Non-Code Contributions to Open Source

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92%

of employers say **finding talent** with **open source skills** is difficult

52%

of developers **haven't contributed** to open source yet **but want to**

33%

don't know **where to start**

31%

think they **aren't skilled enough**

About Me

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Apache **APISIX**

High performance **cloud native API gateway**

Load balancing, Canary release, Circuit breaking, Authentication, Observability and more.

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Why?

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Why?
contribute to open source?

Build your **skills, resume, network**

Contribute to **software you use**

Find **mentors**

Be part of a **community**

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Why?
non-code contributions?

Often **more valuable** than contributing code

Few non-code contributors

Has **huge impact** on the project's success

You **are not** a coder

You like, and are **skilled** in contributing in other ways

A **stepping stone** to contributing code

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Writing

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Writing

If you are good at **technical writing** and **creating content**

Write **documentation**

Write **blog posts**

Translate documentation

Create content for **social media**

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Designing

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Designing

If you are **creative** and like **designing**

Create art for blog posts, social media, and even swags!

Create a **style guide** to help maintain visual consistency in designs

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Testing/Using

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If you are a **user** of the project

Report **bugs**

Advocate for the project

Help improve **UX**

Sign up for **alpha/beta testing**

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Mentoring

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Mentoring

If you are **experienced**

Mentor newcomers

Review code

Pay it forward

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Community Managing

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If you are interested in wearing **a lot** of different hats

Organise the project

Be the **release manager**

Organise **events and meetups**

*this list is **not** exhaustive

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Questions?

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