How Open Source Projects Work:
Contributing to the Open Object Rexx Project

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Open Object Rexx Project Charter

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Open Object Rexx License: CPL v1.0

• All source code, documentation, samples, etc are licensed under the Common Public License v1.0
• This is the only license used by the project
• All contributions must be made under this license
Common Public License v1.0

• Good news and bad news

• Good news
  − This license has very few administrative hassles
  − Easy to understand
  − Very few restrictions
  − No need to monitor the use of the project's output
  − Cannot be sued for patent violations from contributors
Common Public License v1.0

• Bad News
  − Contributions must be certified
  − Contributors may not like the license patent clauses
  − Anyone may attempt to sell or profit from the project
  − May need your employer's permission to work on the project
Project Membership

• Membership open to all

• Level of membership determined by the amount you contribute to the project - a meritocracy

• Three membership levels
  - User
  - Developer
  - Committer
Contributions to the Open Object Rexx Project

• All contributions must be certified unless you are a Committer
• Patches and new code will all be evaluated before being committed
• Eventually all patches will be run through a regression test suite
Call For Participation

- Your involvement is important
- Do what you can
- Contribute in the areas you know best
- All platforms are important
Types of Contributions

- Patches
- Documentation
- Samples
- Utility classes
- New additions to the project
- Regression test suite