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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