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# The CDK Community: Developers, Members, and Users

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An open source project is as good as its community. [Jmol](#) has a brilliant community, but [CDK](#) is not doing bad either, in general at least; some CDK projects could use some more user feedback, such as [CDK-Taverna](#) (site down at the time of writing, but see the [blog](#)).

There are actually quite a few things going on within the CDK Community. There are a few active or less active projects:

- CDK Library (*The main and most well-known component*)
- CDK-Taverna (*just mentioned*)
- [CDK News](#) (*Not active enough, please contribute!*)
- [CDK Nightly](#) (*Rajarshi's nightly build and check service, for trunk/ and [cdk1.0.x/](#)*)
- JChemPaint (*For which a [new version is being developed.](#)*)

(Even withing the CDK Library, several threads are ongoing, but I will report on that at some later stage).

A full [list of projects is found in SVN](#). A recent new project is *CDK Policy*, which will attempt to formalize code development such that the library becomes better maintainable. One of the first things the draft does, is formalize roles withing the community.

## CDK Members and CDK Developers

Basically, anyone with write access to [CDK's SVN](#) may call himself *CDK Developer* ([57 in total](#)). So, what if you contributed patches? Then you may call yourself *CDK Member* (well, as suggested in the draft policy), like anyone else who is subscribed to the *cdk-devel* mailing list.

This is an important fact. Anyone can subscribe to the list, and directly becomes active CDK Member; He/she gets a voice. The policy proposes that difference between member and developer to be in the fact that the policy has been accepted by the person. Therefore, according to the draft policy, *anyone* who **accepts** the policy gets SVN write access, making the CDK not just Open Source, but an Open Community too. The policy then organizes the maintainability of the software development.

## CDK Users

A CDK User is basically anyone who uses any of the CDK products, but in particular those subscribed to the *cdk-user* mailing list.

A limited overview of developers, members and users can be found on [this Google map](#):

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