

# Joining the ONAP Technical Community

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## Want To Join LF Networking?

Looking for information on how to join Linux Foundation Networking as a Member? Please go here: <https://www.linuxfoundation.org/projects/networking/join/>

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We are very happy to have you as part of our global development community.

## Are you or your company new to participating in an open source project?



If so, there are two things you should do before proceeding:

1. **Regardless of your job title or role, please, Please, PLEASE watch this overview of how to be successful working in an open source Community.** This 30 minute presentation by [Chris Donley](#) provides key insights to the cultural norms and expectations that often differ radically from what you may be accustomed to in a traditional company development model
  2. **Review the LFN Member Guide.** The LFN Member Guide provides a complete reference guide to everyone in the LF Networking community.
    - **For company leadership** the guide provides info on how to get the most out of your membership, for all of the Projects under the LFN umbrella.
    - **For development managers** the guide provides a general overview of the various group structures, what each does on a daily basis and the key links you need to help your team be effective.
    - **For company developers** you will get practical suggestions for how to engage, get connected and how to get help when you need it.
    - **For non-member contributors** the guide provides a better understand how LF Networking is structured and operates and provides you with the level of full transparency you expect from an open source project.
- Additional sources of training and information:
    - [Open Source License training](#)
    - Official Training: [Introduction to ONAP](#)

## Where Do I Start? Get an LFID

### Linux Foundation Identity (LFID)

*(Already have an LFID from a different project? You are good to go, just use the one you have to login to the ONAP wiki or other tools)*

Most of the information on this wiki is viewable as an anonymous user, however an LFID is needed to access some content areas and it is ultimately required if you will be contributing to the project in any way.

Not only is an LFID your passport to ONAP, it is also used by LFN Communities such as [ODL](#), [FD.io](#), [ONF](#) and dozens of other Projects from all areas of the Linux Foundation.

To obtain an LFID go to the [Linux Foundation Portal](#), select the option to create a new account, and complete the form. Note that an LFID must be Linux user name compliant (no space and no underscore) **Please do this first, even if you only plan to passively browse content as it will save you (and potentially our IT team) headaches in the future.**



The screenshot shows the Linux Foundation login and registration interface. At the top, there are four social login buttons: 'Log in with Facebook', 'Log in with Google', 'Log in with GitHub', and 'Log in with OpenStack'. Below these is an 'Or' separator. Then, there are two radio buttons: 'I already have a Linux Foundation ID' (selected) and 'I need to create a Linux Foundation ID'. Below the radio buttons are four input fields: 'Username', 'Email Address', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. Each field has a small blue icon on the right. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Provide a password for the new account in both fields. Password must be at least 6 characters.'

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## Need support from Linux Foundation?

Please go to <https://jira.linuxfoundation.org/plugins/servlet/theme/portals/category/4> to open a ticket for any technical issue related to Linux Foundation Tool Chain

## Explore the Platform Components

Read about the platform [architecture](#), watch video presentations on major components, look at APIs and source code.

## Join Mailing Lists

Subscribe to [mailing lists](#) you are interested in following. The [onap-discuss](#) list is a good place to post questions, look for answers to questions, and discuss potential change or enhancement ideas.

## Look at JIRA Epics, Stories, and Issues

You can look at [Issue Reports](#) for opportunities to contribute. As your understanding of the platform grows and interactions on the onap-discuss mailing list with project leads results in ideas for enhancement, enter them in JIRA using procedures described in [Tracking Issues with JIRA](#).

## Develop Software for the Platform

See the [Developing ONAP](#) section for instructions on how to get set up.

## Develop Software that Runs on the Platform

Create Virtual Network Functions or Applications that run on the platform. See [Creating a Virtual Network Function \(VNF\)](#) and [Creating a Portal Application](#).