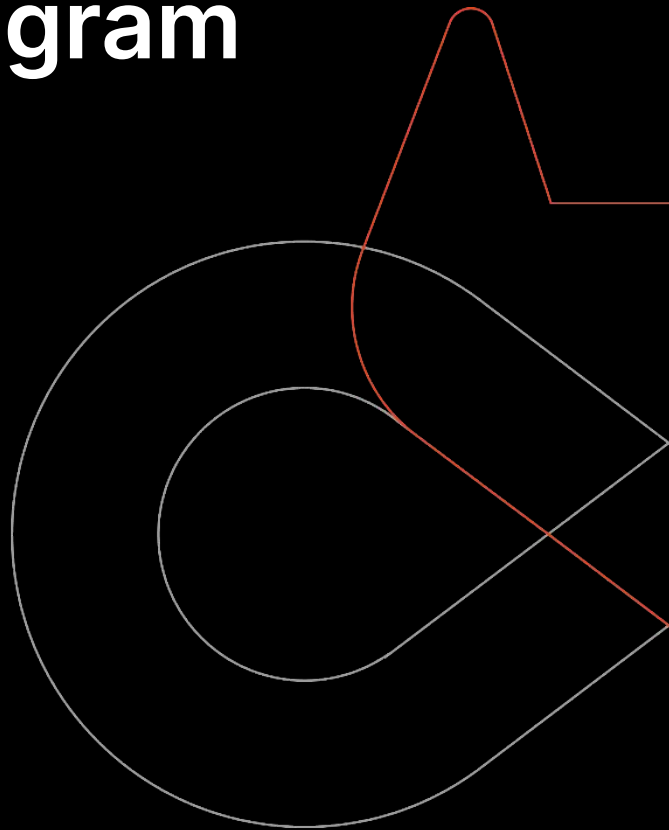


# Leading Organization Workshop

# Leading Organization Program

To recognize and support organizations that contribute 20+ merge requests per three months



# Benefits of becoming a leading organization



1. **Double your productivity <sup>1</sup>**
2. **Attract & retain employees**
3. **Build brand**
4. **Make your GitLab investment go farther**



# Why Organizations Contribute

"I have witnessed first-hand how valuable it is for our employees to contribute back to Open Source. It helped us gain a competitive advantage in our industry as we are seen as top experts. And for those employees who contribute to Open Source regularly, we have a higher employee retention & satisfaction compared to industry standards."

**Dries Buytaert, CTO of Acquia**

# Receive unique support and services from GitLab



**Access to GitLab**



**Faster time to review**



**Public recognition**



**Increased employer brand visibility**



**Legal Resources**

# How to qualify






# Your first steps to becoming a Leading Organization

Meet with Contributor Success Team on open issues and scope out new requests

[Schedule technical onboarding](#)

# Start contributing



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## Contribute to GitLab

The next [GitLab Hackathon](#) is just around the corner!

### Get started

Choose a track to find step-by-step instructions on how to contribute.

#### Development

Whether it's fixing bugs, adding new features, helping with reviews, GitLab is a great Open Source community for developers from all backgrounds. Many contributors actually started contributing to GitLab development without being familiar with languages like Ruby.

[More on Contributing to Development](#)

#### Documentation

Contributing to documentation is a great way to get familiar with the GitLab development process and to meet reviewers and other community members. From fixing typos to better organizing our documentation, you will find many areas where you can contribute.

[More on Contributing to Documentation](#)

#### Translation

GitLab is being translated into more than 35 languages, and this is also driven by wider community members. If you speak another language, you can join more than 1,500 community members who are helping translate GitLab. Come and help us speak your language!

[More on Contributing to Translation](#)

#### UX Design

To help make our product easy to use and built for a diverse group of people.

#### Engagement

Help us craft a fun and rewarding community experience, and help us

#### Project Templates

Project templates allow developers to get started with new languages and

## How to contribute

<https://about.gitlab.com/community/contribute/>



# Resolving typical hurdles to contributing



## Lacking Skill Set



Organizations may not have the in-house knowledge to ramp up contributions.

As a Leading Org, GitLab can provide:

- Access to Development-specific training resources
- Pair programming with engineers
- Funding for Ruby on Rails courses
- Recommended consultant contributors

## Legal Concerns



Companies new to contributing may face reservations from their legal team.

As a Leading Org, GitLab can provide:

- Open source software (OSS) policy template
- Consultation with our legal experts about licensing
- Presentation on open core development for in-house counsel



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