



Vital Stats: Worksheet



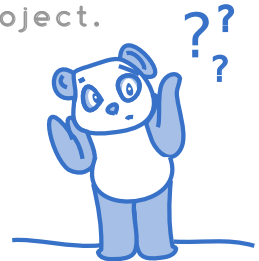
We created this worksheet to help you identify the **vital stats** for a project of your choice. Factors such as the activity on mailing lists and recent commits help you identify the **state of a project**. With these valuable information **available at your fingertips**, it will become easier to decide whether or not to get involved in a project. So let's get started!

Tell us about the project you're interested in!

- **What's** the name of your project?
- **Where** does it live, what's its URL?
- **When** did its last release take place?

Very good. Now let's talk a little more about your project.

- **What's** the software written in?
- **Where** other technologies does it use?
- **Does it** require some exotic hardware to run?
- **Has it** seen a stable production release yet?
- **Does it** have clear future plans, a.k.a. roadmap?
If so, link to it!
- **Can you** make an estimate about the size of its user base?



And finally, we'll look into the sustainability of the project.

- **What's** the level of activity in the developer community?
- **What's** the level of activity in the user community?
- **What's** the quality of the information for users & developers?
- **How** transparent are the project's processes?
- **Does** the project provide a variety of entry points?
- **Is** there sufficient room to make an impact?



Don't fret if you can't answer all of these questions right away! We'll be around and give **examples where to look** for the answers. Finally, we'll have a quick discussion on your results. Keep **your eyes open** for surprises.

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