10 ways to get involved with Ubuntu today

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Compelled to automate all the things

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- Ubuntu Community Council Member
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I love contributing to open source

- Helping others
- Contributing talents to greater good
- Interesting career opportunities
- Working with smart and interesting people
- You determine level of commitment/time
Fears and Misconceptions

- I’m not a developer
- I don’t have useful skills
- I don’t have time to contribute
- My contributions are not welcome
- I’m not sure where to start
- Read by thousands of people per week
- Little to no technical knowledge required
- Very easy to contribute
1: Ubuntu Weekly Newsletter

- Email editor.ubuntu.news@ubuntu.com to be added to contributor list
- Visit the Google doc every Saturday and write summaries
Official documentation is shipped with every desktop install of Ubuntu

Contributions go from basic grammar to technical corrections to contributing Mallard formatted patches
2: Documentation

- `apt-get install bzr xsltproc libxml2-utils yelp-tools yelp-xsl`
- `bzr branch lp:ubuntu/ubuntu-docs`
- `cd ubuntu-docs/html/`
- `make`
- Submit bugs to https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/ubuntu-docs/+filebug
3: User Support

- No set commitment
- Gentle learning curve
- Can help whenever you want
- Various outlets to do support
- You're adding value to one of our most vital resources
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- UbuntuForums.org
- Ubuntu-users mailing list
- #ubuntu on irc.freenode.net
- AskUbuntu.com
4: Testing

- Real, concrete way to test upcoming release
- Helps releases happen on time if they've been tested in real world settings
- Better chance your hardware will be supported when the release happens
4: Testing

- Testing an ISO
  - http://iso.qa.ubuntu.com/
  - Report bugs: https://help.ubuntu.com/community/ReportingBugs
- Submit test results
- https://wiki.ubuntu.com/QATeam
5: Advocacy

- Meet others in person who share your passion for Ubuntu
- Help others in your community
- Support a project you love
5: Advocacy

- Participate in Local Community Team events (like Ubuntu Florida!)
- Doing presentations
- Creating promotional materials
6: Translations

- Help bring ubuntu to your native language
- Contributions can be easily done on your own time and at your own pace
- Check out the progress for your language!
  - http://projects.davidplanella.org/stats/utopic/
7: Design / Artwork

- Core Apps Design
  - https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Touch/CoreApps/Design

- Artwork Needs
  - Themes, icons
    - Ubuntu flavors especially love these

- Wallpaper contests
  - Happen every cycle for ubuntu and many flavors
8: Ubuntu for Phones

- Community Core Apps
  - https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Touch/CoreApps

- Testing

- Advocacy
  - Devices coming this fall from OEM’s
9: Development

- Yes, you can submit patches and fix bugs
- Look for bitesize opportunities
  - One Hundred Papercuts Project: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/One%20Hundred%20Papercuts
  - Harvest: http://harvest.ubuntu.com/
- You don’t have to be a developer, but you might become one in the process!
9.5: App Development

- You could also contribute a new application
- [http://developer.ubuntu.com](http://developer.ubuntu.com) has everything you need to get started
- Michael Hall gave a talk about this during the morning sessions
  - [http://fossetcon.org/2014/sessions/creating-your-first-ubuntu-sdk-application](http://fossetcon.org/2014/sessions/creating-your-first-ubuntu-sdk-application)
10: Flavors

- Flavors teams need all of the above too!

- **Edubuntu**: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Edubuntu
- **Ubuntu Studio**: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UbuntuStudio
- **Ubuntu Kylin**: http://www.ubuntukylin.com/
- **Lubuntu**: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Lubuntu
- **Xubuntu**: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Xubuntu
- **Kubuntu**: https://wiki.kubuntu.org/Kubuntu/
- **Ubuntu Gnome**: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UbuntuGNOME
- **Mythbuntu**: http://www.mythbuntu.org/
How to succeed

- Don’t be afraid to speak up
  - Make Contact!
  - Ask for help
  - Don’t be afraid to propose your work for inclusion
- Remember ubuntu is a meritocracy
- YOU CAN help shape ubuntu’s future
How to succeed

- Want to contribute in a way that is not listed?
  - Start doing the work
    - Others will follow, teams will form, wiki pages and docs will be written
    - If you do it, others may join you
  - Don’t forget to apply for membership!
Resources

- Planet Ubuntu
  - http://planet.ubuntu.com
- Wiki
  - http://wiki.ubuntu.com
- Newsletter
- Ubuntu Community
  - http://community.ubuntu.com/
Questions?