

# Open Arms

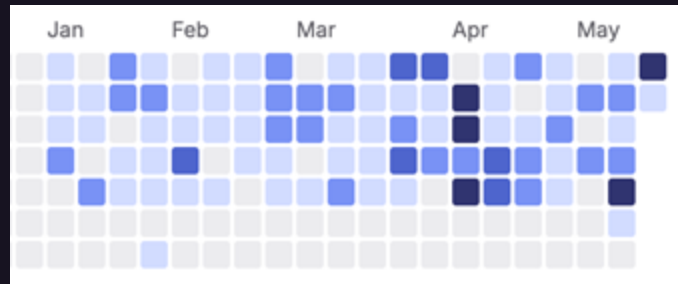
Welcoming AI-Assisted Contributors





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## THE LANDSCAPE

**Two answers.  
Neither holds.**



# The bans

3.6% of surveyed\* projects.



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\* <https://theconsensus.dev/p/2026/03/02/source-available-projects-and-their-ai-contribution-policies.html>



# The mainstream

Disclose. Stay accountable.



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# curl took a different route\*

Kept the code. Closed the bounty.



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\* <https://daniel.haxx.se/blog/2026/01/26/the-end-of-the-curl-bug-bounty/>



# GitLab made a deliberate choice

Keep the door open.



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# Four positions

One pressure underneath them all.



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HOW GITLAB GOES FURTHER

**Three moves  
on top of the policy.**



# Our context

Large active engineering team.



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# Move 1: Equip the contributors

~17,000

Duo Agent Platform credits consumed by community fork members in May 2026 alone.



# Move 2: AI Hackathons on the platform

~7,000

developers · 600+ agents and flows · GitLab AI Hackathon, Feb–Mar 2026.



# Move 3: The on-ramp

- [contributors.gitlab.com](https://contributors.gitlab.com)
- AI reviewers codified with our standards
- Enhanced breadcrumbs for agents in our projects (AGENTS.md, etc)



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# Trade-off

Reviewer burden.



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# Signals worth watching

- `chardet 7.0.0`
- `claw-code`



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Neither is settled. Both are worth watching.



# Three things to take with you

Equip · Tool the review · Track the grey zones

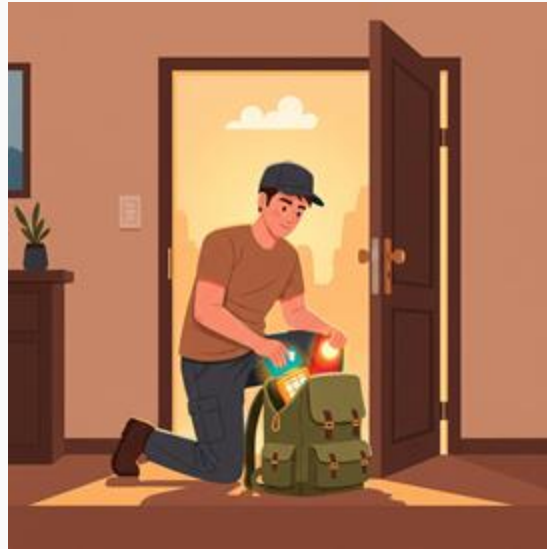


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# Where does this leave you?

Your project needs a de-facto position. Silence is one too.

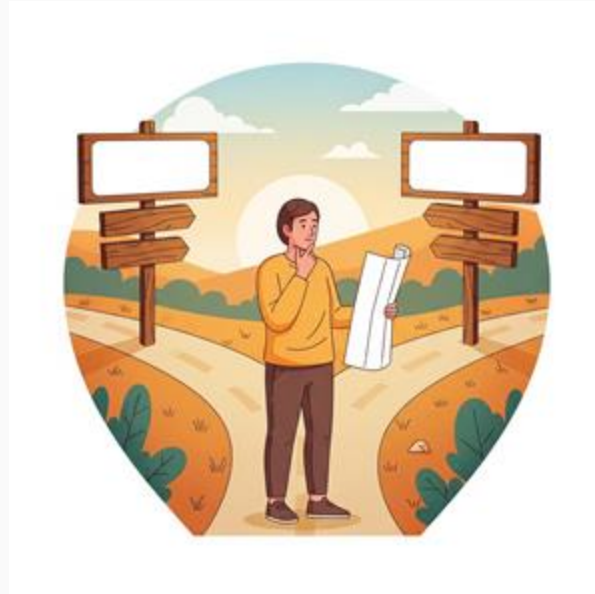


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# Written down?

Does your contribution guide say anything about AI-assisted code?



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# Who owns it?

Who carries the accountability when an AI-assisted merge request fails review?



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# Your queue. Tomorrow.

What would a torrent of AI-generated issues/reports/MRs do to your queue today?



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# Perfect later. Written now.

You don't need a perfect policy. You need a written one.



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Before the wave arrives, not after.



# Thank you

