



Exercise 2.1: How OSS Methods Can Produce a Better Product

Enumerate a few reasons how adopting **OSS** methods can improve and accelerate a product's success.

✓ Solution 2.1

1. Expanding the pool of collaborators brings in more talent, more ideas.
2. Competing groups become collaborators and do not have to keep reinventing the wheel. By standardizing on one implementation and building upon it, progress can be faster.
3. More eyeballs on the code leads to more bug and security hole discovery as well as faster fixes.
4. More eyeballs on the code leads to improved and cleaner style. Furthermore, having style standards throughout a project leads to increased clarity and lessens the path to involvement by new contributors.
5. Getting recognition from a wider audience motivates people.
6. Having a wider variety of use cases induces a project to have more flexibility and also helps unearth problems that might be rarer and harder to identify with a smaller audience.