

Discover your contribution-magic

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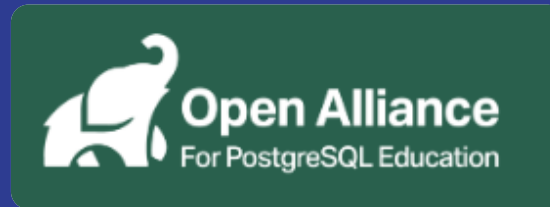
I want to
contribute
to PostgreSQL!

Have you actually
ever written
a patch?

Okay, and the **rest** of you?

Your personal skills
— **technical or not** —
are valuable
to PostgreSQL.

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[PostgreSQL Contributions | postgres-contrib.org](https://postgres-contrib.org)



Agenda

- PostgreSQL: A result from community efforts
- Find your place in 3 easy steps
- Practical examples

PostgreSQL

A result from community efforts

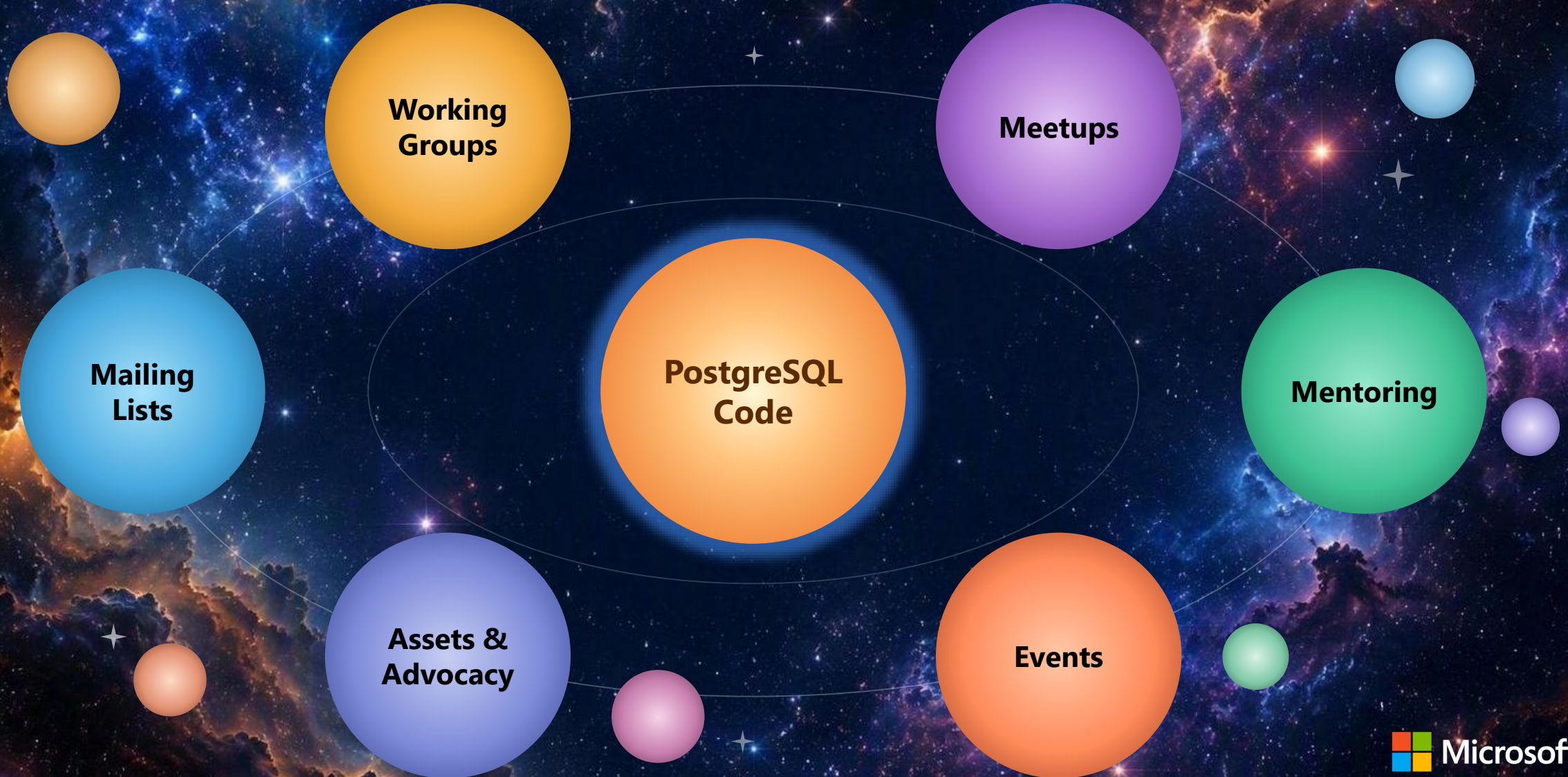
A community is needed to shape the features

Every contribution matters — PostgreSQL exists because of contributors

Code contribution

- Patching
- Fixing
- Bug reporting
- Active code writing
- and more

But code is only part of the picture



You need a community for the complete picture.
You need a village.



You need a community to cover what an ecosystem needs

- Documentation writers & editors
- Advocates & ambassadors
- Testers & QA contributors
- Designers / UX contributors
- Community builders & organizers
- Marketing & outreach
- Educators & trainers
- Mentors
- Users
- Sponsors & donors
- and many more!

Recognized Contributors Policy

Contributions to the PostgreSQL Project that may be considered by the committee include, but are not limited to:

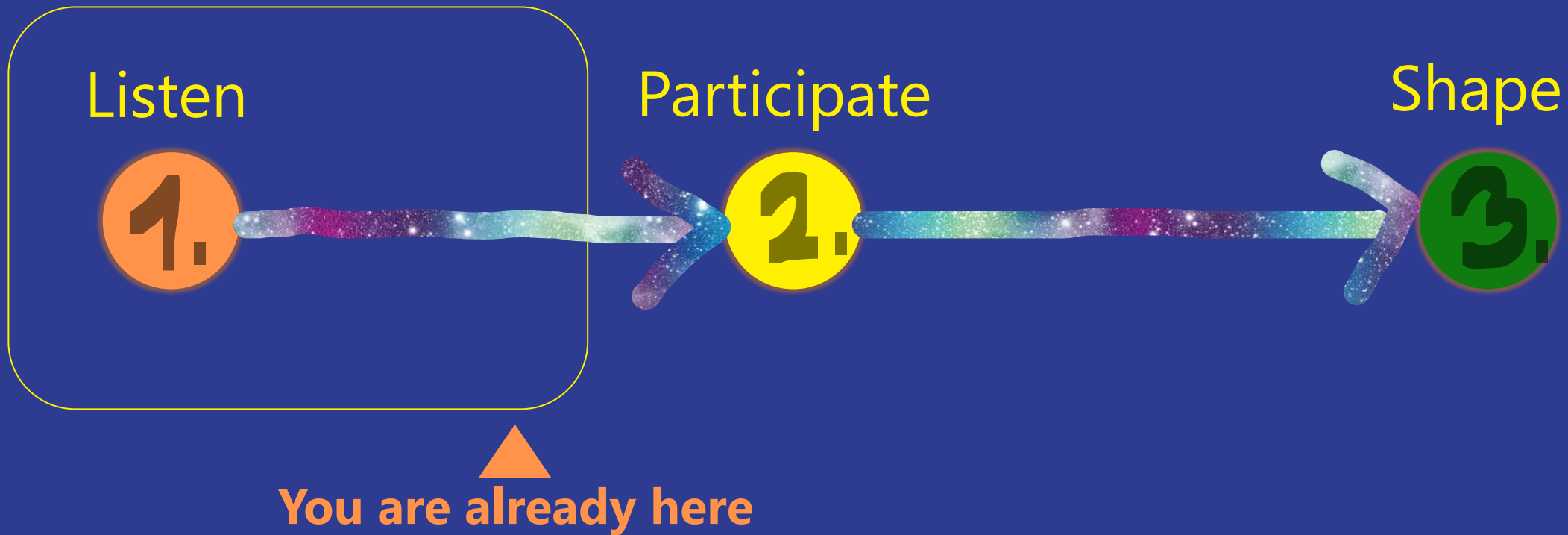
- **Code:** Author, review, test, and/or commit patches that are pushed to the primary PostgreSQL git repository, and/or to closely related external projects such as PostGIS, pgjdbc, PGAdmin
- **Translation:** user facing messages in source code, documentation
- **Community mailing list participation:** report bugs, suggest features, contribute to ongoing discussions, answer questions, list moderation
- **Governance of the PostgreSQL project or community recognized NPOs:** Core Team, NPO Board of Directors, NPO Officers, NPO Committees
- **Maintenance and operation of community controlled infrastructure:** Sysadmin Team, Web Team
- **Other Community recognized committee participation:** Security, Code of Conduct
- **Management of the development process and software lifecycle:** Commitfest managers, Release Management Team, Release Team, Packagers, Buildfarm animal maintenance
- **Organization and execution of community recognized conferences:** Organizing committee, Selection Committee, Speakers, Volunteers
- **Open Education:** PostgreSQL related Blogs, articles, uncompensated training/tutorials
- **Open Support** (in addition to community mailing lists): #postgresql IRC channel, Postgres slack channel, Stack Overflow

Find your place

In 3 easy steps

3 Steps

To find your place



Step 1: Listen

1.

Start your community journey — inhale and embrace what is happening around you

- Attend conferences
- Join Telegram channels
- Become a member (PostgreSQL Europe / US)
- Subscribe to mailing lists (lists.postgresql.org)
- Read the wiki (wiki.postgresql.org)

Step 2: Participate

2.

Get active under supervision and guidance — take your first steps into contributing

- Sign up as a volunteer at the next conference
- Meet other community members
- Send over contributions to postgres-contrib.org
- Join specific groups (Diversity Task Force and more)

-> <https://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/Volunteer>

Step 3: Shape

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- Share your knowledge (submit a talk)
 - Organize meetups
 - Host a group
 - Help others with contributing
 - Documentations



Turn your strengths into a common good for the community and the project

Special shoutouts



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but people make PostgreSQL **grow**.

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Or if you come across a non-code contribution:



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**Let us
know!**

Thank you

Ask now

or

connect



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