

# Monthly Idea Farm

Welcome to the monthly idea farm where we capture what the hot topics are in Open Source development each month! Membership is not required, anyone can participate at any time. You can submit a new idea or vote on an existing idea. We rank the ideas by popularity each month and select one for discussion during the work group sessions.

A few tips on creating a good idea...

- Keep'em short. Use the twitter character length rule for titles and keep descriptions to a few sentences at most.
- Make sure the suggestion can be discussed in a "hands on" format in a 1hr time slot. Sometimes it is necessary to breakdown larger ideas into smaller chunks that we can tackle as a group.
- Let's do stuff! The inspiration of this work group is to get "hands on" with code instead of listening to presentations!
- Not feeling inspired with a new idea? No problem, lend a hand and go vote on an existing idea.

Some example idea categories...

- Comparison of code libraries that have a similar function. (example - js libraries for charts and graphs)
- Code challenge sprints
- Best practices related to coding in a particular package or language
- Mashing up API's to produce new data or widgets
- Demonstration of code where the presenter is looking for collaboration or feedback on code. It's good practice to share the code snippet in advance.

**OK, Let's Go! Submit Ideas Here:**

<http://www.tricider.com/brainstorming/3V8KkUiSR8N>

We use a nifty crowd sourcing application called Tricider to collect and vote on monthly ideas. Give it a shot.

(Note: Submission and voting is open from the first of the month until the 3rd Wednesday of the month. There is a one week period where the polling closes, a topic is chosen, and work group members have an opportunity to explore the topic independently before discussing as a group.)

Archived Voting Results:

- [December 2018](#)
- [November 2017](#)