



How to join Fedora

What are we talking about today?

- Who and what Fedora is
- How Fedora is organized
- How to join Fedora
- How to start contributing to Fedora
- Tips on becoming a successful contributor



Who and what is Fedora?





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.





"The Fedora Project envisions a world where everyone benefits from free and open source software built by inclusive, welcoming, and open-minded communities."



VISION STATEMENT



"Fedora creates an innovative platform for hardware, clouds, and containers that enables software developers and community members to build tailored solutions for their users."



MISSION STATEMENT

The Four Foundations

At the operating system level, we don't just integrate. We do new things — we build a platform, not just a distribution. The Features and First foundations drive us to innovate. We do all of this as a transparent, collaborative community of Friends, and entirely as open source and free software — Freedom.



Fedora Deliverables



Spins and Labs: KDE, XFCE, LXQT, MATE-Compiz, Cinnamon, LXDE, SOAS, Astronomy, Comp Neuro, Design Suite, Games, Jam, Python Classroom, Security Lab, Robotics Suite

Benefits of Contributing to Fedora

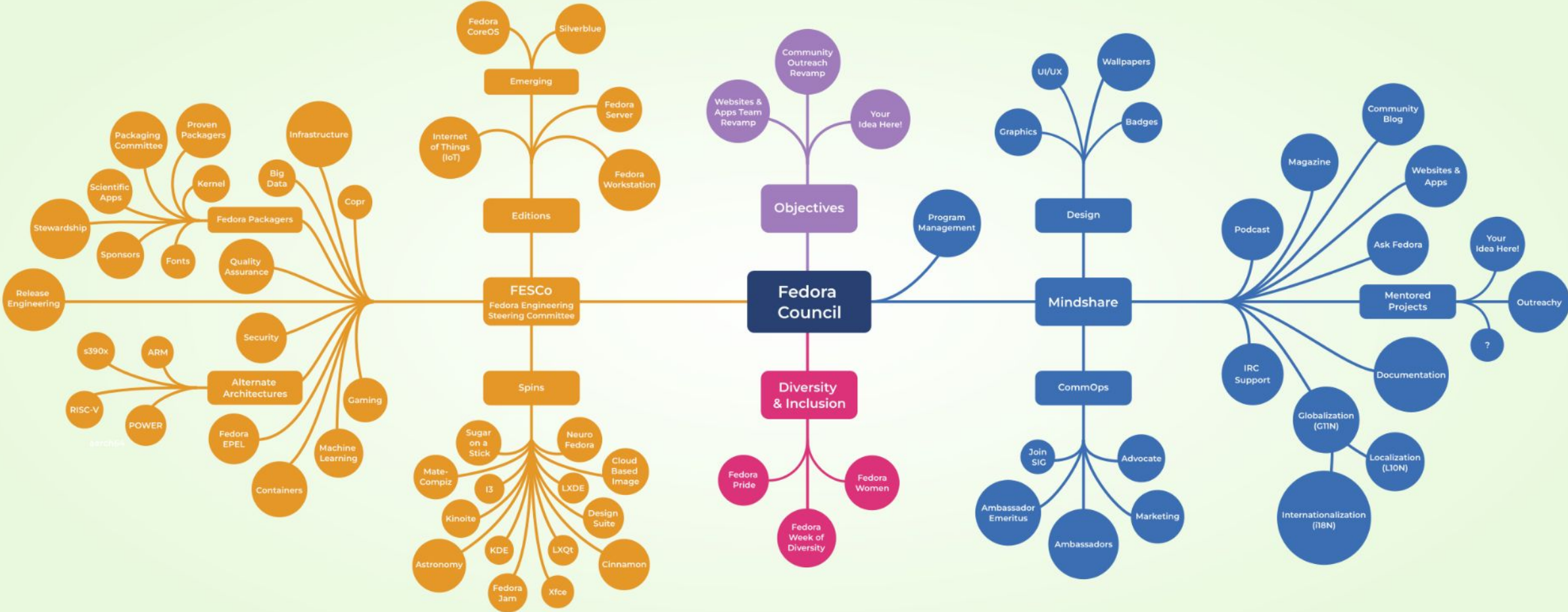
- Learn something new
- Expand your network
- Advance your career
- Give back to the community
- Be a part of something bigger
- For fun
- And... swag!



How is Fedora organized?



Fedora Project Organizational Chart



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Governing Bodies of Fedora



Fedora Council

The Fedora Council is our top-level community leadership and governance body. It is responsible for stewardship of the Fedora Project as a whole, and supports the health and growth of the Fedora Community.



Fedora Engineering Steering Committee

FESCo is a fully community elected body and represents the technical leadership in Fedora. FESCo is responsible for technical issues and coordination of technical resources for the project.



Mindshare Committee

The Fedora Mindshare Committee represents the non-coding and outreach leadership in Fedora. It consists of mostly appointed, but also elected members. Mindshare aims to support the non-coding parts of Fedora reach their goals efficiently.

How do I join the Fedora community?



Fedora Join

- 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.



**We look for potential,
not polish.**



This sounds great! Where do I start?

Make a Fedora account

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

We'll give you a welcome ticket

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

What we do when a contributor joins

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 need some more support or information.

How do I start contributing to Fedora?



Coding Roles



Packaging

Packagers build upstream applications for Fedora Linux. They respond to bug reports and ensure packages are in good shape.



Release Engineering

Fedora Release Engineering works with many different utilities that are maintained in respective upstream locations.



Quality Assurance

Fedora QA is the project which covers all testing of the software that makes up Fedora. It's our goal to continually improve the quality of Fedora releases and updates.

Coding Roles



Infrastructure

The Infrastructure team manages many of the services that keep Fedora humming, like mailing lists, chat bots, and build systems.



Website & App Development

The Fedora Websites & Apps team works on the frontend and backend of Fedora's websites and web applications.



Internationalization

The Fedora I18N project works on internationalization (i18n) to support the localization (l10n) of Fedora in many languages.

Non-Coding Roles



Translations

The goal of the Fedora Localization Project (FLP) is to bring everything around Fedora (Software, Docs, Websites, and culture) closer to local communities (countries, languages and in general cultural groups).



Community Outreach

Fedora's Community Outreach is currently under revamp, though there are still places to be involved in Outreach efforts. The CommOps team is a good place to start.



Diversity & Inclusion

The goal of the Diversity & Inclusion team is to encourage diversity, enquiry, and inclusion in the Fedora Community through a variety of initiatives and events.

Non-Coding Roles



Graphic Design & UI/UX

The Fedora Design Team is Fedora's in-house design agency. We provide artwork, user experience, usability, and general design services to the Fedora project.



Podcast

The Podcast Team records, edits, and produces episodes that feature interviews and talks with the people who make the Fedora community awesome.



Magazine Writer

The [Fedora Magazine](#) is a WordPress-based site which delivers news from the Fedora Community.

Non-Coding Roles



Documentation

The Fedora Documentation Team is responsible for the management, curation, and publishing of the documentation hosted at docs.fedoraproject.org.



Program Management

The Program Management Team serves two functions:

1. To be a program management resource for other Fedora teams
2. To backup certain key functions of the Fedora Program Manager (FPgM) when they are out of the office or otherwise unavailable



Mentorship

Fedora Project participates in multiple mentored project programs and is actively looking for new mentors, projects and programs that fit the criteria and can help the project/community grow.

How do I become a successful Fedora contributor?



**We all started as new
volunteers at some point!
In order to become a
successful contributor,
there are some good
practices to learn.**



What to keep in mind

Time commitment

A commitment requires reserving some time. If you strongly believe you will enjoy what you are doing, consider how much time you would like to commit per week or month..

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.

What to work on

Pick something that's important to you and something you have passion for. Evolving interests are encouraged so you won't be locked in to a team forever.

What to keep in mind

Avoid jumping in the deep end

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

We recommend this to avoid feeling overwhelmed and lower chances of failing at first attempts at contributing.

Finding a mentor or sponsor

This step can be challenging but it is important. Finding a proper mentor will increase your chances of being a successful contributor significantly.

These are folks who are willing to meet or chat with you about your Fedora experiences and answer questions..

Keep yourself busy

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

Don't be discouraged, this is a great chance to observe more.

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



How to do this?

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.

Thank you!



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