A Partner’s Perspective

Community before Code
Hydra Project
Partner Letter of Agreement

Hydra is an inter-institutional collaboration to build a common, open-source framework for multi-function, multi-purpose, repository-powered applications. Hydra’s ultimate objective is to produce a community-sourced, scalable application framework that provides rich and robust repository-powered solutions as an integrated part of an overall digital commons environment.

The Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding of the Hydra Original Steering Group Members (herein referred to as “Hydra MOU”) which is attached to this letter agreement and its incorporated terms of reference describes the project background, intellectual property licensing and ownership, project membership and governance, the responsibilities of the four Hydra Steering Group members (Bard Graduate Center, Columbia University, University of Virginia, University of Hull, and Macquarie University), and the responsibilities of Hydra Partners as described in the MOU.

Hydra Partners are institutions, corporations, individuals, or other groups that have committed to contributing to the Hydra Community, and wish to become fully participating Hydra Partners. Hydra Partners can also use the Hydra technical framework, but also add to it in at least one of many ways, including code, analysis, design, support, funding, and other resources. Hydra Partners collaborate to advance the project and its community for the benefit of all participants. Hydra Partners’ meetings provide input on the community and technical direction, and represent Hydra to the broader community. Contributors can join Hydra Partners by being nominated by an existing partner to the Steering Group, and being voted in by the Steering Group. Hydra Partners can be voted out by a majority of the Steering Group members. Partnership participation is at the present a right, not a Hydra partner meeting is the Partner agreement to be considered by a designated representative of the Hydra Steering Group.

By executing this letter agreement, the party named below indicates its wish to join the Hydra Project as a Hydra Partner and further commits itself to have or receive, understand, and agree with the terms contained in the Hydra MOU. The applicant has been nominated by an existing Steering Group Member.

Nominated by: [Signature]
Application Accepted by the Hydra Steering Group: [Signature]
Date: [Date]
Hydra Steering Group Authorized Signature: [Signature]
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