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Building a community around your Open Source research software

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Are you developing an Open Source research software? Is your software developed and maintained mainly by one group or organization? Is your software also of interest to third-party users, be it researchers, NGOs or other group of users? Do you have first third-party users of your software? Do you wonder how to build a community around your software beyond the original developers?

If these questions resonate with you, we invite you to join our upcoming meet-up. This event aims to connect research software developers planning to broaden their development team, those encountering their initial interactions with third-party users, and those who have successfully established vibrant communities around their research software. We are interested in your experiences, both positive as well as negative, in collaborating with software developers beyond your organization and want to learn about the challenges you may have faced.

During the meet-up we will split up into smaller groups and discuss and hopefully answer questions like:

• How to prepare research software for third-party users/developers?
• How to attract new third-party users/developers?
• How to get third-party users into collaborative development?
• How to balance growing demand for support with obligations for own projects?
• How to lower entry barriers?

Your insights will contribute to the creation of a final document summarizing all lessons learned and proposing effective solution strategies. This collective resource will serve as a valuable guide for research software developers navigating the transition from a software primarily used by a specific group to a research software developed and maintained by a broader and more diverse community.

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