

Before we get started

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Unlocking the power of OSS

to launch your startup and career

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Enough about me, let's talk about why we're here today - I want to talk about Open Source, and how you can use it to build momentum for your career, or launch a company, or build a product

If there's exactly one thing I want you to get out of today's talk, it's this:

JUST ONE THING:

Being a good citizen of OSS pays dividends

Benefits of OSS Citizenship

- Make cool stuff
- Grow your community
- Promote helpful projects
- Discovery
- Use
- Feedback
- Contribution
- Promotion

Build something

start with something you know

Add on to it (one thing at a time if you can)

Dig yourself out of holes when you can

Find help when you can't

Cultivate Community

- Use mindfully
- Give selflessly
- Highlight others' work

Ask for help

Communication is *everything*

Share what you learn

There's no wrong way to do it

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The only wrogn way

is not to do it

Gratitude

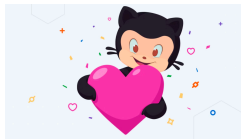
is a force multiplier

Fund projects that matter to you*

*where possible, privilege note

Push for an OSPO at your company

That's an Open source program office



StackAid.us

Wanna build a product?

Sure you do.

Some recommendations for enterprising open sorcerers

Opportunity recognition

- Find an enthusiastic niche
- Immerse yourself
- Look for repeated pain / learning

*...and see where you can **add value** through perspective, tooling, or automation*

Tips for integrating new tools & APIs

- Try the product
- Test the community
- Build relationships
- Ask about OSS tiers

Teach yourself to learn

- StackOverflow notably absent - I rarely learn from there

- What did you learn?
- What do you keep looking up?
- Where did your experience deviate?
- Where can you offer perspective?

Feedback is a gift

You will be wrong a lot. Use it to your advantage!

These are books that make a great starter curriculum for building something - particularly if you're doing it in public

Learn about designing & building great products

Thanks!

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