

Finding an AOSP developer community



The community that wasn't there

Like all other open source projects, AOSP developers are widely dispersed

Like all other open source projects, they need to talk, share, help each other

But, AOSP has lacked any sense of being part of a community



Why no community?

Usually, the core team of a project promotes and nurtures community

The AOSP team in Google have never felt the need to do so (for reasons that we have no control over, and need not concern us here)

So we are looking for an organic response from AOSP devs - Unite!



What do we mean by "community"?

- Community means sharing information about the platform and infrastructure
 - non competitive
- Community means a place to ask questions, reply to questions, share information gained ("I just found this neat way to ...")
- Community requires leadership to coordinate and promote



Why community is a good idea

- Open source is a two way street
 - download code
 - upstream patches, share experiences, ask questions
- win-win
 - for the individual dev: recognition; satisfaction
 - for the team: problems resolved faster; changes merged upstream do not have to be reapplied next release
 - for the company: opportunity to influence the project (AOSP) and get your solutions integrated, plus happier and more efficient teams



Finding a community

In September 2024 I gave a talk at Linux Plumbers "The Search for an AOSP community"

Since then, a group of us created aosp-devs.org

Some achievements

- chat (Discord) server with >300 users
- many chat channels, including #atv, #automotive, #general, #jobs, #kernel
- in-person meeting: this AOSP devroom at FOSDEM 2025
- on-going on-line meetings at <https://aospandaos.github.io/>
- monthly newsletter starting January:
<https://aosp-devs.org/newsletter.html>



What next?

Continue to develop aosp-devs.org

Support existing and new open source projects relating to AOSP

More meetings

- Online - AOSP and AAOS March Meetup: 19 March 2025
- In-person - Embedded Recipes: 14-16 May 2025, Nice, France
- In-person - Linaro Connect: 14-16 May 2025, Lisbon, Portugal



How you can help

Join in

Spread the word, become an ambassador for aosp-devs

We will talk about this later on at 11:00 in when Karim Yaghmour moderates the session

"What can we do to improve the AOSP community?"

