The User Community

Online Engagement

☼ Access to **social connections** with other data.table users
- → 🦬 fosstodon.org/@r_data_table
- → ☁️ rdatatable.bsky.social
- → 🐦 twitter.com/r_data_table

☼ Regular **fresh content** about data.table
- → Blog: The Raft

Community Evolution

☼ Clear **bridges** and **partnerships** to other communities.
- → data.table + tidyverse = 🧡

☼ An **educational path** forward to more advanced use.

☼ Broader **accessibility** of content.
- → Grant-funded Translation Project

Enduring Connections

☼ Continued **relevance** of data.table to their work
- → *Coming Soon:* **Seal of Approval**

☼ Existence of **resources** and **references**
- → *Coming Soon:* Online class
- → *Coming Later:* A data.table textbook.

☼ Creation of **personal connections** and **friendships** and **fun traditions** in the community
- → Travel grant for contributors
- → Talks, meetups, and giveaways!

How does an open-source project ecosystem remain engaging, enduring, and evolving?

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📱 Linktree for project work and websites: linktr.ee/rdatatable

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The Developer Team

Enduring Support

☼ Support them with **appreciation**.
- → *Reach out, say thank you!*

☼ Support them with **professional recognition**
- → *Cite your packages*
- → *Vote for awards and promotions*

☼ Support them with **money**
- → Github, Patreon, or donations
- → Open-source meta groups: ROpenSci, The Linux Foundation, The R Foundation, NumFocus, etc.
- → Future idea: Fundraising drives for specific features.

Guidelines for Engagement

☼ A **governance structure** outlining responsibilities
- → A new governance document

☼ Ability to **test new code** without breaking the package
- → A new testing infrastructure

Pathways of Evolution

☼ A **welcoming atmosphere** for new contributors

☼ Developer-side **education** and **documentation**.

☼ User engagement for **feature requests** and **bug reports**