

CNCF 2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

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SCALING NEW HEIGHTS!



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# INTRODUCTION

2024 was an enormous year for the Cloud Native Computing Foundation, from Kubernetes turning 10 (#kuberTENes), to our first KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Conference in India, to launching the Kubestronaut program, increasing the number of KCDs around the world, and of course continuing to push the boundaries of cloud native technologies in nearly every technology sector.

With over 200 projects representing 189 countries and over 270,000 contributors world wide, cloud native momentum - and use cases - continue to grow at an unprecedented rate.

This year saw CNCF continue its support for diversity and inclusion: we supported 529 speakers and scholarship recipients with travel funding to attend CNCF events.

We also tackled an industry-wide problem - patent trolls - by launching our Cloud Native Heroes Challenge, an opportunity for our community to help stop nuisance lawsuits and win cash prizes, swag, conference tickets and more.

Please enjoy this look back through our eventful year!



Chris Aniszczyk, CTO, CNCF



**200+ Projects**



**728 CNCF Members**



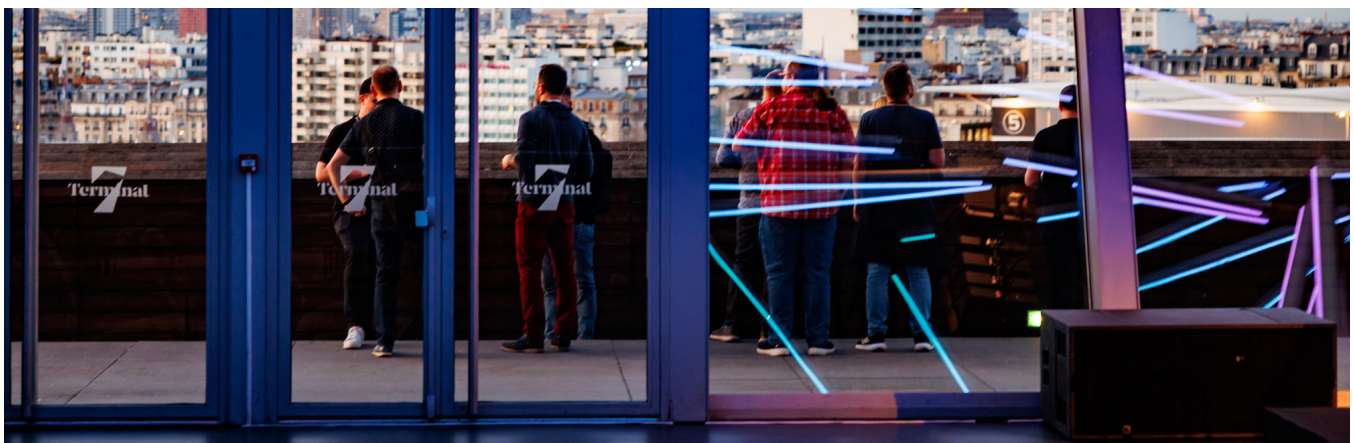
**270,000+ Contributors**



**100,000+ community.cncf.io Group Members**

*"I'm heading to KubeCon, which is like a family reunion for me. The tech is cool, but the people are extra dope."*

**- KELSEY HIGHTOWER, BLUESKY**



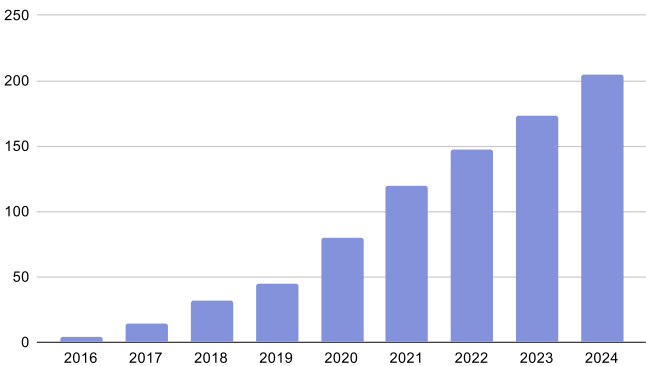
# 2024 MOMENTUM

*“There certain communities that exist that makes my developer heart leap for joy, one of them is #KubeCon. We @fimioxyz have completely embraced k8s and are happy to be building on it.” - OMOJU MILLER, X*

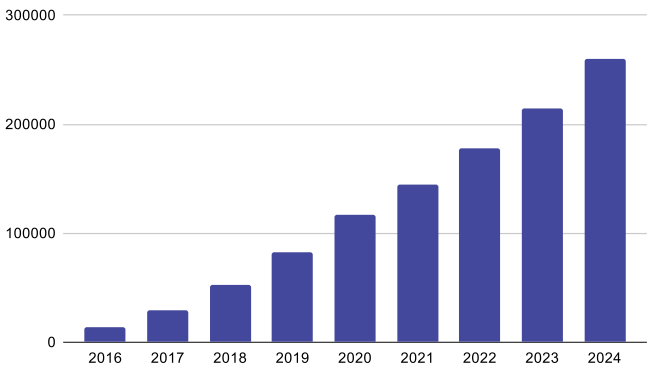
CNCF is an open source software foundation dedicated to making cloud native computing ubiquitous. Since we were founded in 2015, we’ve pioneered cloud native technologies – hosting and growing some of the world’s most successful open source projects including Kubernetes, Prometheus, Envoy, ContainerD, and many others.

Today we are a powerhouse for visionary projects and people, hosting 200+ projects with 270,000+ contributors representing 189 countries, and there are no signs of this growth slowing down.

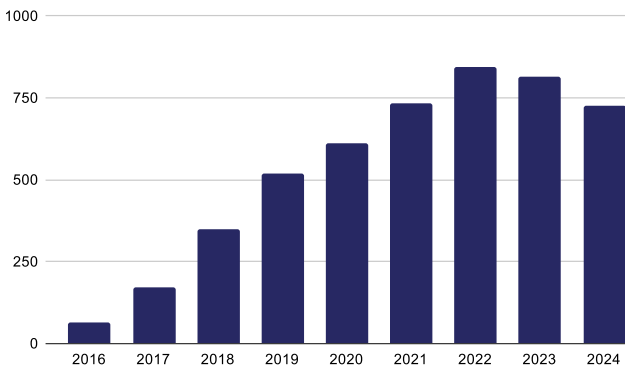
## PROJECTS



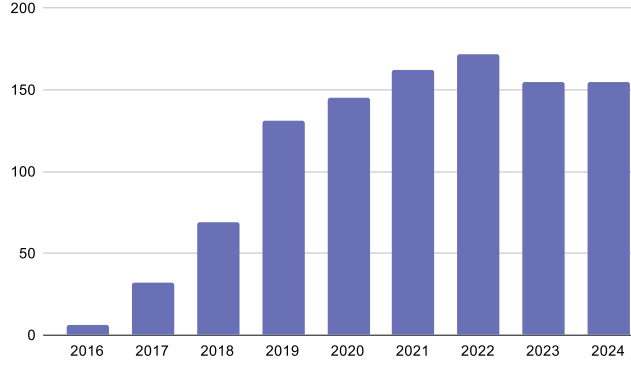
## CONTRIBUTORS



## MEMBERS



## END USERS



# MEMBERSHIP

The CNCF ecosystem continues to grow across vendor and end user memberships, making CNCF one of the most successful open source foundations ever. In fact, we welcomed more than 140 new members to CNCF this year.

Today, CNCF has over 720 participating organizations, including the world's largest public and private cloud companies, along with the world's most innovative software companies and end user organizations. Investment from these leading organizations signifies a strong dedication to the advancement and sustainability of cloud native computing for years to come.



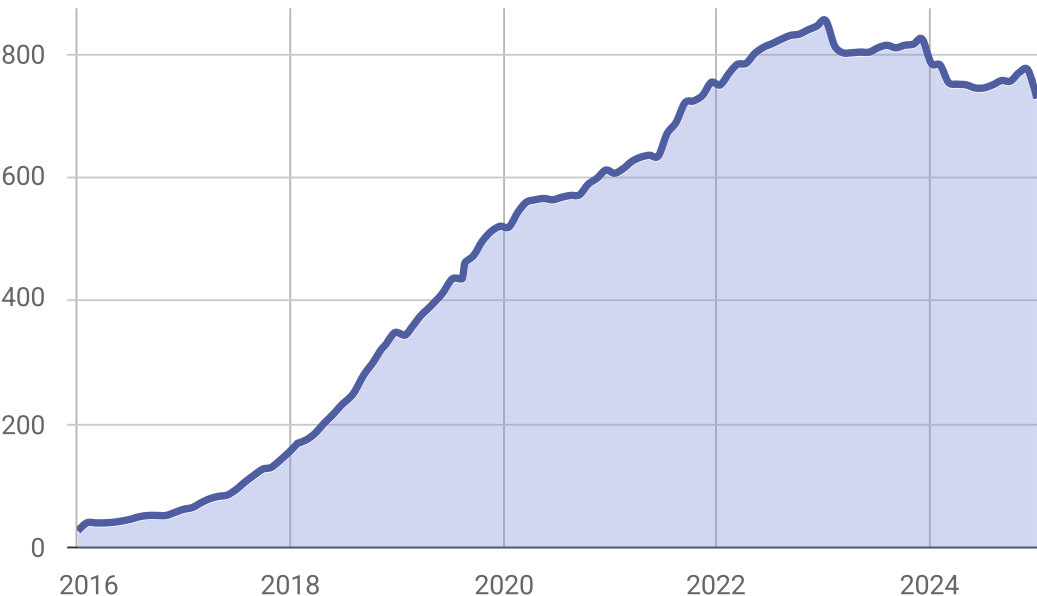
## NEW PLATINUM MEMBERS    NEW GOLD MEMBERS



Organizations that sell cloud native technologies built on, or integrated with, CNCF projects are eligible to join as general members.

[JOIN AS A CNCF MEMBER](#)

## CNCF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



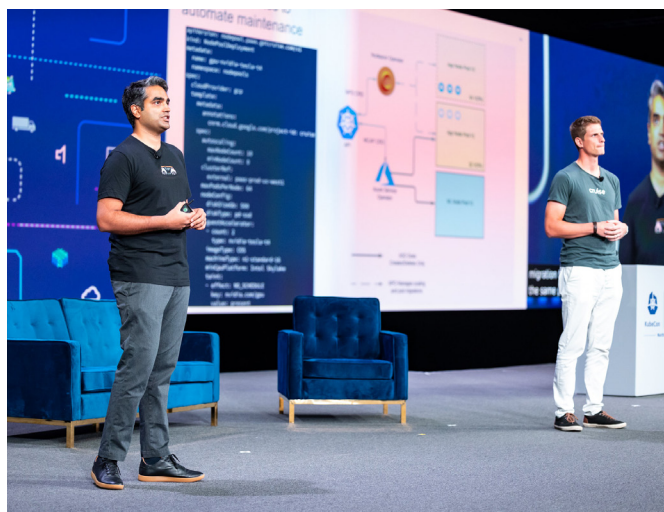
## CLOUD NATIVE HEROES CHALLENGE



In 2024 we launched a [patent troll bounty program](#) in which cloud native developers and technologists can earn swag and win prizes by helping protect our ecosystem from patent trolls. Patent trolls are increasingly targeting cloud native open source due to its success and broad ubiquity. Our first challenge had 3 winners, and more challenges are planned for 2025.

## END USER COMMUNITY

*The cloud native ecosystem is getting bigger and better; End users' trust in open source is steering it forward!* - **APARNA SUBRAMANIAN, DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION ENGINEERING, SHOPIFY**



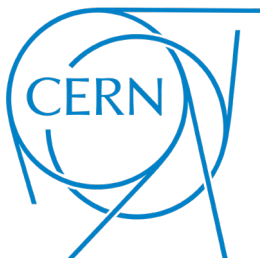
The CNCF End User community is a group of innovative, forward-thinking organizations that constantly push the boundaries of cloud native technology. These organizations use cloud native architectures to power their operations and are not limited to the cloud native service industry. They are different from vendors, consultancies, training partners, or telecommunications companies because their primary goal is to harness the power of cloud native architectures to solve real-world problems rather than to sell cloud native services externally.

The people leading these efforts within the end user companies are tech-savvy and cloud native enthusiasts. They face challenges and opportunities presented by cloud native architectures with great enthusiasm and devise self-service solutions that promote inclusivity and an iterative process. This culture of self-service empowers teams, catalyzes innovation, and accelerates the iterative feedback loop, which is essential for agile and resilient operations.

## END USER AWARDS

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We were thrilled to grant Cern and Adobe our Top End User Awards this year in recognition of their notable contributions to the cloud native ecosystem.



### SPRING 2024 WINNER

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Cern - Cern's laboratory has also embraced CNCF projects, including Prometheus, Argo, FluentD, CoreDNS, and Harbor, which have supported the management of over 500 clusters with thousands of nodes.



### AUTUMN 2024 WINNER

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Adobe - 70 Adobe employees have made over 5,000 individual contributions to 46 CNCF projects, including Argo, Cillium, Envoy, Fluentd, Helm, Kubernetes, OpenTelemetry, and Prometheus.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

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### Executive Summit, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon North America 2024

In November 2024, in a quiet corner away from the bustle of KubeCon, nearly 40 cloud native executives gathered for an afternoon of thoughtful discussions of some of the trickiest issues facing our industry today.

The invitation-only Executive Summit focused primarily on AI/ML/Batch operations, multi-cluster strategies, and observability across the stack. However, no subject was off the table, as all the conversations were open, confidential, and unguarded. The mood in the room was relaxed, but the questions and answers were direct. Many shared stories of solving cutting-edge challenges and generously offered key details, while others provided unique—and slightly outsider—perspectives on the industry and the trends.



END USER  
MEMBERS



Join our [End User Community](#) to learn from your peers and add your voice to this influential group.

JOIN CNCF



## ZERO TO MERGE

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We were thrilled to announce our second cohort of the [Zero to Merge program](#). This comprehensive four-week journey empowers participants to make meaningful contributions to CNCF projects. The program continues to exceed expectations, attracting more than 1,000 registrations from 25 countries and ultimately accepting 344 participants.

The program's success went beyond metrics by creating a tangible impact with participant contributions spanning multiple CNCF projects, creating a ripple effect of positive enhancements. Our next cohort is set to kick off in Spring 2025. Don't miss your chance to transform your cloud native contributions and apply for the next cohort.



## EVENTS

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### KUBERNETES TURNED 10!

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It was a milestone birthday in June 2024 and also a time to reflect on how far Kubernetes had come in just 10 short years. From its first commit on June 6, 2014 to more than 314,000 and growing daily, Kubernetes is one of the largest open source projects with a global community and is part of nearly every type of technology conversation from security to observability, platform engineering or storage. [Relive the journey](#), or [watch the birthday video](#).





# KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON EUROPE 2024



Over 12,000 attendees got to experience la vie en Cloud Native during our first KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe in Paris. And the force was strong in Paris. From our 16 co-located events - with over 6,000 attendees, a record! - to 331 total sessions, 19 keynotes, and 223 breakouts, participants old and new brought enthusiasm, stories, and support to all things cloud native. This included AI, app development, platform engineering, observability, and so much more.

There were many firsts at this KubeCon. New and thoughtful connections were made during our first-ever Poster Sessions, where researchers had the chance to talk about their work face-to-face. For the first time, we provided tours at the Project Pavilion to help answer questions and educate attendees on various projects. We held lively ClashLoopBackOff competitions, Ambassador and Kubernetes Community Day + Cloud Native Community Group organizer meetups, contributor meetings, and more.

## TOTAL REGISTRATION

12,048

## 1ST-TIME ATTENDEES

52%



## SCHOLARSHIPS

312



*Wait, you're telling me that it's only Monday night & that #kubeccon hasn't even officially started yet? But my brain is already brimming with amazing tech to process, incredible personal connections, life-long memories, and more! I'm going to be like a kid with too much candy by the end of the week. - MIKE TOUGERON, BLUESKY*

## CONTENT

2,541

SUBMISSIONS

637

SPEAKERS

7,500+



PIECES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

Have a look at the full details in our [transparency report](#).

# KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON NORTH AMERICA 2024



We covered a lot of ground during our first time in Salt Lake City, from pursuing patent trolls to platform engineering, cloud native AI at scale, security and of course the vibrant community we've built over the last 10 years.

In the whirlwind three days, several events stood out. First, we launched the Cloud Native Heroes Challenge, where we're offering our community a chance to win cash and prizes and help stop patent trolls in their tracks. Second, the power of cloud native collaboration was on full display with so many organizations sharing their success stories around platform engineering, AI and LLM implementations, observability, and more. And finally, we partnered with Andela to train between 20,000 and 30,000 African technologists over the next few years.

## TOTAL REGISTRATION

9,000+

## 1ST-TIME ATTENDEES

50%



## SCHOLARSHIPS

345



*It's been two days already and I couldn't be more excited about everything that happened. KubeCon is really an event that everyone that uses Kubernetes should be able to attend. Every presentation, every connection, every talk, every new project discovered, everything is worth the couple of miles walked during the days to enjoy it all.....*

**GIOVANI MARTINS PIRES, LINKEDIN**

## CONTENT

1,937

SUBMISSIONS

617

SPEAKERS

5,961



PIECES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

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# KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON + OPEN SOURCE SUMMIT + AI\_DEV CHINA 2024



This year almost 1200 people joined us in Hong Kong and the momentum around cloud native, AI and open source was clear everywhere. We were delighted to partner with the Open Source Summit again, and having AI\_dev China also contribute meant we were able to have even more critical and nuanced conversations around AI and open source.

## TOTAL REGISTRATION

1,192

## 1ST-TIME ATTENDEES

54%



## SCHOLARSHIPS

69



Cloud native AI or CNAI as we are calling it, reigned supreme, and we saw examples of the innovation happening at breakneck speed across all the cloud native projects in China. In addition to our stalwarts like Kubernetes, Kubeflow and Kueue, it's clear many other technologies are emerging in the region that are eager to join CNCF and keep pushing the AI breakthroughs from prototypes to production. We're continuing to see more and more large language models and machine learning tools deployed on cloud native infrastructures.

## CONTENT

527

SUBMISSIONS

220

SPEAKERS

369



PIECES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

Have a look at the full details in our [transparency report](#).



# KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON INDIA 2024



## TOTAL REGISTRATION

3,022

## 1ST-TIME ATTENDEES

81%



## SCHOLARSHIPS

302



It was truly an honor to host our first ever KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India, a sold out event with 3,000+ attendees who were warm and enthusiastic about all things cloud native. We came into this with high expectations - after all, India is the fourth most active CNCF contributing country (with 11.5 thousand contributions) and it's the third highest ranking for committers - but even so, this was an impressive KubeCon + CloudNativeCon debut in Delhi. From AI and machine learning to edge computing, security, and observability, attendees heard firsthand from practitioners around the globe in a community-curated mix of keynotes, breakout and maintainer sessions, and lightning talks. The networking continued before, during, and after the conference because, with ten years of Kubernetes (KuberTENes) colliding with AI, there was a lot to discuss.

## CONTENT

862

SUBMISSIONS

134

SPEAKERS

570



PIECES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

Read the entire [transparency report](#).

# EDUCATION

CNCF strengthened our commitment to growing the cloud native ecosystem in 2024, expanding our globally recognized certifications, boosting employment opportunities and helping more folks to upskill their practical application of cloud native technologies.

Since our ecosystem continues to grow and expand, the certifications that we launched this year are reflecting that evolution:



#### Kubernetes and Cloud Native Security Associate (KCSA)

- demonstrates a user's understanding of the baseline security configuration of Kubernetes clusters to meet compliance objectives, including the ability to harden security controls, test and monitor the security, and participate in assessing security threats and vulnerabilities.



#### Certified GitOps Associate (CGOA)

- allows candidates to demonstrate their understanding of GitOps principles, terminology, and best practices in setting up a GitOps managed software system in addition to related practices such as Configuration as Code, Infrastructure as Code, DevOps & DevSecOps, and CI & CD and how to map them to GitOps.



#### Istio Certified Associate (ICA) -

demonstrates a solid understanding of Istio principles, terminology, and best practices for setting up Istio.



#### Cilium Certified Associate (CCA)

- confirms a user's knowledge of connecting, securing, and observing Kubernetes clusters using Cilium.



#### Certified Argo Project Associate (CAPA)

- demonstrates a user's ability to navigate the Argo Project ecosystem, including when and why to use each tool.



#### Backstage Certified Associate (CBA)

- proves the skills & the mindset to work with Backstage to advance a career, a team & an organization.

# KUBESTRONAUT PROGRAM



In 2024, CNCF launched the Kubestronaut program to foster the growth of Kubernetes and open source cloud-native technologies. The program provides training, learning resources, networking opportunities, and professional development to support cloud-native professionals on their journey.

A Kubestronaut is someone who has successfully earned and maintains all five of CNCF's Kubernetes-related certifications simultaneously:



Since its launch less than a year ago, the Kubestronaut community has grown to over 1,000 members in 86 countries, each demonstrating deep expertise in Kubernetes and cloud-native technologies.

CNCF's education program continued to grow. In 2024, these training courses and exams received considerable interest:

**16%↑**

[Kubernetes Massively Open Online Course \(MOOC\)](#) hit 400,000 enrollments

**42%↑**

[Certified Kubernetes Administrator \(CKA\)](#) exam hit 250,000 enrollments

**40%↑**

[Certified Kubernetes Application Developer \(CKAD\)](#) hit 111,000 exam registrations

**72%↑**

[Certified Kubernetes Security Specialist \(CKS\)](#) exam hit 62,000 registrations

**104%↑**

[Kubernetes and Cloud Native Associate \(KCNA\)](#) exam hit 18,000 registrations

**5300+**

[Kubernetes and Cloud Native Security Associate \(KCSA\)](#) exam already hit more than 5300 registrations (for its first year)

**103%↑**

[Prometheus Certified Associate \(PCA\)](#) exam hit 3,050 registrations (103% increase from 2023).

**1600**

[Istio Certified Associate \(ICA\)](#) exam hit 1600 registrations (for its first year)

**1 KTP↑**

[Kubernetes Training Partner \(KTP\)](#) program 2024 - added 1 new KTP, ended the year with 53 KTPs

**24 KTPS↑**

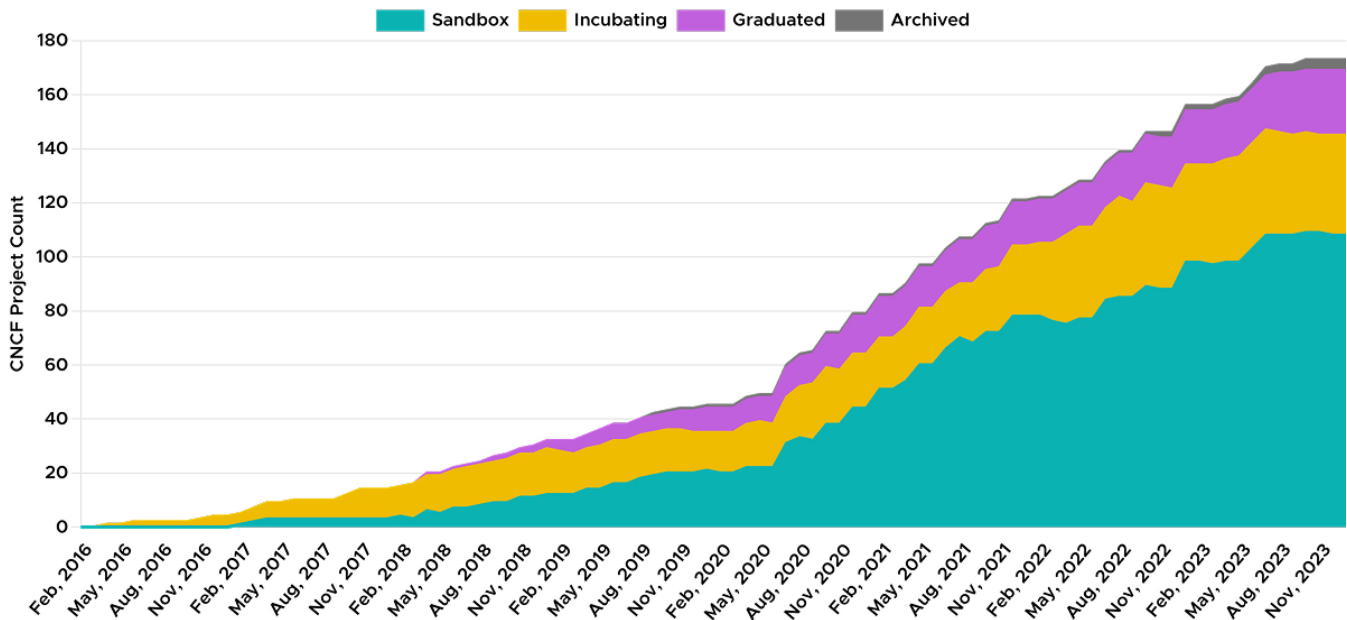
[Kubernetes Certified Service Provider \(KCSP\)](#) program 2024 - added 24 new KCSPs, ended the year with 232 KCSPs



# PROJECT UPDATES AND SATISFACTION



Throughout 2024, CNCF underscored our commitment to making cloud native ubiquitous - hosting [30 graduated projects](#), [34 incubating](#) and [129 sandbox projects](#).



## NEW PROJECTS

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In 2024, the [Technical Oversight Committee \(TOC\)](#) accepted 27 new projects.

1

INCUBATING

26

SANDBOX

## PROJECT MOVES

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Projects increase their maturity level by demonstrating to the [TOC](#) that they have attained end user and vendor adoption, established a healthy rate of code commits and codebase changes, and attracted committers from multiple organizations. In 2024, 6 projects graduated, 4 moved to the incubating level, and 8 were archived.

6↑

GRADUATED

4↑

INCUBATING

8→

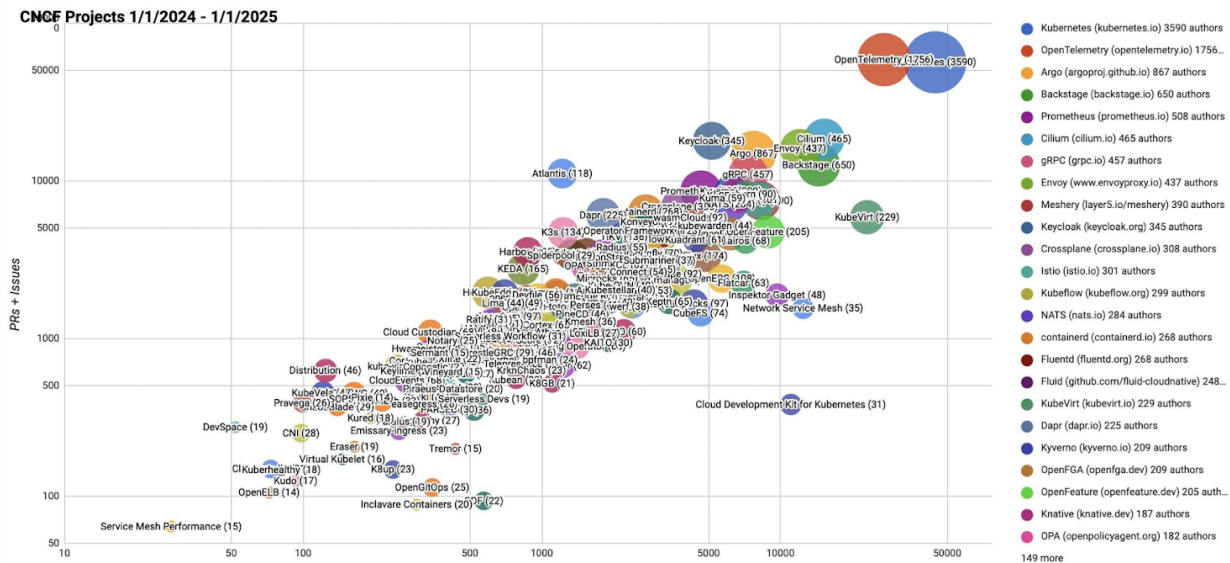
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## GRADUATIONS



# CNCF PROJECT VELOCITY

Consistently looking into CNCF project's velocity and the top open source projects give us a very good indication of trends that are resonating with developers and end users. As a result, we can get insight into platforms that will likely be successful:



## PROJECT VELOCITY KEY TAKEAWAYS

Here are the main takeaways I see from these charts:

- Kubernetes continues to mature with its consistent and largest contributor base in CNCF
- OpenTelemetry continues to grow its contributor base and remains the second highest velocity project; they recently added **profiling** as a new signal type and are working to add go lang compile time **instrumentation**.
- CNCF projects **underpin large scale AI infrastructure** and we have Kubeflow inching up to a top 15 spot on the list
- Backstage grows solving an important pain point around developer experience and being the most popular open source IdP in the world
- OpenFeature makes an appearance for the first time on an annual velocity report in the top 25 and reflects a community wanting open source and feature flag interoperability.



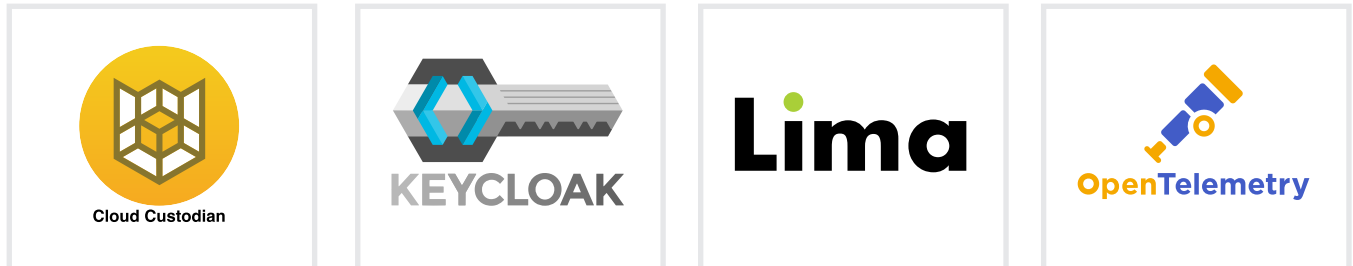
Chris Aniszczyk, CTO, CNCF

# SECURITY

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## FUZZING AUDITS:

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## SECURITY AUDITS:

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More info:

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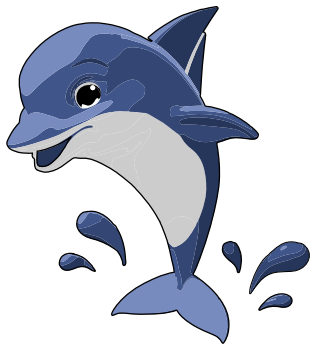
# PHIPPY AND FRIENDS

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From a humble PHP app, Phippy has gone on to help thousands of folks take their first steps to understanding cloud native computing - from containerisation to automation. Today, Phippy and Friends' mission is to demystify cloud native computing and explain complicated concepts in a compelling, engaging and easy-to-understand manner.

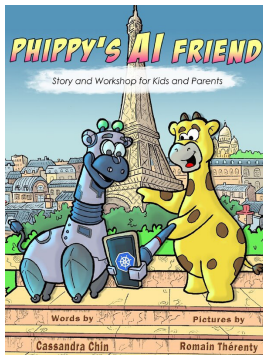


## IN 2024, ONE PROJECT DONATED A CHARACTER:



Izzy the Istio Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin

## NEW PHIPPY BOOK



We were also thrilled to see Phippy dive into new adventures in Phippy's AI Friends, and Phippy's Sonic PI to help our new young coders during their Kids Day Workshops. The books are designed to take adventures in Scratch while learning about how technologies like ChatGPT, DALL·E, Gemini and Sonic Pi work. Thank you to Cassandra Chin and Mihir Gupta!

Phippy also dove into the world of Istio, with Izzy Saves the Birthday. Thanks to Lin Sun and Faseela K.!

## JOIN THE PHIPPY & FRIENDS FAMILY!

Are you a maintainer on a graduated project? Do you want to help others better understand the concepts of cloud native computing? Donate a character to the Phippy and Friends family.

**DONATE A CHARACTER**



## DOCUMENTARY: ARGOCON

This year, CNCF saw the debut of the documentary [Inside Argo: Automating the Future](#). The documentary is a detailed look at the journey of a groundbreaking open source project that revolutionized Kubernetes workflows and unveils how Argo grew from a single workflow engine to a powerful collection of tools to simplify and automate Kubernetes deployments – Argo Workflows, CD, Rollouts, and Events.



# COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

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## KUBERNETES COMMUNITY DAYS (KCD)

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KCDs are global community-organized events that gather adopters and technologists to learn, collaborate, and network, with a goal of furthering the adoption and improvement of Kubernetes and cloud native technologies around the world.

### KCDs 2024 at a glance

- 35 KCDs | An increase of 9% from 2023
- 27 countries
- 10,000+ attendees/check-ins
- Presentations in Chinese, English, Italian, Indonesian, Portuguese, Slavic, Spanish, Taiwanese, and Turkish
- 19.38% women & non-binary speaker average

We also implemented additional measures to help support our KCD communities and organizers to ensure program success:

- CNCF standardized the [KCD logo](#) as a base to each unique KCDs event
- Each KCD received 10 training vouchers to give away (at a 100% discount)
- Each KCD had the choice to award Credly badges to speakers and/or volunteers

## CLOUD NATIVE COMMUNITY GROUPS (CNCGS)

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CNCGs ([community.cncf.io](https://community.cncf.io)) are global cloud native chapters that gather adopters and technologists just as KCDs do. These groups promote learning, collaboration and networking around Kubernetes and cloud native technologies on an in-person, virtual or hybrid meetup event scale



# CNCGS 2024 AT A GLANCE

23%↑

217 ACTIVE REGIONAL  
CHAPTERS

22%↑

1,512 REGIONAL  
MEETUPS HOSTED

14%↑

285 REGIONAL  
ORGANIZERS WERE  
ADDED

NOTE: These numbers are not inclusive of virtual-only chapters.

To better support our CNCG communities and organizers, we've introduced several initiatives to ensure the success of our programs:

- CNCF formalized chapter and organizer requests through transparent GitHub issues for greater visibility and accountability.
- Introduced terms and conditions to set clear expectations for participation.
- Each organizer is required to complete a free online course on fostering open and inclusive environments.
- Provided five training vouchers to 41 groups who hosted at least one in-person event per quarter with 10+ attendees, encouraging ongoing engagement and skill development.
- Awarded Credly badges to all 2024 active organizers, recognizing their contributions and commitment.



# DEI

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We have continued reinforcing and expanding our commitment to #TeamCloudNative, investing in community-driven initiatives that fuel sustained momentum, growth, and adoption. At the same time, we've deepened our focus on DEI, ensuring that the ecosystem remains a welcoming and inclusive space where everyone can thrive.

CNCF remains dedicated to supporting the growth of this exceptional cloud-native community while striving to ensure that every participant feels welcome, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status. To date, we've awarded over 7,000 diversity and need-based scholarships through the Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund.

# 7,000

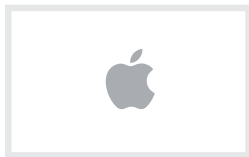


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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE DAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 2024, we supported 529 speakers and scholarship recipients with travel funding to attend CNCF events. These recipients, from traditionally underrepresented or marginalized groups, were provided the opportunity to participate in events they may not have otherwise been able to attend due to financial constraints. Additionally, we offered 650 complimentary registration passes to individuals in need, ensuring broader access and inclusion within our community.

## SCHOLARSHIPS WERE FUNDED BY SPONSORSHIPS FROM:



# DEI COMMUNITY HUB

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At KubeCon + CloudNativeCon North America 2024, for the first time we offered the DEI Community Hub, sponsored by Google Cloud, a physical space to connect, learn, and celebrate diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility! The DEI Hub is a great place to join community groups, participate in allyship and advocacy workshops, or simply relax in a safe space during open lounge hours. A total of 403 KubeCon + CloudNativeCon attendees enjoyed the DEI Community Hub space.

# COMMUNITY AWARDS

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Now in their eighth year, the CNCF Community Awards highlighted the key contributors across all CNCF projects and TAGs that are going above and beyond to help shape cloud native. The awards included:



**TOP CLOUD NATIVE COMMITTER** – an individual with incredible technical skills and notable technical achievements in one or multiple CNCF projects. The 2024 recipient was Joe Stringer.



**LOREM IPSUM (TOP DOCUMENTARIAN):** This award recognizes excellence in documentation contributions to CNCF and its projects. The 2024 recipients were Qiming Teng and Haifeng (Michael) Yao.



**THE TAGGIE:** Presented to the person who has done the most to advance CNCF's [Technical Advisory Groups \(TAGs\)](#). TAGs scale contributions by the CNCF technical and user community, while retaining integrity and increasing quality in support of CNCF's mission of making cloud native ubiquitous. The very first recipient of this award was: Nancy Chauhan.



**CHOP WOOD AND CARRY WATER:** This award recognizes contributors who spend countless hours completing often mundane tasks. CNCF was proud to acknowledge the amazing efforts of five individuals for their outstanding contributions in 2024: Stefan Schimanski, Ali Ok, James Spurin, Priyanka Saggu, Sandeep Kanabar, and William Rizzo.

In addition to the traditional awards we present each year, this year we introduced the Lift and Shift that celebrates the great efforts put in to support CNCF project infrastructure. In this particular instance, the Lift and Shift referred specifically to moving the Kubernetes testing infrastructure from Google internal resources to a fully community-owned infrastructure, a project that took 6 years to complete! CNCF was proud to celebrate the hard work and dedication of Tim Hockin, Aaron Crickenberger, Ben Elder, Arnaud Meukam, Davanum Srinivas, Mahamed Ali, Ricky Sadowski, Michelle Shepardson, Koray Oksay, Patryk Przekwas, Marko Mudrinic, Justin Santa Barbara, Cole Wagner, Caleb Woodbine, Hippie Hacker, and Linus Arver.

As we marked **10 years of Kubernetes**, we had the distinct honor of presenting the **Life-time Achievement Award** to **Tim Hockin** in recognition of his invaluable contributions over the past decade in shaping and supporting the Kubernetes and CNCF communities.

## ADOPTING A STANCE OF POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

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The CNCF Governing Board adopted a Political Neutrality Policy to maintain CNCF's focus on promoting cloud-native computing and providing a neutral space for global technologists. CNCF will not engage in political statements or support political causes unless directly related to its mission. This policy reflects the diverse political views within the community, aiming to prevent distractions and keep technical efforts on track. While CNCF supports DEI initiatives within the ecosystem, it does not take political stances on unrelated legislation or policies. It will only engage in regulatory matters when they impact technology or the community.

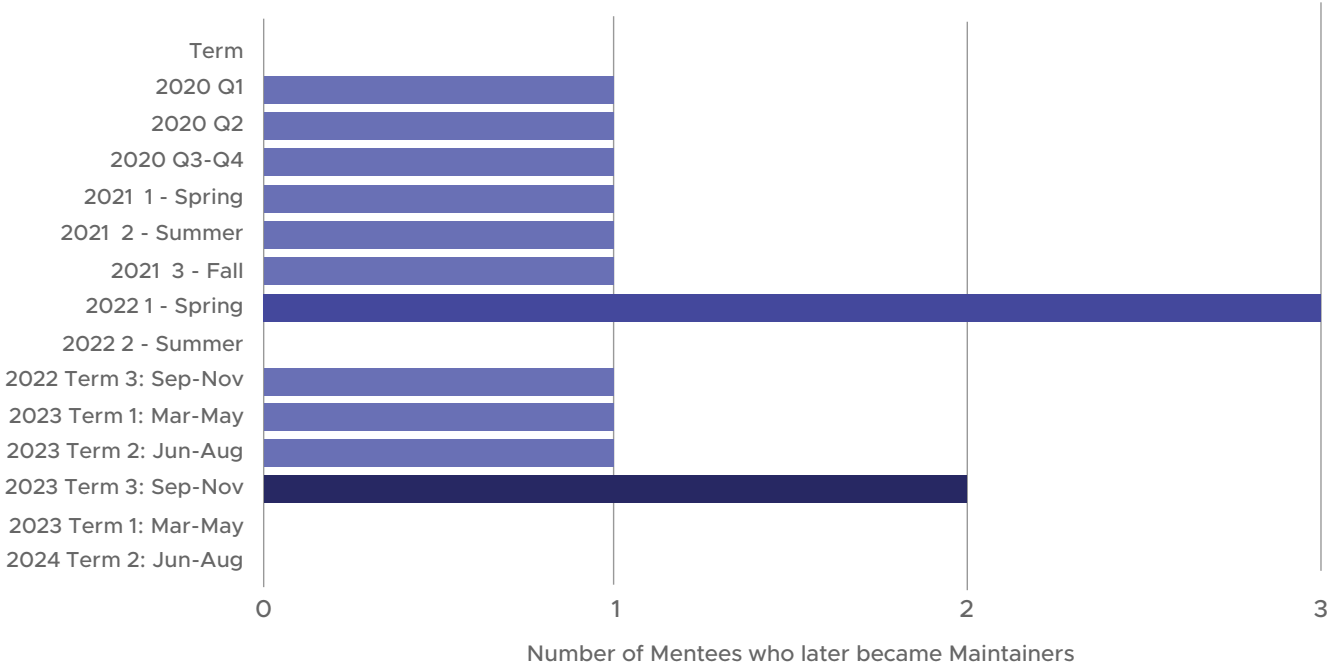


# MENTORING

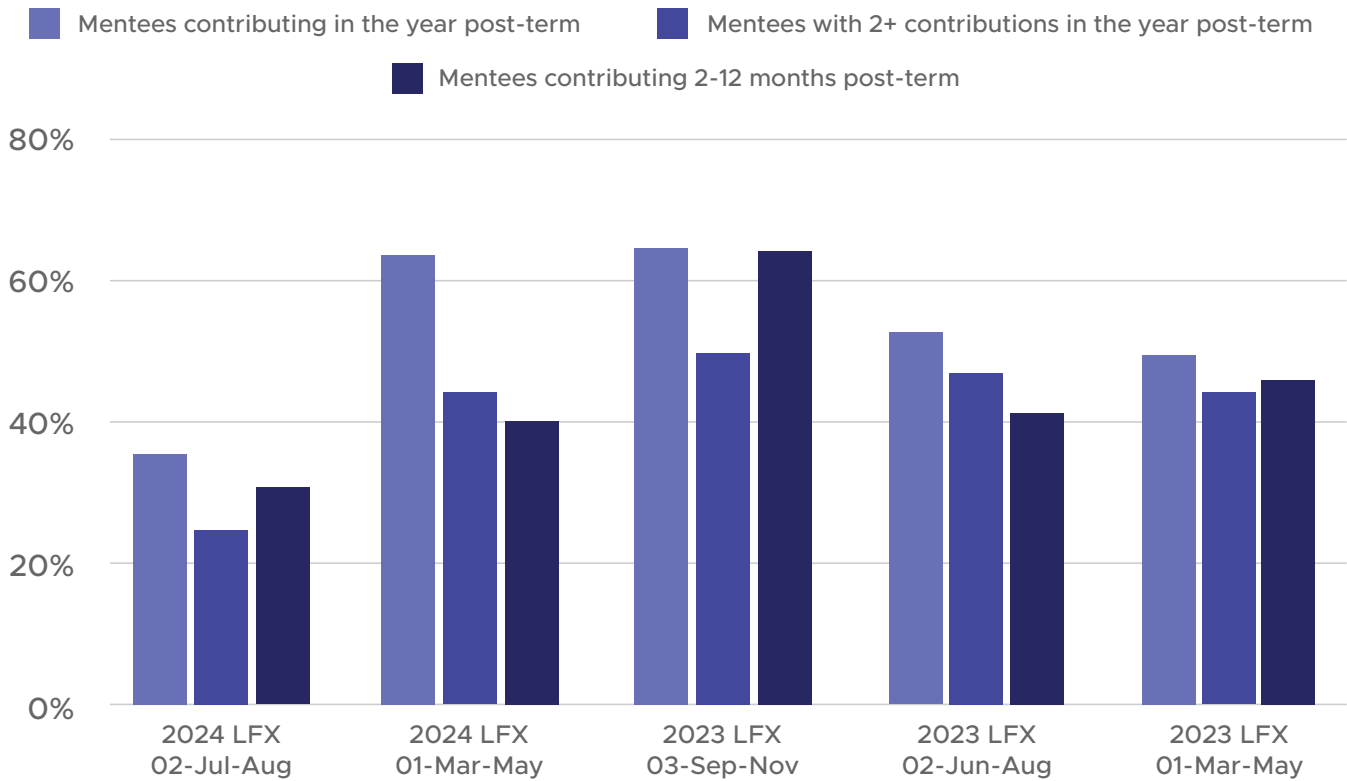


CNCF proudly supported more than 145 individuals through various [mentoring and internship](#) opportunities in 2024, including the [LFX mentorship platform](#), [Google Summer of Code \(GSoC\)](#), and [Outreachy](#). These programs are important catalysts for internships to have an impact on future technologies that we all depend on. Since 2020, 14 mentees participating with the CNCF in the LFX mentorship program have gone on to become CNCF project maintainers.

## MENTEES → MAINTAINERS



# % MENTEES CONTRIBUTING IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR TERM



We sponsored 147 students to work on 44 CNCF Projects:

134

LFX MENTORSHIP

11

GSOC

2

OUTREACHY



# FUNDING

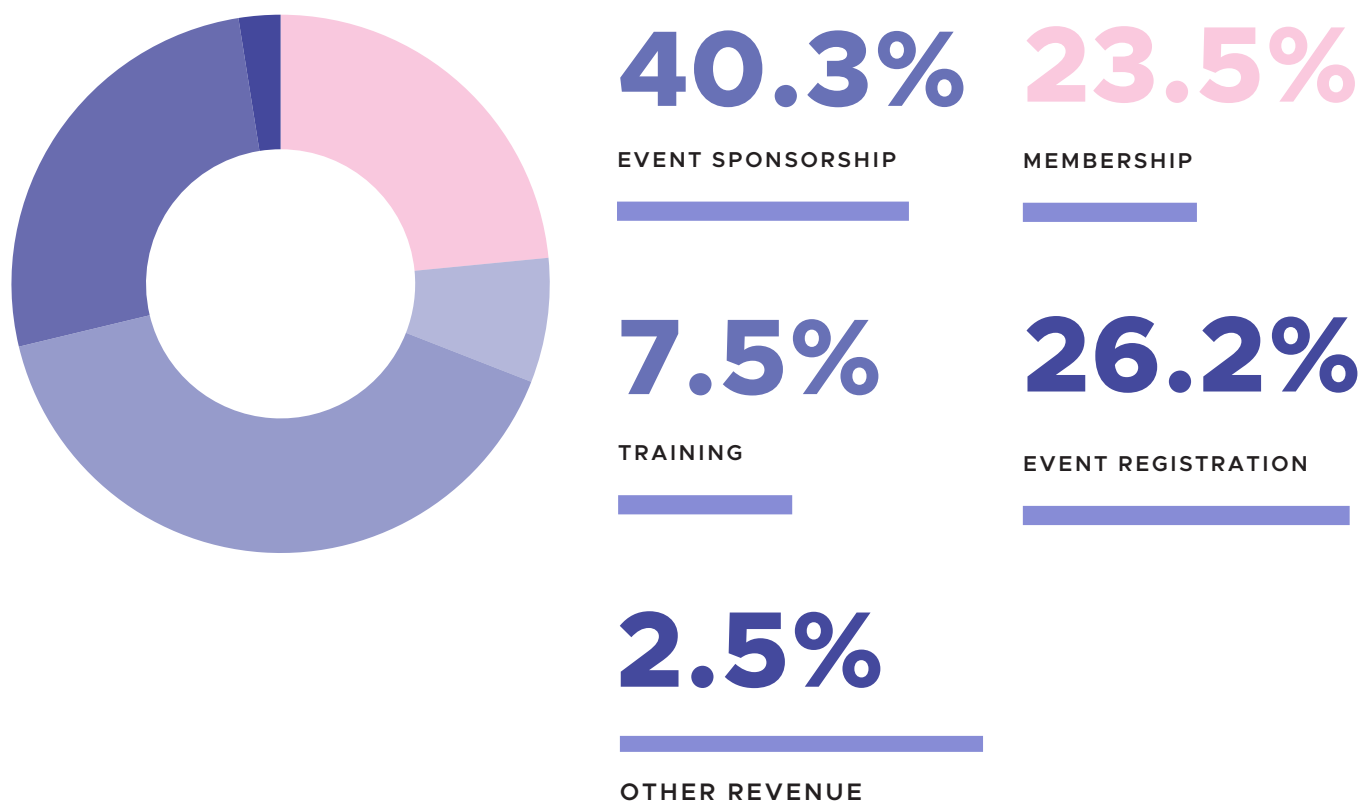
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CNCF's revenue is derived from four primary fundraising sources: membership, event sponsorship, registration, and education.

A basic premise behind CNCF, our conferences (including [KubeCon + CloudNativeCon](#)), and open source, in general, is that interactions are positive-sum. There is no fixed amount of investment, mindshare, or development contribution allocated to specific projects. Equally important, a neutral home for a project and community fosters this type of positive-sum thinking and drives the growth and diversity that we believe are core elements of a successful open source project.

## FUNDRAISING SOURCES

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We hope you enjoyed reflecting on all the great things we accomplished together in 2024. Your comments and feedback are welcome at [info@cncf.io](mailto:info@cncf.io).

We're looking forward to seeing you in 2025! Check out our calendar for community events near you, and don't forget to register for KubeCon+CloudNativeCon Europe in April in London.

Check out our annual survey - [link together](#).

