Session Title: Easing into Cloud Native Open Source Projects with Layer5 MeshMates
Duration: 1 Hour
Date: This week with time for promoting the event
Where: Live on Zoom and streamed on Layer5 YouTube channel

About the Session:

Hear from CNCF project maintainers. Receive a tour of projects stewarded by the service mesh community, Layer5, and the technologies used inside. Learn what to expect in your contributor journey and what role(s) you might play in the project and the community.

Detailed Outline:

- [Lee] Navigating the CNCF and engaging in a project (1 min)
    - How to find a CNCF project to contribute to?
    - Languages used; Finding your home
    - Signs of a good community
- [Lee] Layer5 as an example of a good CNCF community (10 min)
    - Two of its projects are in the CNCF
    - Projects are intriguing and include a diverse set of Cloud Native technologies
    - Warm and welcoming community
- [Anita, Ruth] Finding a mentor: MeshMates, what are these? (5 min)
    - Hear from prior and current interns and MeshMates as we walk-through the community, its people, its mechanics and how to most successfully engage
- [Navendu] Contribute to CNCF projects the easy way with Layer5 (20 min)
    - The mechanics of contributing
    - [Dhruv] "help wanted"
    - [Navendu] DCO and CLA
    - [Nikhil] Git Flow
    - [Adithya] What you are encouraged to do and what not to do
- [Jash, Adithya] Get involved! (10 min)
    - Questions?
    - Join the Layer5 community
    - Register for the next session

About the Speakers:

Lee Calcote:

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Lee Calcote is an innovative product and technology leader, passionate about empowering engineers and enabling organizations. As Founder and CEO of Layer5, he is at the forefront of the cloud native movement. Open source, advanced and emerging technologies have

been a consistent focus through Calcote's time at SolarWinds, Seagate, Cisco and Schneider Electric.

Calcote chairs the CNCF TAG Network and is the author of the recently published Service Mesh Patterns. An advisor, author, and speaker, Calcote is active in the community as a Docker Captain, Cloud Native Ambassador and GSoC, GSoD, and LFX Mentor.

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I am a Software Developer, an Author and a Speaker who enjoys sharing information through Public Speaking and Technical Writing. I love learning, teaching, and engaging with the Open Source communities. I have strong written communication skills and English proficiency. I have field experience with Javascript, React, Typescript, Next, Gatsby, Jekyll and other frontend tools. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues to build a cross-functional culture in the workspace.

Ruth Ikegah:

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Bio: Ruth Ikegah is a Technical Content Manager at Animalz, a meshmate in Layer5 and a Github Star. She is sparked about onboarding beginners into the tech ecosystem especially the open source space.

Navendu Pottekkat:

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As a maintainer of Meshery and SMP at Layer5, Navendu Pottekkat's passion for designing, developing and deploying scalable, distributed systems is evident in each initiative he advances. Having previously interned with the LFX, his dedication to open source communities has been evident in the mentoring interns through GSoC in the Layer5 community.

Dhruv Patel:

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Dhruv Patel is a Software Intern at Layer5. An open-source software enthusiast, and excited in learning about new technologies with a keen interest in Networking Technology, he is currently bustling himself with learning about Service Mesh technology and trying to make it less Meashy for all @layer5. A final year grad, he is currently pursuing Bachelors Degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur. Also, an avid Minecrafter.

Nikhil Ladha:

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Open source is Nikhil Ladha's motto. Along with being an active Maintainer, MeshMate at Layer5, Nikhil is also an ASE @Red Hat. Developing applications, mentoring students and newcomers is something which Nikhil tackles with complete dedication and interest.

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As a Maintainer of Meshery Documentation, Meshmate at Layer5 and a Software Engineer Intern at Red Hat, Adithya loves to take the risk to try new frameworks, improve the overall design of the Interface to make it more desirable to the users along with helping people who are getting started with Open Source to improve their journey and Contributions. Adithya believes in the saying, **Learn and Hope** is all you need in your life :)

Jash Patel:

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Maintainer of websites for Layer5. Started his journey by helping build one and currently looks after 5 of them. Also, Meshmate at Layer5, anyone who wants help contributing feel free to contact Jash. Javascript-based applications are his current interest.

Aditya Chatterjee:

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A recent addition to the Layer5 community. Aditya works mostly on frontend issues and documentation. Currently he is trying to work his head around new frameworks, especially

different javascript based technologies. Aditya loves to talk to people and socialize, and Open Source has been the best way to learn and to meet new people at the same time.