

# ZMap Project Updates and Feedback

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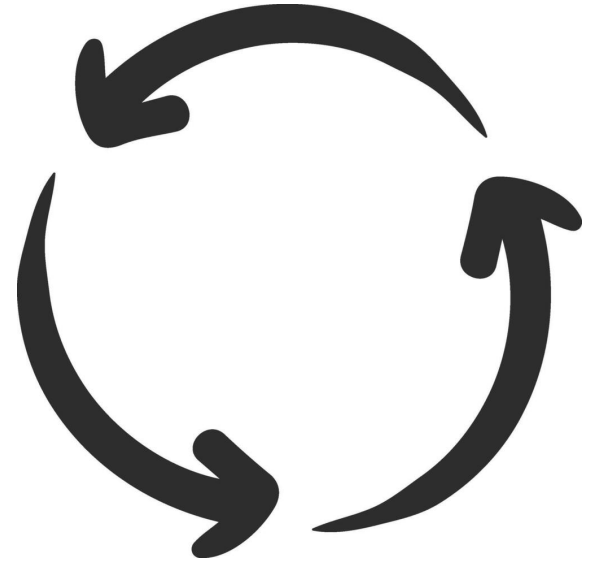
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# Sustainability

- Open-Source “crowd sourced” development
- Commercial users contributing engineer hours / recurring monetary contributions
  - ZLint
  - Dual-licensing?
  - Industry affiliates program?





## What we've learned so far (n = 80)

- Things are working for people (broadly)
- Cross-tool Documentation
  - Using tools *together* to solve use cases
  - New website?
- ZMap
  - Inconsistent versioning across pkg managers + source
  - Performance tuning guidance
- ZGrab
  - Making HTTP module *just work* out-of-the-box

