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Signaling Diversity and Inclusion for Open Source Project Health

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Today's talk

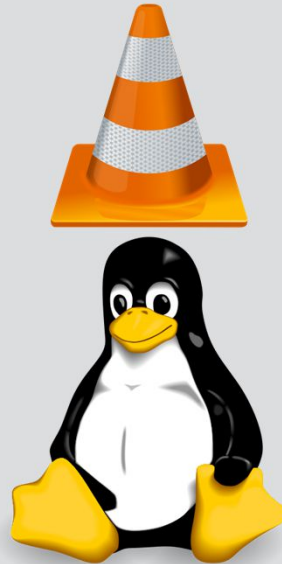
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Open Source Projects





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DIVERSITY IN OPEN SOURCE IS EVEN WORSE THAN IN TECH OVERALL

WIRED

Most People

- White
- Male
- English speaker
- Western culture





Diversity and Inclusion

- Innovation
- Fairness
- Equity

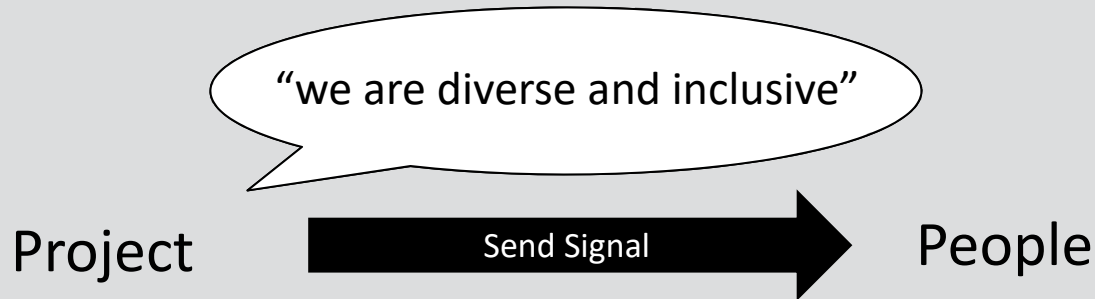


Signaling Theory



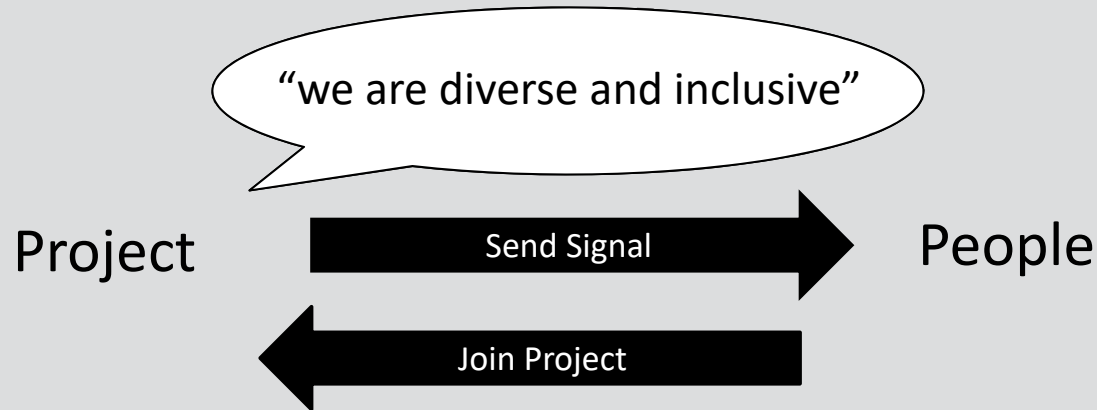


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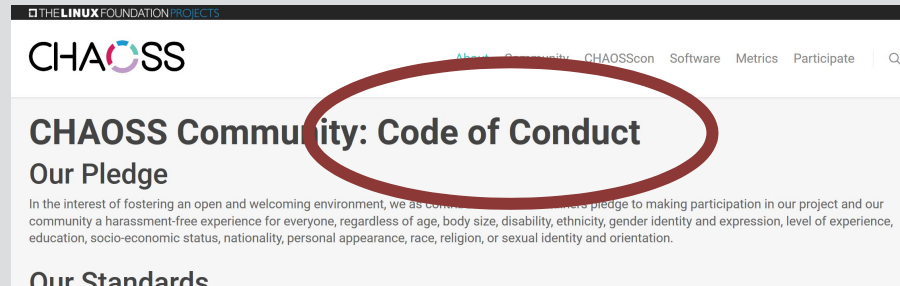


Signaling Theory





Signaling Example



Project

Send Signal

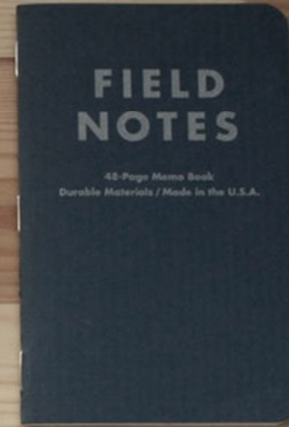
People

Join Project



Method

- Engaged Scholarship
- Case Study
- Interviews





Findings

- Signals attract members
- Displaying a signal improves project
- New signals are created by projects

"We need to use D&I signals to attract the kind of people into the work that's necessary in our project."

"There's nothing to encourage you to perform well like displaying it publicly."

"It's been bottom-up, projects that wanted to be measured, measured themselves, and propagated the signal up."



Takeaways

- Projects signal to improve themselves
- Signals are cooperatively developed

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