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Open Development

- Methodology for developing open source software collaboratively
- Community-led
  - Participants 'scratching their own itch'
- Perfect environment for cross-institutional collaboration
- Benefit from external participation

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Community

"The real value of open source software is that it allows communities to work together and solve problems"

- Irving Wladawsky-Berger,

Head of IBM's e-business on demand initiative

http://www.itconversations.com/shows/detail495.html

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Long term sustainability

- It's all about the users
  - no users means no contributors
  - no contributors means no developers
  - no developers means no development
  - no development means no future prospect of attracting users
- No users means no business opportunities
- No business justification means no development
- No users means no project

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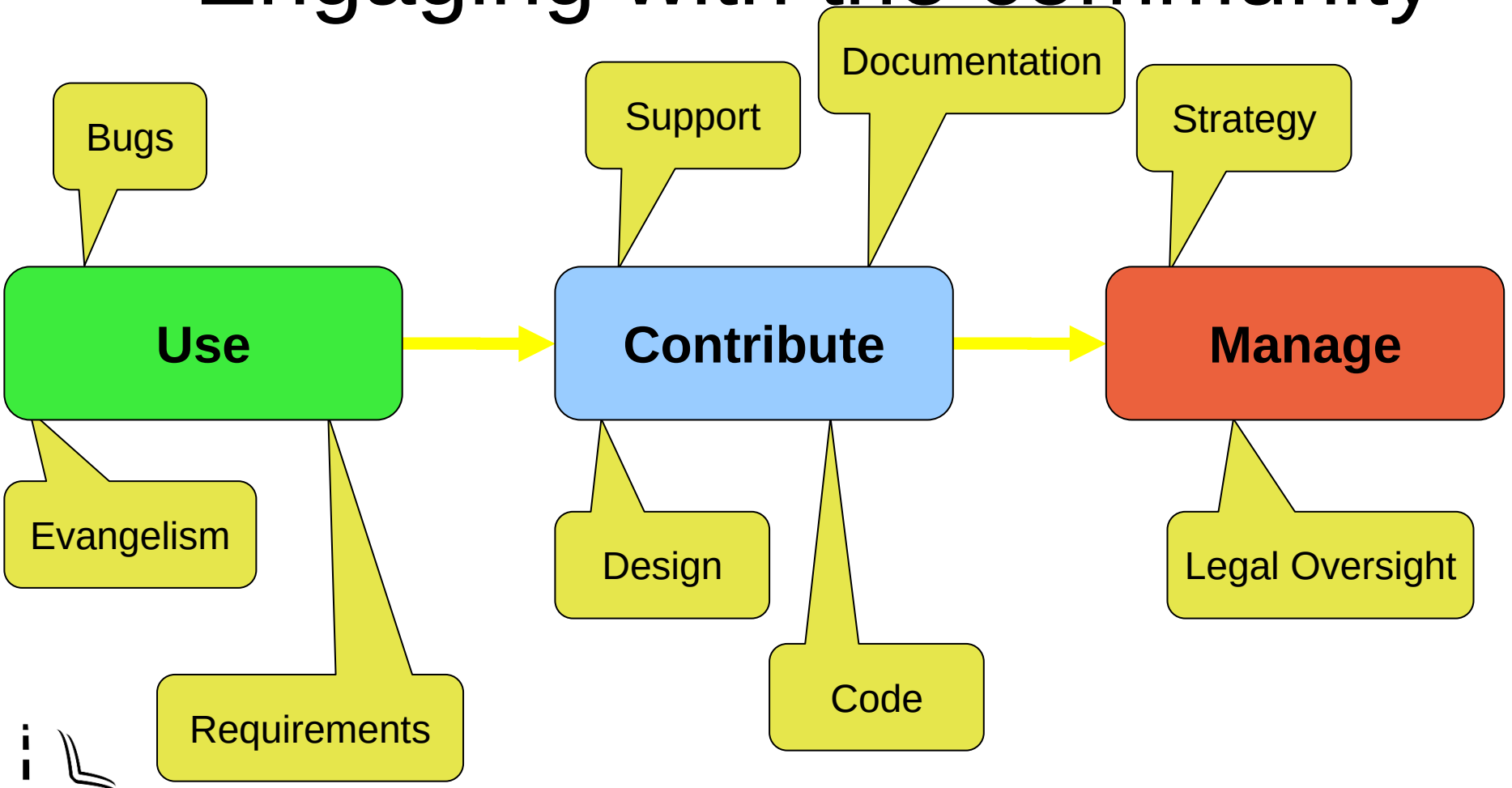
OSS Watch

Engaging with the community



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Why does this community care?

- Open source is driven by user need
  - Without user feedback the project is blind
- Assisting users ensures the user community expands
  - A large user community becomes self supporting
- Some users become contributors
- Some contributors become maintainers

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Molly implementations

- Mobile Oxford
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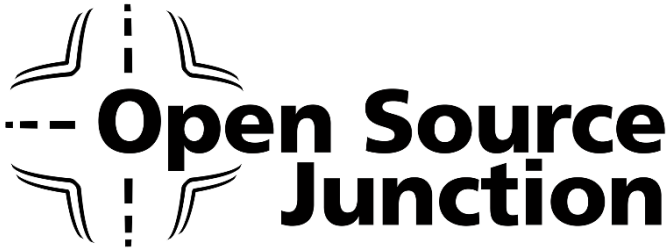

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