

Open Access - Practicing the Open Source Way

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Black boxes are anathema to science



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Principles – what, how, why

THE OPEN SOURCE WAY

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The open source way is a **way of thinking** about **how people collaborate within a community** to achieve common goals and interests.

In the end, it is ...

Enabling people to further their own interests while contributing those interests back to a common good.

The open source way is a practice, and this is its **community of practice**. In this community, we teach and learn the practice of collaborating in open community.

On this website you will find:

- [Handbook](#) for how to create and nurture communities of contributors: [wiki](#) (most up-to-date), [Multi-page HTML](#), [Single-page HTML](#), [PDF](#), and [Epub](#).
- [Metrics working group](#) are people interested in the how, what, and why of gathering and analyzing metrics about open communities.
- [Main mailing list](#) is for general community discussions about the practice and the project.
- **Tools** such as [checklists](#) and [curriculum](#).
- [Recommended books](#).
- [Source materials and data](#) for reference.
- [Source code](#) for everything in the project not in the wiki.
- [Our contribution policy](#) is clear and more useful than any [CLA](#).

If you have any questions that our [documentation](#) doesn't answer, please ask on the [project mailing list](#).



The open source way is similar to a barnraising.

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