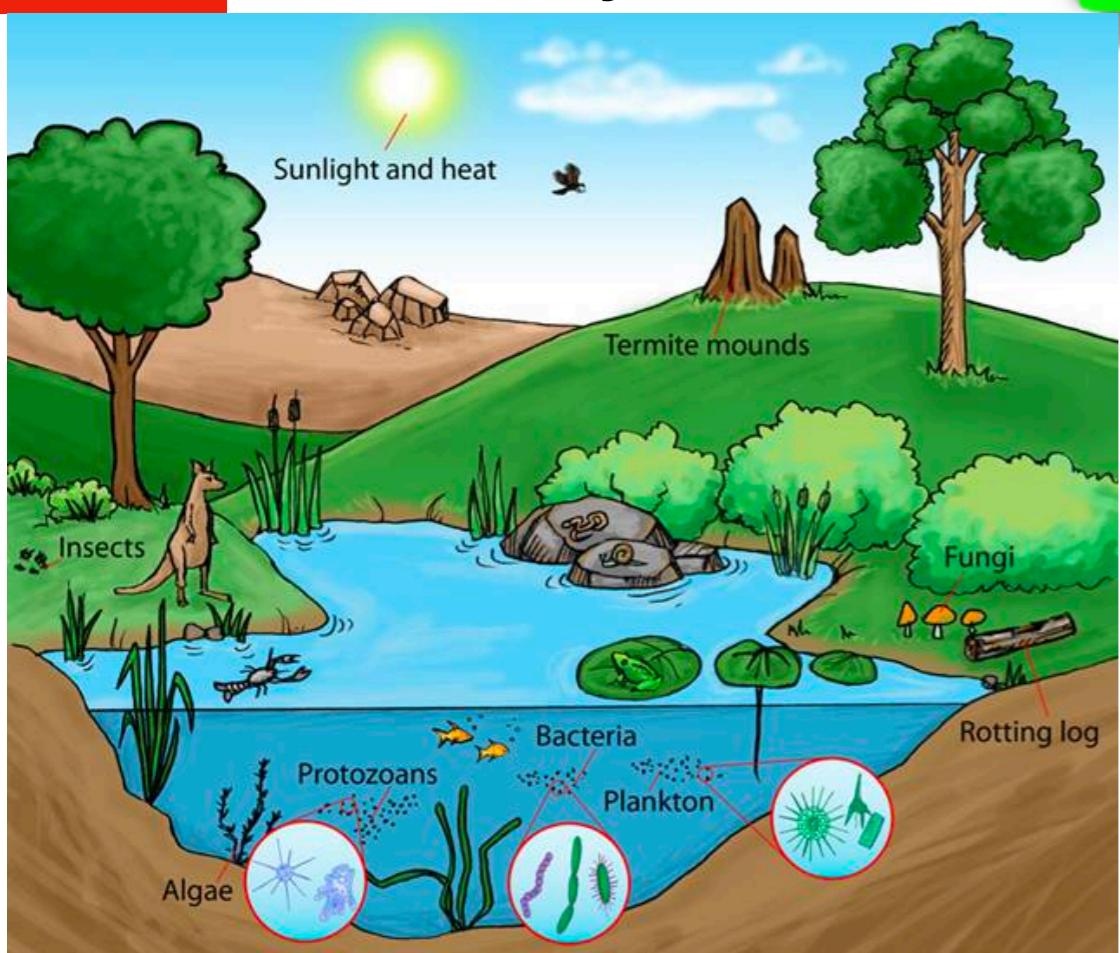


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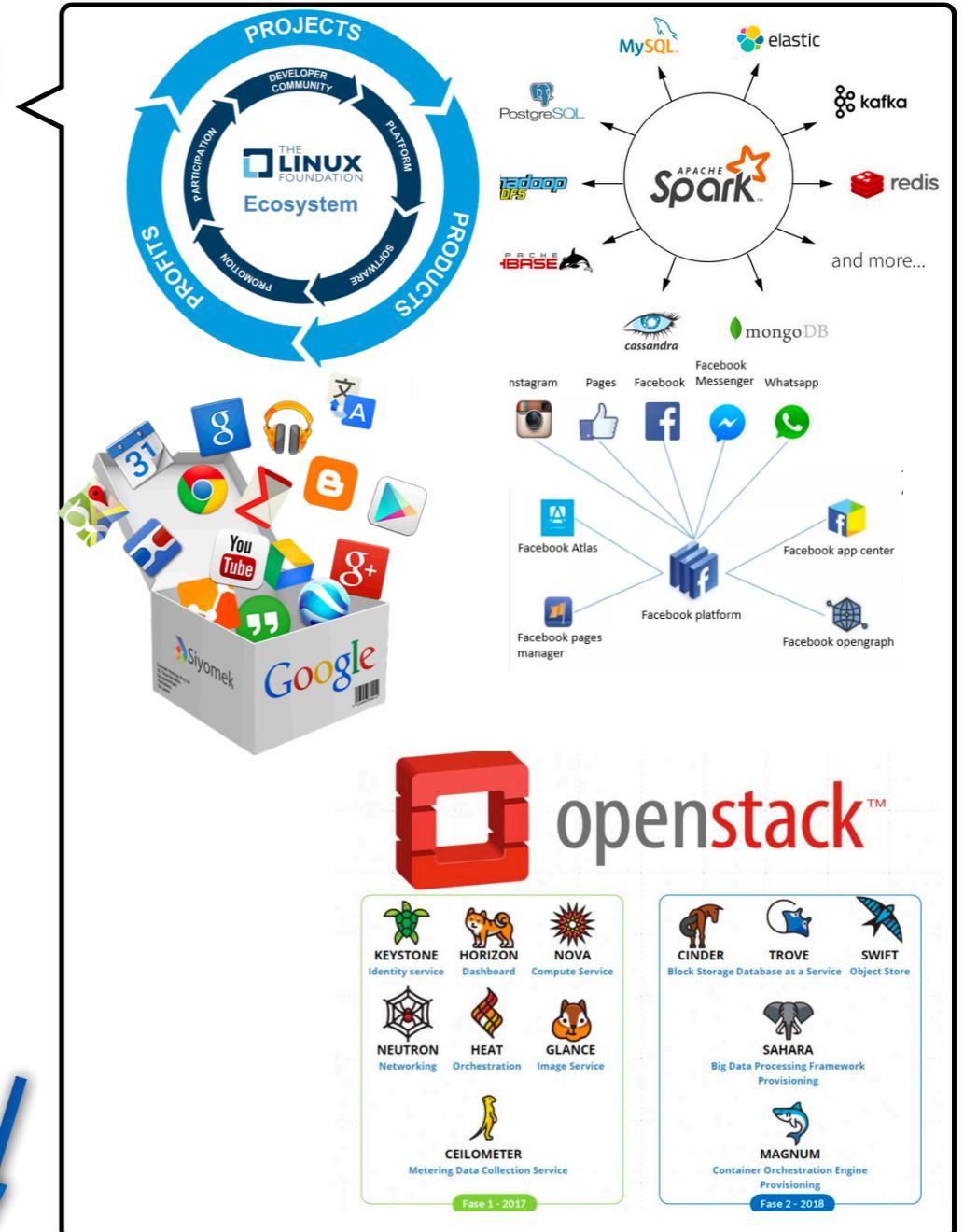
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Cross-community collaboration

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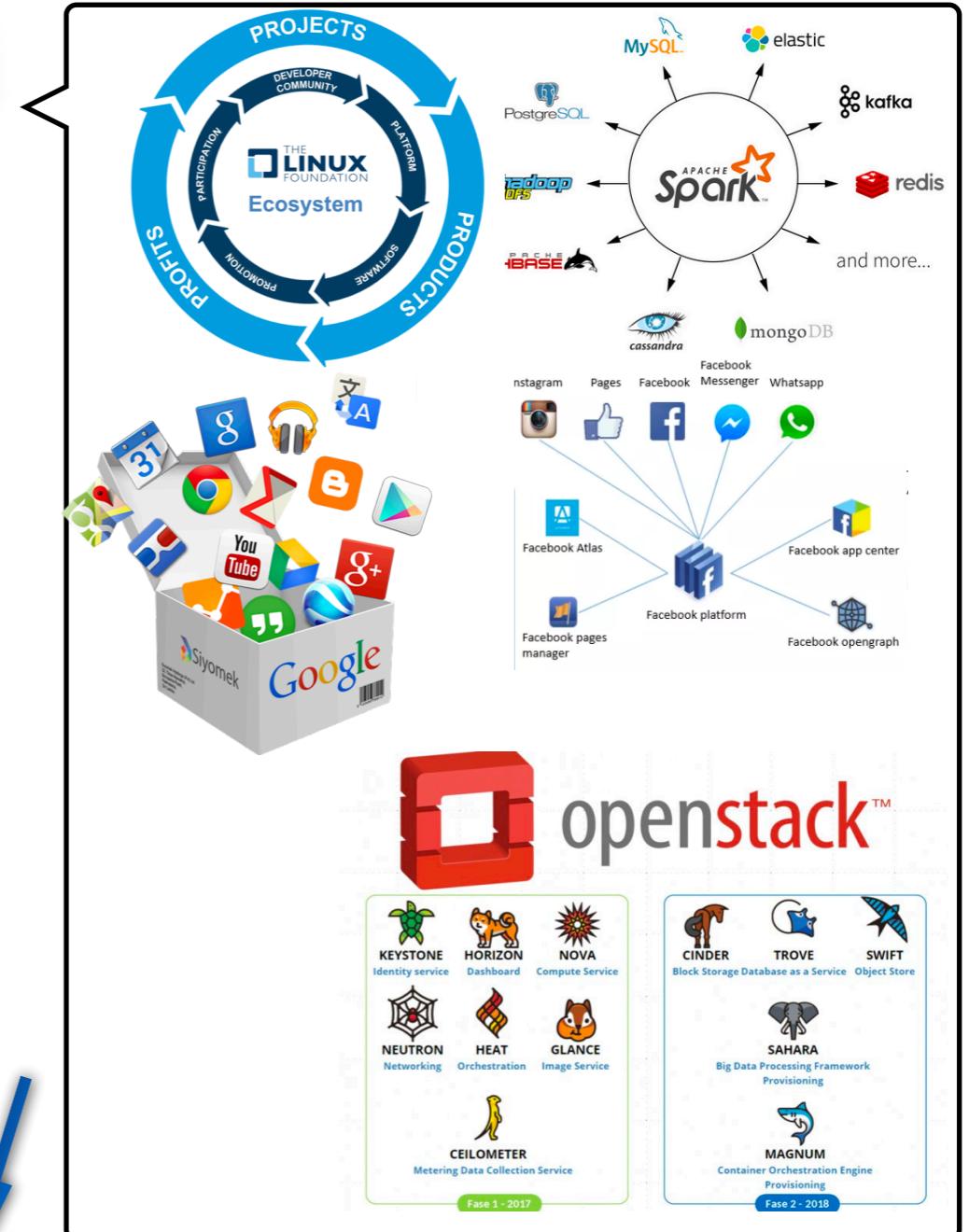
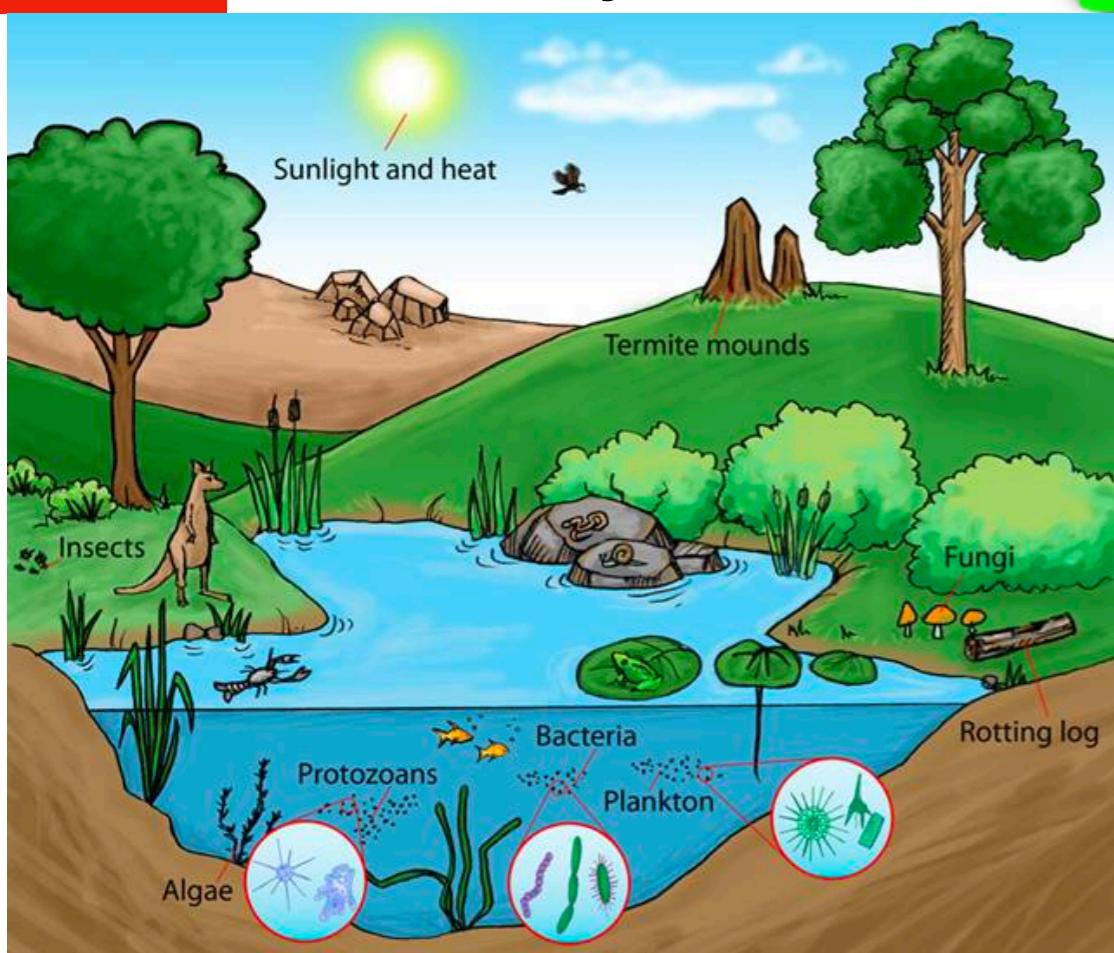
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