



Open Source is the way forward for mainframe

*A look at the work and impact of the
Open Mainframe Project*





Opportunity:

Accelerate mainframe innovation
with open and collaborative
development

But how?





Leveraging Zowe create efficiencies

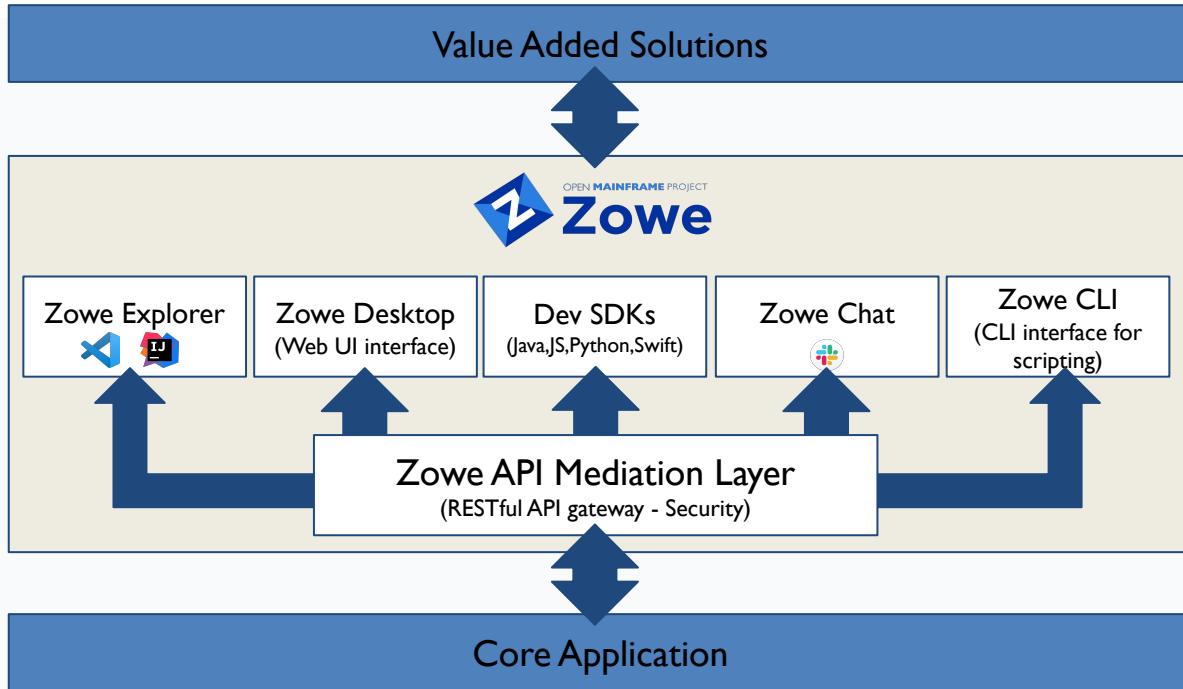
Custom
Integration Layer
(UI,App Integrations,APIs)



Core Application

Without Zowe

Full stack supported and developed;
expensive R&D and hard to scale



With Zowe

Focus on Core Application and leverage Zowe components to better integrate with DevOps workflows

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Open Mainframe Project is a pre-competitive platform that enables cooperation and leveraged development.

But what does that mean?

Cost to create Zowe



Total Physical Source Lines of Code (SLOC)

272,536

Development Effort Estimate

64.81 (777.68) Person-Years (Person-Months)

(Basic COCOMO model, Person-Months = $2.4 * (KSLOC^{**1.05})$)

Schedule Estimate

1.70 (20.46) Years (Months)

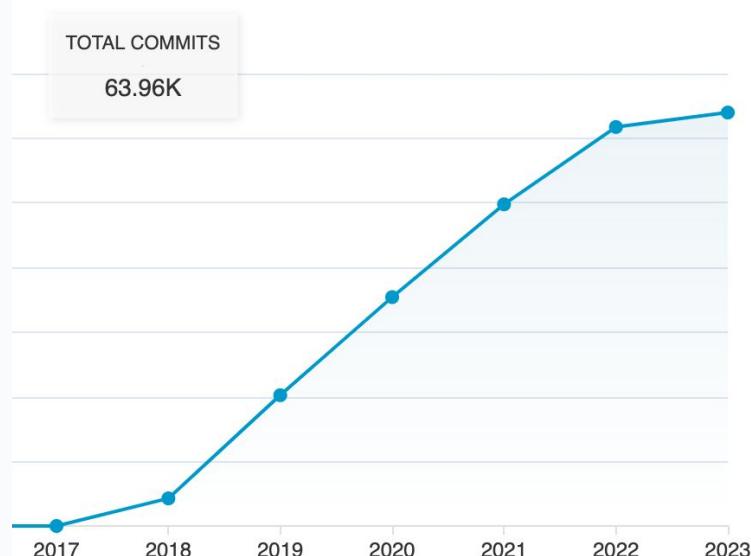
(Basic COCOMO model, Months = $2.5 * (\text{person-months}^{**0.38})$)

Total Estimated Cost to Develop

\$8,754,452

(average salary = \$56,286/year, overhead = 2.40).

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Top 4 contributing organizations to Zowe



| Name | Logo | Contributors | Last Activity | Commits | LOC Added | LOC Deleted | Pull Request Activities | Issue Activities | Documentation Activities |
|---|--|--------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Broadcom Corporation |  BROADCOM® | 113 | 04/28/2023 | 19.58K | 14.11M | 8.22M | 31.69K | 12.03K | 0 |
| International Business Machines Corporation |  | 74 | 04/28/2023 | 18.97K | 16.50M | 3.36M | 13.87K | 7.00K | 0 |
| Rocket Software, Inc. |  Rocket® software | 48 | 04/28/2023 | 10.01K | 3.41M | 1.91M | 15.35K | 2.61K | 0 |
| IBA Group |  | 14 | 04/21/2023 | 1.21K | 308.17K | 111.11K | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Frequent Contributors Get High ROI From Open Source Foundation Membership

Return on Investment (ROI)

Those who **frequently** contribute code upstream



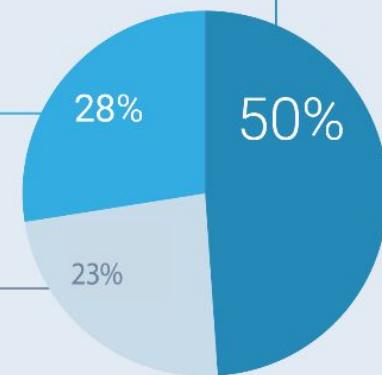
Those who **sometimes** contribute code upstream



Those who **rarely or never** contribute code upstream



Member or sponsor of an open source foundation



Pie chart does not equal 100% because of rounding.

Source: "Open Source Programs in the Enterprise - 2020" Survey.

Is your company a member or sponsor of an open source foundation(s)? (e.g., Linux Foundation, Apache Foundation, Eclipse Foundation, OpenJS Foundation) If yes, how valuable is the support and return on your investment you have received from these open source foundations? Frequently contribute code upstream, n=95; Sometimes contribute code upstream, n=53; Rarely or never contribute code upstream, n=43.



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Examples of calculated value

30% of contributions (3x multiplier in value⁽¹⁾)

This means Broadcom invested...

- 19.2 years of developer effort
- \$2.6M of R&D costs

and leveraged (3x multiplier⁽¹⁾)...

- **175.2 years** of developer effort
- **\$23.6M** of R&D costs



9x R&D ROI

(1) Source:

<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/technology-media-and-telecommunications/our-insights/developer-velocity-how-software-excellence-fuels-business-performance>

But there are more benefits than just pure R&D



- Leadership
 - ◆ Top contributing organizations in best position to drive ecosystem direction.
 - ◆ End-users more likely to work with vendors who are primary contributors and invest in upstream projects.
- Supply chain efficiencies
 - ◆ License and security vulnerability management done in upstream project
 - ◆ Partner and developer onboarding can leverage broad community versus specific vendor resources.
- Vendor-neutral outreach and training
 - ◆ Technology enablement done at project level
 - ◆ Vendor can focus on specific value adds.

Typical ROI 5x-40x

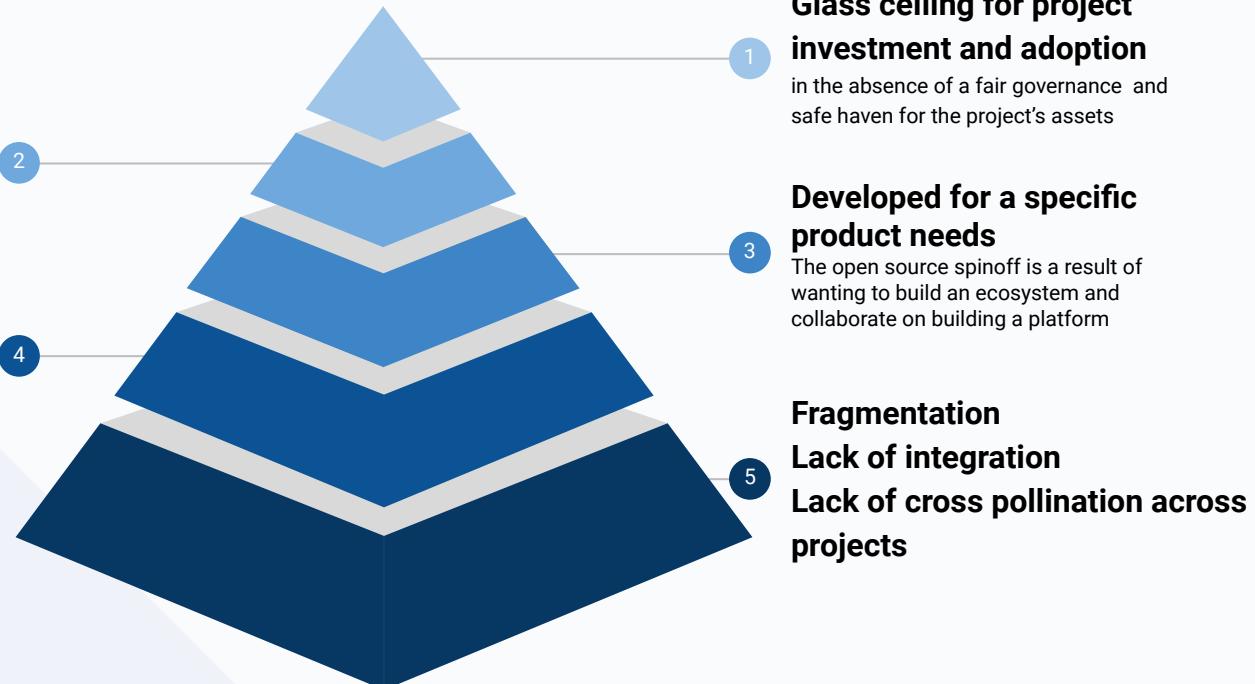
dependent on membership, staff, and product investment



Challenge:

How can we grow and sustain
open source on mainframe?

Accelerating open innovation is more than just code



Enter Open Mainframe Project



Open Mainframe Project believes...

- that leading organizations leverage their **technology infrastructure as a competitive advantage**.
- that the mainframe design principles of **security, stability, scalability, and performance are important** to these leading organizations
- **having the mainframe interoperable** in a hybrid infrastructure enables leading organizations to realize its benefits.
- technical advancements that are needed by the mainframe community can be **better achieved through open source**.

Open Mainframe Project enables **sustainable open source**



Successful projects depend on members, developers, standards and infrastructure to develop products that the market will adopt.





Vision

The mainframe is an active, integrated, and essential part of modern enterprise IT, consumable by mainstream developers and users, and driven by a vibrant open source community.

Mission

To achieve the vision of the Open Mainframe Project by...



Setting a high bar for application development on the mainframe through documentation, API development, and a security-first approach.



Showcase the mainframe of today to both the mainframe ecosystem as well as the broad enterprise IT community.



Enable the mainframe to be more consumable by developers with a transparent experience in leveraging the value propositions of the mainframe.



Ensure the mainframe aligns well in the changing enterprise IT landscape of cloud-native and DevOps.

Open Mainframe Project enables this innovation

Active



Incubation



Sandbox



Working Groups



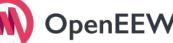
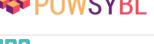
Learn about all Open Mainframe projects at <https://www.openmainframeproject.org/projects>



The Linux Foundation's goal is to create the greatest shared technology investment in history by enabling open collaboration across companies, developers and users.

We are the nonprofit organization of choice to build ecosystems that accelerate open source technology development and commercial adoption on a global scale.



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Impacts beyond Linux

Landscape of open source projects only on mainframe



Open Mainframe Landscape

1.0

See the interactive landscape at [l.openmainframeproject.org](https://landscape.openmainframeproject.org)

Greyed logos are not open source

Linux



z/VM



z/OS



Development Tools



Learning and Mentoring



Other



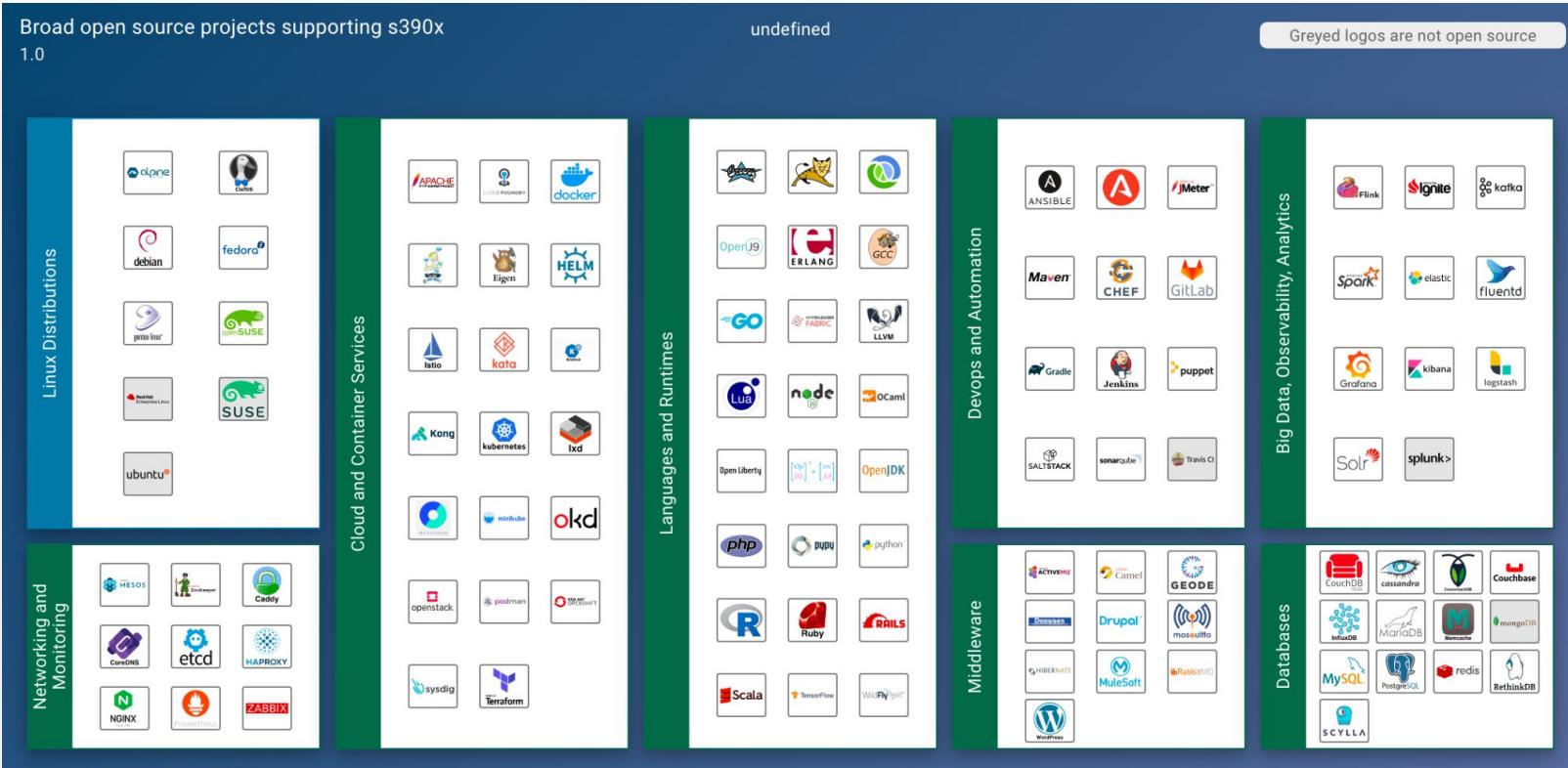
Projects



Source: <https://landscape.openmainframeproject.org/fullscreen>



Broad open source supported on mainframe



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Open Mainframe Project enables innovation



Enabling innovation - connecting z/OS to enterprise devops with Zowe



Major Problem

Modernize integration with z/OS based applications and services
Bridge the talent gap by enabling modern development stacks on z/OS

How We Innovated

2018 Open Mainframe Project added Zowe from contributions from Broadcom, IBM, Rocket Software
2019 Zowe reached 1.0, launched Zowe Conformant to enable downstream ecosystem; investments in collaboration, ecosystem development, and infrastructure
2021 Zowe formed TSC to have technologists lead project direction; launched Zowe Support Conformant Program
2022 Zowe 2.0 release
2023 Zowe grows focuses on security and training

Results

60,000+ Commits, 1000+ contributors all time
38% of mainframe customers using Zowe in production; 31% planning to in the next year (source Arcati Mainframe Yearbook 2023)
50+ Zowe Conformant offerings, 3 Zowe Conformant Support Providers
7000+ completed Zowe training offered by Interskill
New project contributions from BMC, IBA Group, Vicom Infinity, and others, has grown codebase

Enabling innovation - modernizing COBOL



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COBOL
Programming Course



OPEN MAINFRAME PROJECT

COBOL Check



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COBOL
Working Group

Major Problem

COBOL talent is critical to our society, and the need has amplified in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enabling the next generation to have COBOL skills done in isolation, causing repeated efforts and lower uptick.

COBOL lacking tools that align with modern development

How We Innovated

Launched [COBOL Programming Course](#) as an open source project in April 2020, teaching COBOL development using VS Code and Zowe.

Created [collaboration forums](#) and ways that COBOL talent can advertise their availability

Launched [COBOL Working Group](#) to bring together leaders in thinking about the future of COBOL

[COBOL Check](#) project launched, bringing TDD practices to COBOL

Results

“[Calling all COBOL Programmers](#)” forum has had over 1.9k individuals make themselves available since April 2020

[COBOL Programming Course GitHub repo](#) has 2.5k stars and 500+ forks, along with 22 contributors from several organizations, continuing to evolve with deeper level COBOL training content

COBOL Working Group getting broad feedback on the future direction of COBOL
COBOL Check a step forward in modern dev practices and being integrated into VS Code and COBOL Programming Course curriculum.

Enabling innovation - create hub for Linux on Z and z/VM community



Major Problem

Users want to manage their mainframes with the same modern cloud technologies used across the enterprise.

z/VM integration with technologies such as OpenStack have long been a challenge.

Contribution base was IBM only, making it challenging to get wider adoption

z/VM lacked a sustainable hub for community tools and utilities

Linux distributions supporting s390x mainframe

How We Innovated

2019 Open Mainframe Project added Feilong

2020 Software Discovery Tool and Tessia added as a projects

2021 z/VM Community Tools forms as a Sandbox project, Linux Distributions Working Group formed

Results

Central repository for open source on mainframe developed, tracking across all major distributions (
<http://sdt.openmainframeproject.org>)

Sustainable and coordinated maintainership for s390x Linux distributions, including Alma Linux, Debian, Fedora, and openSUSE amongst others.

Central hub being developed for z/VM tools and utilities for easier discoverability.

Enabling innovation - with the next generation



OPEN MAINFRAME PROJECT

MENTORSHIP

Major Problem

Aging tenured mainframe talent, with a growing mainframe talent gap and skills decline in next generation talent.

Needing to help connect students with opportunities in mainframe, aligning the interests in open source

How We Innovated

Launched first mentorship program in 2016 with 7 mentees.

Connected within the mainframe and broad open source community to ensure mentorship work has upstream project value.

Enabled universities to also leverage the program within class work; successful with VCU and Western University (Ontario)

Results

70+ mentees completed the program, with broader classwork focus reaching 100s more.

Upstream work has included ports of Alpine Linux, contributions to HyperLedger, OpenStack, CloudFoundry, Kubernetes, and more.

Several mentees are now employed in mainframe roles with IBM, SUSE, ADP, and more.

The image is a collage of two photographs. The top photograph shows four people's arms reaching across a wooden desk, each pointing at a laptop screen. One laptop on the left has a visible keyboard and trackpad. Another laptop in the center has a black smartphone resting on its keyboard. A white coffee cup with a blue lid sits on the right side of the desk. The bottom photograph shows a close-up of a person's arm wearing a black and green watch, resting on a wooden desk. In the background, there are multiple power outlets with several white cables plugged in. A laptop screen is partially visible on the left, showing a chart or graph. A striped tie is draped over the right side of the desk.

Innovation enablement is more than code



Enabling innovation through diversity and inclusion

A REAL CONVERSATION TO ACCELERATE OUR WAY FORWARD

MAKING OUR STRONG COMMUNITY, STRONGER: A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

Webinar: How Personal Experiences Shape Corporate Inclusion

April 28th 2021 | 11:00 CST / 12:00 EST

Moderator: Dr. Gloria Chance
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Webinar: Unmasking Our 'Whole Self' - Can We Create Inclusive Psychologically Safe Spaces in the Workplace?

July 28th 2021 | 9:00 PDT / 12:00 EDT

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From Educators to End Users: Leveraging Holistic Approaches and the Importance of Belonging Across the Tech Ecosystem

February 23rd 2022 | 9:00 PDT / 12:00 EDT

Moderator: Dr. Gloria Chance
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What inclusion means to me and how to get started

Written by Maemalynn Meanor, Senior Public Relations Manager at The Linux Foundation Diversity and inclusion...

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My favorite Mainframe and Six Women Building It

Written by Tina Tarquinio, Making Our Strong Community Stronger Panelist and Product Management Executive for...

 Open Mainframe Project
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Women in Technology Continue to Grow in Numbers and Contribution

Written by Sagi Amirsoleymani, Vice President, WW Cross Brand, Rocket Software Rocket Software is a...

 Open Mainframe Project
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Read about diversity in mainframe on [Open Mainframe Project’s Blog](#)

Enabling innovation by telling the “mainframer” story



- Monthly interview series that highlights diversity in mainframe
- Showcases why people have mainframe in their careers and their views of the technology and career field
- Read and listen at openmainframeproject.org/podcast



Enabling innovation by providing an “open” mainframe

Hosted by Marist College, and through the donation of hardware by Broadcom Mainframe Software, the Open Mainframe Project has a mainframe resource available to **any** open source project looking to support Linux on s390x, z/OS, or z/VM.

More details to come in 2023



Enabling community by creating new ecosystems



Zowe Conformance Program enables vendors to showcase their offerings based on Zowe, as well as their capabilities in supporting Zowe end-users.

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More details at

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Enabling community through a focal event for open source on mainframe



Open Mainframe Summit is the annual event that brings together the open source and mainframe ecosystems, discussing projects, trends, and executive insights.

In 2023 we align with key industry events to bring this innovation to end-users, helping them leverage and engage the open innovation happening in mainframe.



Las Vegas - September 11th

New York - November 1st

More at openmainframesummit.org

Getting involved in Open Mainframe Project



Contribute to our projects - anyone can!



Contribute to an existing project:

- Submit a PR with a bugfix or new feature
- Pick existing GitHub issue as a sample project
- Integrate with a new app / contribute plugin
- Help improve project documentation
- Submit additional test cases
- Join the TSC discussion: dev mailing list, conf calls

Get involved with the TAC or Working Group:

- DevOps / CI expertise always useful
- Interest / expertise in security especially welcome
- Join the TAC discussions: mailing list, conf calls, working groups

More information at

tac.openmainframeproject.org/engagement



Getting Involved in Projects

All of the projects hosted at the Open Mainframe Project are open and transparent, and welcome participation from anyone interested in the technology areas. Each project publishes their governance processes within their project repo (typically in the README.md file or in a GOVERNANCE.md file within the primary project repo or TSC repo) on roles within the community and how decision making is made.

TAC Meetings

Learn more about joining the public meetings of the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) on the [Meetings page](#)

Mailing Lists and Slack channels for hosted projects

Each project hosted at the Open Mainframe Project collaborates on open channels that are welcome for anyone in the community to participate in. See the below list of channels for each project.

All Slack channels referenced below are part of the [Open Mainframe Project Slack organization](#)



Repo: <https://github.com/openmainframeproject/ade>

Website: <http://ade.openmainframeproject.org>

Slack: #ade

Leads: James Caffrey

Repo: <https://github.com/openmainframeproject/cobol-programming-course>

Website:

<https://www.openmainframeproject.org/projects/cobolprogrammingcourse>

Mailing List: <https://lists.openmainframeproject.org/g/cobol-course-discussion>

Slack: #cobol-programming-course



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Learn more about the Open Mainframe Project



- Discover and participate in any of our 18 hosted projects and working groups at openmainframeproject.org/projects
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- Take part in our upcoming events and webinars at openmainframeproject.org/events
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Why become a member?

Becoming an Open Mainframe Project member means your organization is...



- a leader in the open source on mainframe community
- wants to drive the technical vision of open source on mainframe
- a thought leader or aims to be a thought leader in open source on mainframe
- bringing solutions to market based on projects hosted at the Open Mainframe Project, and wanting to show your stewardship towards those communities

Leverage our industry presence to advance your thought leadership.



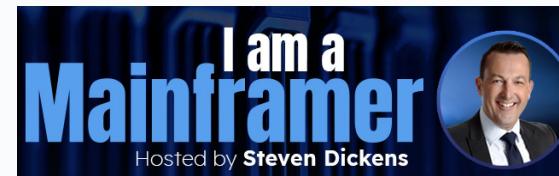
Through our large audience, extensive media outreach, and with key partnership with publications such as [Linux.com](#), [TFiR](#), [TechChannel](#), and [MediaOps](#), you will be positioned to be a thought leader in open source. Specific benefits include...

- Announcement of your membership via press release and social.
- Your company logo on both the [Open Mainframe Project website](#) and [Linux Foundation website](#).
- Guest blog post(s) on the [Open Mainframe Project blog](#) on a thought-leadership topics of our choice.
- Provide a guest for the "[I Am A Mainframer](#)" podcast, hosted by Steven Dickens and Open Mainframe Project
- Post one technical article about an open source project you care about to [Linux.com](#), which has over 1 million unique visitors per month.
- Support of your announcements with social outreach and quotes from Linux Foundation and/or Open Mainframe Project leadership as appropriate.
- Access to opportunities for contributed articles, videos, podcasts, and events



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6000+
followers



3500+
followers



1100+ global media
articles in 2022
from 4 press
announcements

Exclusive opportunities for Open Mainframe Summit



Members have an exclusive opportunity to participate in our annual Open Mainframe Summit, this year in person in Las Vegas and New York. This event is the focal point for the open source and mainframe community, bringing together developers, users, and executives, from the mainframe community and beyond.

Member benefits include...

- Discounts on registration and sponsorship
- Include your news relating to open source on mainframe with our press materials to reach the 20+ reporters and analysts covering the event.
- Onsite meetings with Open Mainframe Project leadership



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Additional Event Participation Opportunities

- One invite to our member-exclusive [Linux Foundation Member Summit](#), which fosters collaboration, innovation, and partnerships among the leading projects and organizations working to drive digital transformation with open source technologies.
- Employees at your organization receive a 20% registration discount to eligible [Linux Foundation events](#), such as our Open Source Summit events in North America, Europe, and Japan.
 - Open Mainframe Project hosts mini-events for members and the community at these events.
- A 5% Discount on [Linux Foundation Event Sponsorship](#), including [Open Mainframe Summit](#) (7% discount on multi-event Sponsorships). Sponsorships offer a valuable way to reach the community of Open Source Developers, Engineers, C-level Executives, and more.





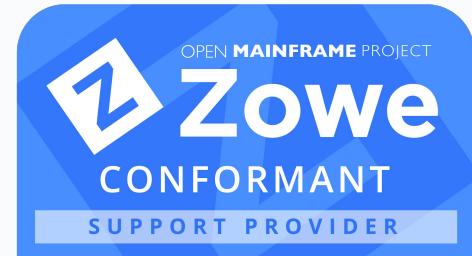
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Showcase your career opportunities in mainframe



- Showcase of Open Mainframe Project members who are hiring for mainframe positions
- Not a job board - links to each member's job listings

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Open Mainframe Project's careers section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for ABOUT, PROJECTS, COMMUNITY, NEWS, RESOURCES, and CONTACT, along with social media icons for Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, GitHub, and others. A search bar is also present. The main header features a large, glowing blue globe graphic with the text "CAREERS IN MAINFRAME" overlaid. Below the header, a sub-header reads: "Are you looking to see where mainframe and open source skills can take you? Check out the many open opportunities from Open Mainframe Project members below for the next step in your career." Below this text, there are four rows of company logos, each with a "LEARN MORE" button underneath. The companies listed are ADP, BROADCOM, epam, IBM, MICRO FOCUS, Rocket software, SUSE, and precisely. At the bottom of the page, there is a small legal notice about trademarks and a footer with social media links.

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<https://www.openmainframeproject.org/resources/careers>



Host a mentorship

Open Mainframe Project funds mentorships for students to bring new talent into mainframe through contributions to open source. These mentees have made huge impacts on hosted projects such as Zowe, Feilong, COBOL Programming Course, and more, as well as broad open source projects such as Alpine Linux, CloudFoundry, Kubernetes, and more.

Members can provide a mentorship and be a mentor, which is funded by the Open Mainframe Project. This provides a unique opportunity to find new talent.

Contact mentorship@openmainframeproject.org if you are interested.



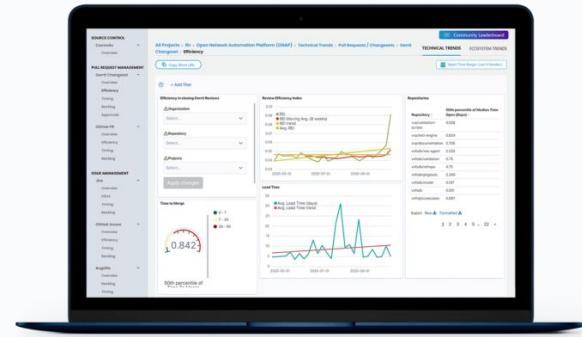
Measure your project impact with LFX Insights



LFX Insights (Technical Trends) is a new analytics tool that is provided to all open source projects hosted by the Linux Foundation. Its capabilities include:

- Getting the visibility you need to remove bottlenecks at any stage of your project's code pipeline. Drill down into performance metrics across every step in the development lifecycle to identify where you should be focusing your resources.
 - Ensuring the health and viability of the open source projects you care about. Leverage data to help validate projects for investment, and track the activity and growth of projects your organization is already involved in.
 - Showcasing your organization's leadership and subject matter expertise in the open source community. Leverage affiliations to measure the impact of your employees' contributions and capture the full picture of your team's impact

In addition to the use of the other LFX tools provided by the Linux Foundation, access to [LFX Insights \(Ecosystem Trends\)](#) tool is available to Open Mainframe Project Silver and Platinum members, which provides additional visibility into tracking your project's performance beyond code with a more holistic view of your ecosystem. Identify opportunities to grow your community and increase awareness with ecosystem trend metrics including share of voice, top influencers, email list collaborators, and more.



DLFX Insights

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Training & Certification

The Linux Foundation offers training and certification direct from the source, those contributing to the world's most important open source projects.

As an Open Mainframe Project Silver or Platinum member, you are entitled to 10 vouchers for 100% any...

- LF eLearning Class
- Certification Exam
- eLearning+Certification Exam “Bundle”.

The value is \$299+ per course.

Improve your open source compliance and practices



As a Linux Foundation member, your in-house counsel has access to the leading vendor-neutral resources in open source compliance, best practices, and training, along with peer collaboration. Specific benefits include...

- Your legal counsel's ability to participate in bi-monthly legal calls
- One invite for your in-house counsel to [LF Legal Summit](#), which helps connect your counsel to their peers at other member companies and advance your organization's open source licensing, litigation, compliance, and best practices.
- Access to a complimentary membership to the [TODO Group](#), which is a forum for discussing best practices and approaches for establishing and managing open source program offices in organizations.
- Support from the vast expertise in the Linux Foundation in engaging with open source, and even starting your own open source project(s).

THE LINUX FOUNDATION

Welcome to The Linux Foundation!

The Linux Foundation works with companies and communities to support the development of critical, sustainable open source projects. Companies and organizations join the LF in order to enable better collaboration among businesses and technical leaders in the open source community.

The LF also serves a key role as a neutral, collaborative forum for in-house counsel to come together and discuss legal matters relating to their development and use of open source. This welcome packet is intended to introduce your legal teams to some of the LF groups and resources that are available to them.

LF Member Counsel

The Linux Foundation hosts recurring events for the in-house legal teams from LF members, including:

- [bimonthly member counsel calls](#), where the LF legal team discusses current topics facing our members and projects in their interactions with open source projects and communities;
- [our annual Legal Summit](#), where our members' legal teams gather for deep dives, presentations and workshops, and honest and frank debates on critical open source legal matters.

One point of clarification is that these events are for lawyers. It is acceptable to include someone else from your organization, but you must have a lawyer present as it will make other lawyers uncomfortable to participate with unrepresented individuals from other companies.

LF Member Counsel events are open to all of our members' legal teams, and are coordinated via mailing list. Please contact us at legal@linuxfoundation.org to be added to the list.

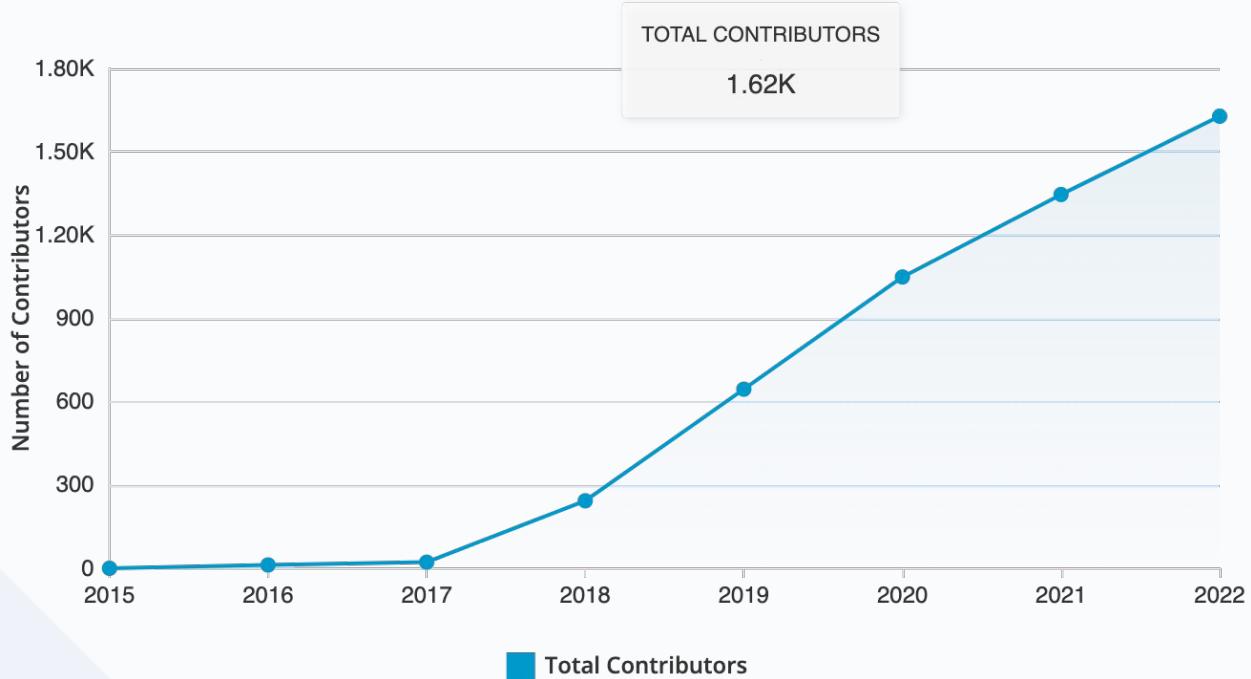
Projects: Compliance, Licensing and Best Practices

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| ACT | https://automatecompliance.org/ ACT (Automating Compliance Tooling) seeks to improve software tooling for detecting and complying with open source licenses. Its goal is to improve the efficiency and quality of open source compliance tools to enable compliance workflows that can be optimized for each company's unique build and release process. |
| OPENCHAIN | https://www.openchainproject.org/ OpenChain defines the key requirements for an organization's open source compliance program. It establishes a conformance program where companies can self-certify to these requirements, with the goal of improving transparency and communication of compliance information across supply chains. |
| SPDX | https://spdx.dev/ SPDX (Software Package Data Exchange) is a specification for communicating Software Package Metadata in a standardized, human- and machine-readable format. It enables better communication of information, including license and copyright details, between organizations and interoperability between compliance tools. |
| TODO | https://todogroup.org/ The TODO Group (Talk Openly, Develop Openly) is a forum where participants discuss best practices and approaches for open source strategy in their businesses. Participants include members of open source program offices and related teams, collaboratively addressing various strategic considerations interacting with open source communities. |
| COMMUNITY DATA LICENSE AGREEMENT | https://cdla.io/ CDLA (Community Data License Agreement) is a pair of licenses that were jointly drafted by members of the LF Member Counsel community. They define reusable license terms intended to better address unique issues that arise in open data collaboration. |

But most importantly, you support innovation



Our collaborative projects and working groups are successful because of the investment of members funding these initiatives.



Data through 12/31/2022. Source:

[https://insights-v2.lfx.linuxfoundation.org/open-mainframe-project/trends?selectedDateFilterType=CUSTOMDATES&startDate=Thu%20Jan%2001%202015%2000:00:00%20GMT-0500%20\(Eastern%20Standard%20Time\)&endDate=Sat%20Dec%2031%202022%2023:59:59%20GMT-0500%20\(Eastern%20Standard%20Time\)](https://insights-v2.lfx.linuxfoundation.org/open-mainframe-project/trends?selectedDateFilterType=CUSTOMDATES&startDate=Thu%20Jan%2001%202015%2000:00:00%20GMT-0500%20(Eastern%20Standard%20Time)&endDate=Sat%20Dec%2031%202022%2023:59:59%20GMT-0500%20(Eastern%20Standard%20Time))

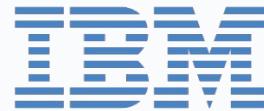
Drive the direction of the foundation through Platinum Membership



Platinum members are the key stewards of the Open Mainframe Project, and as such hold key leadership positions in the various governance structures. Their investment is key to the sustainability of open source in mainframe.

Specific Benefits include:

- Voting seat on the Governing Board, TAC, and Marketing Committee, enabling the member to direct the strategic direction, budget, and priorities of the Open Mainframe Project.
- Host an Open Mainframe Project webinar and have a guest on the “I Am A Mainframer” podcast annually, if desired.
- Regular meetings to brief on project activities, and an annual membership check-in to review engagement opportunities and provide feedback to project leadership.
- First opportunity to participate and drive event and outreach opportunities, and the project will ensure partnership with Platinum Members in relevant events.
- Open Mainframe Project leadership will support Platinum Member events, internal open source program efforts, and be available for customer and prospect engagement.
- Additional training benefits through [LF Training](#).



Corporate, Academic, Associate Membership Levels



| Level | Annual Fee Includes LF Silver Membership | Board Seat | TAC Seat | Marketing Committee | Notes |
|----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Platinum | \$120,000 | Yes | Voting | Yes | Initial 2-year participant commitment |
| Platinum End-User | \$30,000 | Yes | Voting | Yes | Initial 2-year participant commitment |
| Silver | 5,000 employees or more = \$50,000 2,000 < 5,000 employees = \$35,000 1,000 < 2,000 employees = \$30,000 500 < 1000 employees = \$25,000 100 < 500 employees = \$15,000 < 100 employees = \$10,000 | 1 per 10 | Non Voting | Yes | |
| Academic | Free | 1 per 10 | Non Voting | Yes | Restricted to academic institutions |
| Associate | Free | No | Non Voting | Yes | Non-profits, open source projects |

To join Open Mainframe Project, go to <https://www.openmainframeproject.org/about/join> or email at membership@openmainframeproject.com

Listed fees include Linux Foundation Silver membership. If you are already a Linux Foundation Member, reduced pricing is available.



Thank you!

