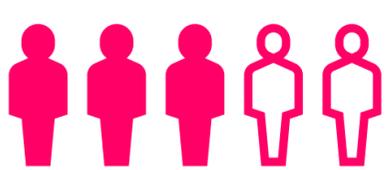


who & why contributes to Open Source

17K+ devs shed light on burning questions

how many developers contribute to Open Source?



3 out of 5 developers contribute to Open Source

Q4 2019
n=16,152

who's in and who's out?

33%

of them are less than 24 years old, involved in multiple development areas especially in machine learning/AI & AR/VR

48%

of them have two or more public repositories on Github (similarly in StackOverflow)

devs contributing to OSS

devs not contributing to OSS

26%

of them are less than 24 years old

67%

have no public repository on Github, they're less likely to be involved in multiple development areas

why contribute?

It's not about the money, it's the thrill

29%

improve coding skills
50% of them also thinks it's fun

26%

believe in the benefits of open source

22%

because it's fun!

22%

to solve an issue with an existing open source software project

20%

solve a problem in the world

14%

build their reputation

11%

network
56% of them think they belong somewhere

3%

of developers are getting paid
These guys are less likely to see the fun in it!

what developers expect from companies

some, nothing

33% 15%

33% of non-contributing & 15% of contributing don't expect anything from companies

non-contributing devs have expectations

66%

of non-contributing devs realise the importance of OSS. They believe companies should be a part of it.

devs who contribute

don't care much for building a product

44%

of them care for open source community support, especially those trying to fix a problem

44%

of them care for full documentation, especially those that get paid

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