Why diagrams are critical to your open source project documentation

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If you've ever visited a project on GitHub (for instance) with the intention of understanding how it fits into a larger system, you'll recognise the sigh of relief you experience when you find a diagram or two on (or easily reached from) the initial landing page. This is an article about the importance of architecture and specifically about the importance of diagrams.

I'm a strong open source advocate, but source code isn't enough to make a successful project, or even, I would add, to be a truly open source project: Your documentation should not just be available to everybody, but accessible to everyone. If you want to get people involved, providing a way in is vital.

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