

How to Join Fedora



CONTENT OUTLINE

THESE ARE THE THINGS WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT

So I am interested in FOSS communities and wish to contribute to one of the awesome projects, but there are so many of them...

Who are we?

That is so exciting! I cannot wait to be a part of the community. How do I make my first steps towards connecting with you folks?

How do I join the community?

Alright, now that I am a part of the community - I want to work on the projects, which ones should I begin contributing to?

From where do I start contributing?

I am glad to be of assistance to the community and want to take this up a notch. How can I support in a better way?

How do I become a successful contributor?

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We are people from all over the world that come together to develop the various tools, software, and material to promote Free and Open Source Software.

We are Fedora

- Encourage prospective contributors into communication with existing contributors.
- Provide self-contained and well-documented issues for newbies to get their feet wet.
- Guide and help prospective contributors to turn them into successful ones.
- To establish better mentor-mentee relationships among existing and prospective contributors.
- Provide for a comfortable communication channel to the prospective contributors

Look for
potential, not
polish

We can help them gain the polish that the established contributors have.

Simply put,

YOU NEED A

FAS Account

The Fedora Account System keeps track of Fedora Project contributors and the projects they work on. It is used to grant authentication and authorization to various components.

AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A

Welcome ticket

When a new person joins the Fedora community, she may or may not immediately know what she wants to do. If she doesn't, the Join SIG aims to help to explore the community and find a part that suits her interests. This ticketing project is for new members looking to find their way in the community.

HOW DO I JOIN THE COMMUNITY?

When a new contributor gets in touch with the Join SIG, we go through the following steps together. They need not know any of this. We, the community, will handle it all.

Introduction

The new contributors get to introduce themselves to the community, subscribe to the Join mailing list and added to the Join Pagure group.

Exploration

We let you loose in the vibrant world of Fedora to check out the awesome subprojects and SIGs we have and to contribute to them.

Interaction

From time-to-time we check progresses that our prospective contributors are making. You can always come back if you give up at some time.

I am Fedora

Now that our prospective contributor has joined a team, they have become a valuable member of the community. Time to celebrate!

GET THINGS STARTED

FROM WHERE DO I START CONTRIBUTING?

HOLD YOUR HORSES! LET'S SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS ABOUT...

Freedom



We are dedicated to free software and content. Advancing software and content freedom is a central goal, achieved by software and content we promote.

Features



We care about excellent software. The community creates many of the technical features that have made Linux powerful, flexible, and usable for a wide array of users.

Friends



We are a strong, caring community. The community is made up of people from all walks of life, working together to advance free software irrespective of age or skill.

First



We are committed to innovation. We provide the latest in stable and robust, useful, and powerful free software in our Fedora distribution.

Coming to the
technical subprojects
we house and maintain

Fedora Engineering Steering Cmte

It is a fully community elected body and represents the technical leadership in Fedora.

Fedora Modularity

Introduces an optional Modular repository that provides additional versions of software on independent lifecycles.

Fedora Containers

Discussions, usage, development and maintenance of Fedora and Fedora-based containers are done here.

NeuroFedora

An initiative to provide a ready to use Fedora based Free/Open source software platform for neuroscience.

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TeleIRC SIG

A volunteer-driven group to manage TeleIRC bridge bot which ensures that Telegram and IRC ends are connected.

Fedora CI

Making sure that the operating system stays always ready with continually built and tested set of packages.

Fedora Websites and Apps

Development, maintenance and administration of many services are done here which enables the community.

Fedora ELN

Development of Buildroot and compose process using Rawhide to emulate Red Hat Enterprise Linux functionality.

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Fedora Minimization Objective

Our maintainers produce size-optimised content with the same or lower amount of effort.

Fedora QA

Our goal to continually improve the quality of Fedora releases and updates with continuous testing.

Community Platform Engineering

A team dedicated to support the Fedora and CentOS projects' infrastructure and release engineering.

Fedora i3 SIG

The goal of this SIG is to produce a Fedora i3-based Fedora Spin where i3 is an X11-based window manager.

FROM WHERE DO I START CONTRIBUTING?

Coming to the
non-technical subprojects
we house and maintain



Mindshare

The committee fosters communication amongst the Mindshare teams and helps facilitate Council strategy.



CommOps

Provides tools, resources, and utilities for different sub-projects to improve effective communication



Docs

The group behind this very documentation site. Includes contributors' guidelines to Fedora Docs



Badges

A SIG to recognize contributors, help new and existing Fedora contributors find ways to get involved

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Join

The SIG aims to set up and maintain channels that let prospective contributors engage with the community



Magazine

Guides, info, and news about the Fedora OS for users, developers, system administrators, and contributors



Localization

The goal is to bring everything of Fedora (the Software, Docs, Websites, and culture) closer to all communities

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We all started as new volunteers at some point and understand that in order to become a successful contributor, there are some good practices.

Let's see how you can take it up a notch

Let's see how you can become a
successful contributor
to the community

Time commitment

A commitment requires reserving some time. If you strongly believe you will enjoy what you are doing, consider your dedication of time.

Get permission from work and family

Volunteering has great rewards in many ways. The two most prominent ones are your success at introducing a person to Fedora, another is your own ego.

Joining

The single biggest mistake most new contributors make is showing up "just wanting to contribute." It's important to take the time to observe the team.

Observation

It is important to get to know the organization and teams you are looking to work with before you try to join them. Learn what they do and how they do it.

Let's see how you can become a
successful contributor
to the community

Pick what you want to work on

It's your job to decide what you want to work on. Pick something that's important to you and something you have passion for.

Don't jump into the deep end

When picking something to work on, don't be the sole person to take on a huge task as your first contribution to avoid chances of failure.

Find yourself a mentor or sponsor

This step is both incredibly difficult and important. Finding a proper sponsor will increase your chances of being a successful contributor significantly.

Keep yourself busy

Once you've got something to work on, it's time to actually do work. The first several tasks you will work on will likely be small or maybe mundane.

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Diversity is one of our huge strengths, but it can also lead to communication issues and unhappiness. It comes down to each contributor to ensure that doesn't happen.

We have a few ground rules

Be considerate

Your work will be used by other people, and you in turn will depend on the work of others. Any decision you take will affect users and colleagues, and you should take those consequences into account when making decisions.

Be respectful

Not all of us will agree all the time, but disagreement is no excuse for poor behavior and poor manners. We might all experience some frustration now and then, but we cannot allow that frustration to turn into a personal attack.

END OF PRESENTATION

HERE'S HOPING THAT YOU WEREN'T BORED

For your kind attention,

Thank you

Here is how you
can get in touch
with us

Mailing list -

<https://lists.fedoraproject.org/admin/lists/fedora-join@lists.fedoraproject.org/>

Internet relay chat - #fedora-join on irc.freenode.net

Telegram - @joinfedora

Matrix - https://riot.im/app/#/room/%23freenode_%23fedora-join:matrix.org

Discord - <https://discordapp.com/invite/fedora>