

CHARTER OF THE
LF NETWORKING FUND
End User Advisory Group



The mission of the LF Networking Fund (“LFN”) of The Linux Foundation is to raise, budget and spend funds and coordinate support for open source and/or open specification projects involved with the movement or communication of data on a network (including, but not limited to, data plane, control plane, analytics, orchestration, and automation technologies for enterprise, cloud, and carrier networks). Feedback and input from the networking community and LFN project end-users is crucial to LFN’s long-term success.

1. **Mission.** The Governing Board of LFN has established the End User Advisory Group to assist and support LFN. The role of the End User Advisory Group shall be purely advisory in nature, and shall not in any way bind LFN or any member of the LFN.
2. **Responsibilities.** The primary responsibilities of the members of the End User Advisory Group (each, an “Advisor”) include:
 - a. Provide advice, feedback and guidance as requested regarding:
 - i. Top of mind for issues related to recent or upcoming LFN software releases
 - ii. The identification of functional and/or operational concerns which are inhibiting the adoption of LFN solutions
 - iii. Areas of focus to address short term business requirements
 - iv. Project testing environments, test cases, and/or Proof of Concepts
 - v. Strategy and long term planning of feature and functionality alignment across LFN Projects
 - vi. Providing end user perspectives on value and usability of LFN technology
 - b. Provide an open discussion forum for end users of open source software, to share perspectives on progress and priorities including but not limited to architectures, technical requirements and challenges, common strategy in certain areas to influence relevant open source communities and other forums
 - c. Represent the non-confidential views of the Advisor and the broader user community;
 - d. Represent the Advisor’s region and business industry; and
 - e. Assist in the recruitment of new Advisors, supporters and other LFN participants.
3. **Eligibility.** The End User Advisory Group is to be made of individuals at end-user organizations, including but not limited to telecommunications carriers, cable operators, network, application, compute or storage service providers. Membership shall be limited to three (3) individuals from any company. Any individual shall be eligible to serve on the End User Advisory Group if their current role or experience involves:
 - a. Product Management of relevant service and/or solution portfolios

- b. Direct accountability for delivering, managing, or troubleshooting production grade services to subscribers
 - c. Responsibility for architecting production grade infrastructure
 - d. Director or VP level decision making approval of capital networking infrastructure solutions
 - e. Member of an infrastructure or operations team within an organization directly accountable for delivering, managing, or troubleshooting IT services to an internal client base
4. Composition, tenure, and other aspects of membership in the End User Advisory Group will be determined by the End User Advisory Group members, subject to approval of the Governing Board of LFN.
5. Meetings of the End User Advisory Group.
 - a. Regular and Special Meetings. The End User Advisory Group will ordinarily hold regular telephonic meetings each when and as called by the Chair of the End User Advisory Group. In addition, there may be face-to-face meetings co-located with industry events of interest.
 - b. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and location (or access number, as appropriate) of all meetings shall be given to each Advisor at least (7) days prior to such meeting.
 - c. Leadership and Participation at Meetings.
 - i. The End User Advisory Group may elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from the membership.
 - ii. The Chair, Vice-Chair or an individual delegated by the Chair shall preside at each meeting of the End User Advisory Group.
 - iii. The Chair and/or Vice-Chair will serve until their resignation or replacement, the timing of which will be determined by the End User Advisory Group.
 - d. Agenda. The agenda for all meetings of the End User Advisory Group shall be as determined by the Chair, however, the agenda for each meeting shall provide time for any Advisor to raise any topic or matter of concern within the mission and responsibilities of the End User Advisory Group.
 - e. Minutes. The End User Advisory Group shall cause minutes to be kept at all meetings of the Advisory Group, which minutes will be posted publicly within a reasonable time after each such meeting.
 - f. Attendance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Charter, the Chair or LFN Director shall have the right to automatically eliminate and remove an Advisor from the End User Advisory Group if he or she fails to attend three (3) out of any four (4) consecutive in person and/or telephonic meetings of the Advisory Group.
 - g. All minutes shall be published on the LFN Wiki or another public venue.
6. Voting: The End User Advisory Group will operate as a consensus-based community. Where any decision may require a vote, members of the Advisory Group will each have a single vote.
7. Amendments. The Governing Board may amend or modify this Charter or the mission or responsibilities of the Advisors at any time upon notice to the Advisors. This Charter does not convey any rights of any nature to the Advisors except as explicitly provided in this Charter. Advisors may speak publicly about their participation, but are under no obligation to do so.

8. Applicability of LFN Policies. In carrying out their responsibilities under this Charter, all Advisors shall abide by this Charter and adhere to the policies of LFN, including without limitation all policies applicable to members of The Linux Foundation, as the same may be adopted and modified from time to time.