Aim To Be An Open Source Zero

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What I Do …
What I Wanted to Do Growing Up …
Inspiration
Aim To Be a Zero

“When you have some skills but don’t fully understand your environment, there is no way you can be a plus one. At best, you can be a zero… but a zero isn’t a bad thing to be …”

Colonel Chris Hadfield
ISS - Expedition 35 Commander
Who Does This Apply To?
Expeditionary Behavior Is …

“Being able to live & work with a group of people 24/7 and to get along even when you have a bad day.”

Paul Petzoldt – Founder – National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)
Expeditionary Behavior

Invest in Other People’s Success

Sweat the Small Stuff
Expeditionary Behavior

Preparation is Everything

failing to prepare = prepare to fail

leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.

Lead by Example
Do Your Homework

Communication Tools & Norms

Development Process

KEEP CALM AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK
Do Your Homework

Leadership & Organization

Project Governance

KEEP CALM AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK
Offer to Do the Dirty Work

“The best way to contribute to a brand new environment is not by trying to prove what a wonderful addition you are. It’s by trying to have a neutral impact …”

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Testing & Quality Assurance

Documentation
Offer To Do The Dirty Work

Bug Fixing & Triage

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?
what to make?
visual elements
desirable
focus on tools

what to achieve?
experiences
credible
focus on interactions

UI/UX

UI
UX

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Answer Questions

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Questions?

Community & Evangelism

Get Answers
Treat Everyone With Respect

Professionalism

Criticize the Problem - Not the Person
Treat Everyone With Respect

No ego or company reputation

Your reputation as an overinflated ego bag preceeds you.

Human dynamics

RESPECT IS A TWO WAY STREET
Bringing It All Together

There's no such thing as altruism.

Andrew Tobias

... It’s About Removing Friction

... Not Rocket Science
Final Thoughts

“… Proclaiming your plus-oneness at the outset almost guarantees you’ll be perceived as a minus one, regardless of the skills [or value] you bring to the table or how you actually perform.”

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Thank You

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