



SAP Open Source Manifesto

June 2024





Introduction

At SAP, we've always believed in the power of collaborative innovation. From the early days of our enterprise standard software based on a source-available license to today's cloud-native open-source projects initiated by SAP, our goal has been to empower organizations and employees to achieve more.

The open-source movement complements this mission perfectly, fostering an environment of shared ideas, code, and aspirations. Our engagement with open source is not new; it's a continuation of our commitment to openness, collaboration, and development efficiency. This manifesto articulates our dedication, commitment, and aspirations regarding open source.



Our *Open Source* Vision

Driving Innovation through Open Collaboration

We believe that open source is a catalyst for innovation, enabling global minds to collaborate, share, and advance technology together.

Empowerment through Openness

By making essential parts of our development platform, frameworks, and tools open, we strive to empower communities, customers, and partners to build upon our work, creating solutions that benefit all.

Trust and Transparency

We commit to contributing to open source with integrity, fostering trust in our motives and methods within the community.

Community Engagement

Open source is more than code; it's about community. We believe in inclusive environments where everyone, regardless of background, can contribute and innovate.





Our Commitments

Consistent Contributions

We actively participate in the open-source community, contributing code, expertise, and resources to projects that align with our values and vision.

Championing Open Standards

We advocate for and adhere to open standards, understanding their pivotal role in creating cohesive and interoperable systems.

Open-first Approach

We strive to adopt an open-first approach for our underlying technology, releasing numerous key innovations to the community and preferring open-source solutions in our endeavors.

Nurturing Open-Source Ecosystems

We actively support, promote, and nurture open-source projects and communities.

Feedback-Driven Approach

We are receptive to the open-source community, valuing their feedback so that we can learn from it.



How We Engage

Respectful Engagement

We engage with open-source communities with respect, recognizing and honoring existing norms and cultures.

Sustained Support

We contribute to the long-term health and sustainability of open-source projects, through direct support, funding, and dedicated personnel.

Clear and Fair Licensing

We use standard and fair licensing for our open-source projects to ensure they are easy to use and contribute to.





Empowering Our Employees

Encouraging Open-Source Participation

We foster a culture that encourages our employees to actively engage with and contribute to open-source projects.

Continuous Learning

We provide resources and training for our employees to keep them updated about open-source best practices and emerging trends.

Acknowledgment of Excellence

We celebrate and commend our employees' invaluable contributions to the open-source landscape.

InnerSource

We encourage our employees to apply open-source principles internally.



Conclusion

Open source is a testament to the power of collaborative evolution in technology. At SAP, we are honored to contribute to this movement and remain steadfast in our commitment to its growth and success.

Related Links and References

- [SAP Open Source Manifesto on GitHub](#)
- opensource.sap.com
- [SAP GitHub](#)
- [SAP Open Source Publications](#)
- Podcast: [The Open Source Way](#)

Get in contact:

ospo@sap.com

[Open a GitHub issue](#)



SAP Open Source Manifesto
© 2024 SAP SE or an SAP affiliate company.

All rights reserved. See Legal Notice on www.sap.com/legal-notice for use terms, disclaimers, disclosures, or restrictions related to this material. The text version of the SAP Open Source manifesto is also available at <https://github.com/SAP/open-source-manifesto>, subject to the license terms outlined therein.