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Start contributing to an Open Source community now!

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- Shape the future
- Learn best practices
- Experiment with roles/functions that are not part of the day-to-day activities
- Meet like-minded people
- Help communities
- Become an expert in a Red Hat product
- Experiment different leadership
- Experiment different "political" systems
- Promotion opportunities

Some information on myself

- GNU/Linux-only user since 2001
- Wikimedia contributor since 2006
 - 24k+ changes, thousands of code contributions
- Open Street Map mapper since 2008
 - 1000+ changesets, hundreds of code contributions
- Fedora contributor since 2010
 - packager, packaging sponsor, mentor
- Ansible contributor since 2016
 - hundreds of code contributions
- Kubernetes contributor since 2020
 - sig-docs-it-owners
- 19k+ contributes to many GitHub projects

What is a contribution?

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- Code
- Documentation
- Open a bug
- Help another user
- Spread the knowledge/Let know the existence of a FLOSS project

Which roles?

- Outreach/Ambassador
- Copy writer
- Graphic
- Developer
- Sysadmin
- ...

What is needed to start contributing to a community?

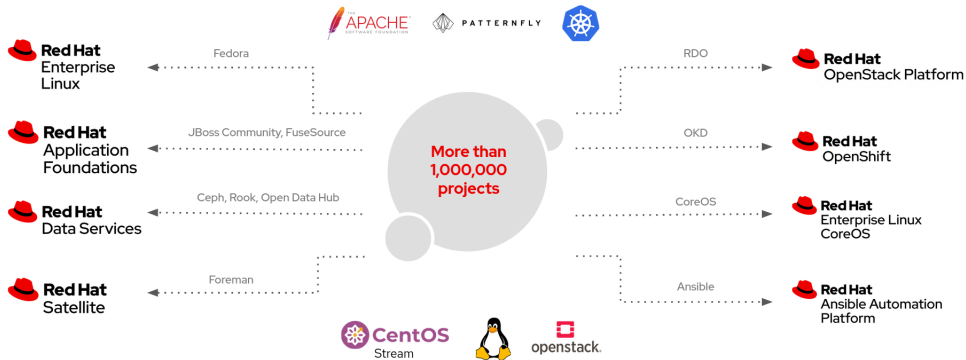
It depends!

What is needed to start contributing to a community?

- Time
- Passion
- Some domain-specific knowledge
 - Wikimedia: Knowledge on the article topic
 - OSM: Basic knowledge of Geographic Information System (GIS)
 - Translation: English and another language
 - Fedora packaging: git, RPM tools, Fedora tools
 - Ansible: Python, knowledge of the application/domain to be automated

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Which community?

- Used language
- Size
- Technical level
- Contribution process
- Density
- License

Some caution point

- Check project CLA
- Check project license
- Be aware of sponsored contributions

Conclusions

- It is possible to start contributing today
- There is space for all kinds of contributions
- Many different kind of community exist
- Contributing to community has many benefits, among which:
 - Learn new things
 - Experiment
 - Meet similarly minded people
- **Suggestion:** Find a mentor

Resources

- Slides: <https://static.fale.io/slides/20230202-en-opensource-contribution.pdf>
- Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Contributing_to_Wikipedia
- OSM: https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/How_to_contribute
- Fedora: <https://docs.fedoraproject.org/en-US/project/join>
- Fedora: <https://whatcanidoforfedora.org>
- Ansible: <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/community>
- Kubernetes: <https://kubernetes.io/docs/contribute>

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- Git: <https://thenewstack.io/tutorial-git-for-absolutely-everyone>
- <https://opensource.guide/how-to-contribute>
- <https://hackernoon.com/how-to-find-open-source-projects-for-beginners>

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