

# OpenBao\* sub-project weekly meeting

November 30, 2023  
\* provisional name



## Meeting information:

Every non-holiday Thursday morning at 6am PT/9am ET for 30 minutes  
until OpenBao becomes a standalone project

Zoom link - <https://zoom-lfx.platform.linuxfoundation.org/meeting/94640473133?password=34a5aead-aef2-4a39-9e91-c16082afcfc5>



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# Agenda

- 5 min – Welcome new attendees!
- 5 min – Joe: Contacts and Presentations
- 5 min – Jeremiah: Forking the code, issues, help wanted, goals, ETA?
- 5 min – Andrew: Working on web site ... goal is one-pager
- 5 min – Sebastian: What is the process for adding or requesting new items?
- 5 min – Open: Spread the word and invite other stakeholder participants

# Update: Contacts and Presentations

- Three individuals, Andrew Savchyn volunteered to assist where needed.
  - Adding 5 chat rooms: announcements, general, development, questions, random
  - Investigating [creating one-pager web site](#) to start
  - Begin creating security reporting process
  - Looking into issue and PR templates
- Tue, Nov 28 – LF Edge Governing Board
  - Presented one-pager and asked for those interested to contact us, and to spread the word to those they know that might be potential users

OpenBao



The Open Horizon project is incubating a new sub-project - a fork of the MPL-licensed branch of Hashicorp's Vault due to their newer BSL license.

Working with LF's new projects team, our goal is to get five companies to [commit to publicly supporting](#) the effort. All referrals welcomed.

Once critical mass is hit, we plan to submit a new project proposal to LF Edge (unless the community and LF determine it should live elsewhere).

We [meet Thursdays](#) at 9am ET, mailing list: [openbao@lists.lfedge.org](mailto:openbao@lists.lfedge.org)



# Forking the code

- New development branch so includes/dependencies can be tested
- Don't forget to -s signoff on all commits
- PR auto checks may be running Hashi workflows
- See issue #4 for proposed labels
- See issue #3, [PR #5](#) for proposed issue and PR templates, etc.

# Working on a web site

- Goal is [one-pager like opentofu.org](#)
- Likely using SSG approach
- Ideally using ReactJS for interactivity
- If we can, put source in repo
- Putting together outline for info

Please give your feedback. Would also be nice to start collecting user-facing content we eventually want to put on the website: elevator pitch, mission statement, FAQ, that kind of thing.

- Do we want to keep openbao under lf-edge Github org or would we want to create an openbao Github org?
- I'd suggest someone registers openbao org on Github before it gets squatted.
- We'd rather move it sooner than later because Go modules use the repo urls for dependency management so moving repos is not trivial.
- We might need to fork a few dependent repos in addition to the main one, so having them under the same org would be good from organizational point of view.
- Proposed [labeling for issues](#).
- Proposed [Issue/PR templates](#), keep unmerged until we get a domain name + emails (for the security email).
- Will start going through: SECURITY.md, CODE\_OF\_CONDUCT.md, CHANGELOG.md.

# Feature Requests while we're incubating

Open Horizon has a Feature Request process:

<https://wiki.lfedge.org/display/OH/Feature+Request+Lifecycle+Process>

Any reason not to follow this process, at least for now?

Here's the current template:

<https://wiki.lfedge.org/display/OH/Feature+Design+Template>



Alternative is issues with Feature label, and RFC label for Feature Candidate



# Next Meeting ...

Next week, December 7, 2023





# Back Matter

# Proposed Roles

- (1) Project Manager – runs meetings, compiles agenda, speaks for the project, temporary role until TSC seated and elects Chair
- (1) Product Manager – fields and validates feature requests, works with feature sponsor user(s), ensures issues created for vulnerabilities, compiles feature roadmap, fields security requests
- (2) Documentation – ensures features are documented, documentation site created and consistent
- (2) DevOps – builds and maintains automation and release artifacts
- (4) Developer – works on code issues: bugs and features, keeps documentation in sync with code changes

# Proposed Mission Statement

Here is a first draft. Feedback and improvements welcomed.

OpenBao exists to maintain and improve a software solution to manage, store, and distribute sensitive data including secrets, certificates, and keys. The OpenBao community will provide this software under an OSI-approved open-source license, led by a community run under open governance principles.