# Why should you bring your project to the Apache Software Foundation

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#### #whoami

- Director and VP, Infrastructure The Apache Software Foundation
- Member of the Incubator Project
  Management Committee
- Successfully brought a large project to the ASF

#### The Incubator

- Pathway into the Foundation
- Incubation status is not about code quality
- Designed to:
  - Ensure IP is clean and there is a clear provenance
  - Acclimate the project to ASF norms of operation
  - Ensure adoption of Apache-style of governance

## Incubation process

- Proposal
- Vote on acceptance
- Initial entrance to the Incubator
- First Release
- Community Growth
- Graduation

## Why come to the ASF?

- We have a known process
- We have a long history of successful projects
- We have a mature IP hygiene methodology
- We provide a vendor neutral place to collaborate
- As an entity we are obligated to provide open source for the public good
- We care about community over code

## Why you shouldn't come to the ASF

- I want to be like {Hadoop, Spark, Tomcat}
- I want to be able to use the Apache name
- I want to build a business around an Apache project brand
- I want to remain in strict control of what happens in the project

#### Where to start

- general@incubator.apache.org
- Seek out Champion from among the existing foundation members
- Look at past proposals
- Incubator documentation: http://incubator.apache.org

### Thanks

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