

How to Contribute to Open Source Projects or to Communities

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Why is important

- Open Source
- Open Standards
- Open Philosophy
- Free Vs OpenSource

- security
- flexibility (you have the code!)
- release cycle - bugs - features
- cheaper (there is a cost)
- licenses / patents
- i use/need/wrote an opensource project. What next?

Find something you like

- Distribution
- Project
- Community
- LUG
- Group or independent

Find something you hate

- Strings on translations
- Presentations
- HowTo / Tutorials
- Videos
- Wiki Pages
- Flyers
- Forums
- Groups
- Bugs
- Program

I am a student

- organize install fest
- organize open fest
- organize fosscomm
- go to conferences
- talk to your professors about
opensource for your labs
- create a local (edu) group
- create a project
- test projects
- translate a wiki page

I am a professor

- Install & use opensource projects on your laboratories
- Help your students to be on work groups
- Organize opensource events
- Be open minded
- Give Thesis on new technologies and open source projects
- Give your students motives to learn/use/contribute to opensource projects or communities

I am a professional

- donate
- make presentations for opensource conferences
- translate projects
- send patches
- write projects
- be on groups (dont be alone)
- write tutorials

i dont speak english

- create Flyers
- create wallpapers
- create videos
- talk to people on conference
- show your laptop to others
- donate
- be member on groups
- share your ideas with others (a new project)
- correct translations
- learn english

I dont know code

- Translate/find errors
- Donate
- Write Tutorials/HowTo/Wiki Pages
- Create images/videos
- Use opensoure projects
- Be on a group
- Join mailing lists/irc/forums
- bug reports
- send mails / feedback / thanks
- send t-shirts or gifts
- learn code

How can i contribute (summary)

- Translations/Spelling errors
- Documentation (HowTo/Tutorials/Forum/Wiki pages/Blog entries/FAQs), comments on errors
- Donations/buy staffs/t-shirts/gifts/thanks/post cards
- Use/Install linux/opensource projects/Testing projects/Reviews
- Bug reports/patches/feedback/New feature requests
- Create opensource projects
- Groups/LUGs/Mailling lists
- Art work/themes/wallpapers/flayers/videos
- Spread the word/logos on your sites/create a new site
- Train your colleagues/friends/classmates

Any Questions ?

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