

**Making your voice
heard:**

Open Source needs you

Hi, I'm Laura.

artist, web developer

Travis Foundation

ROSSConf

Rails Girls Summer of Code

@alicertragedy

Open Source Software

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“software with source code that anyone can inspect, modify and enhance”

opensource.org

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Impostor syndrome is real

You are good enough.



Laura

@alicetragedy



"Sometimes, contributing to Open Source is the simple act of telling someone who built something you use: Thank you." @ErisDS
#scriptconf

RETWEETS

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LIKES

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Different types of contributions

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Open Source is design.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is UX and UI.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is marketing.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is community.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is project management.

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Open Source is testing.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is translation.

Different types of contributions

Open Source is documentation.

The path to your first contribution

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Awesome for Beginners

<https://github.com/MunGell/awesome-for-beginners>

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Great for new contributors

<https://github.com/showcases/great-for-new-contributors>

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Bugs Ahoy!

<https://www.joshmatthews.net/bugсахoy>

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Up for Grabs
<http://up-for-grabs.net>

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YourFirstPR
<http://yourfirstpr.github.io>


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Use the power of GitHub labels

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first-timers-only
quick-fix
help-wanted
beginner-friendly



First pull request
add chuck

Opened in pxlpnk/xhelloworlds Oct 28

 Opened 1 other pull request in 1 repository



pxlpnk/xhelloworlds

1 merged

 add greeter function

Oct 29

add chuck #17


Edit


Merged pxlpnk merged 1 commit into `pxlpnk:master` from `alicetragedy:master` on Oct 28, 2013

Conversation 4 Commits 1 Files changed 1 +3 -0

 alicetragedy commented on Oct 28, 2013 Contributor + 😊 ✎

an easy one ;)

🔗  add chuck 91ebda2

 pxlpnk commented on Oct 28, 2013 Owner + 😊

I just met a new language! (:

🔗  pxlpnk merged commit **7f66617** into `pxlpnk:master` on Oct 28, 2013 Revert

- Reviewers**
No reviews


- Assignees**
No one assigned



- Labels**
None yet

- Projects**
None yet

Your first meaningful project

Commits on Apr 5, 2015

 **change label and placeholder for project description** ...
alicertragedy committed on Apr 5, 2015 ✓


 **8ec92ab** 



Commits on Mar 24, 2015

 **Merge pull request #172 from cypher/apple-touch-icon-path** ...
alicertragedy committed on Mar 24, 2015 ✓

 **a9f4b05** 

Commits on Mar 21, 2015

 **'My Application' in notice to student after saving a draft now become...** ...
alicertragedy committed on Mar 21, 2015 ✓

 **e930213** 

Commits on Mar 13, 2015


 **Merge pull request #164 from rails-girls-summer-of-code/lg-fixes** ...
alicertragedy committed on Mar 13, 2015 ✓


 **bump up size of help-block in forms**
alicertragedy committed on Mar 13, 2015 ✓



 **47e0c4f** 



 **9a19a69** 

Commits on Mar 3, 2015

 **add placeholder for project name in application, change question phra...** ...
alicertragedy committed on Mar 3, 2015 ✗

 **minor fixes** ...
alicertragedy committed on Mar 3, 2015 ✗

 **ef8e1df** 

 **8502b14** 

Your first meaningful project

Contribute to tools or projects you use

Your first meaningful project

Look for projects that can use your skills or knowledge



Laura

@alicetragedy



I'd like to get more involved in contributing meaningfully to an OSS project or initiative that makes a difference. Suggestions? /1

RETWEETS

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Reply to @alicetragedy



Laura @alicetragedy · Jan 26



Preferred fields: education, privacy, health — that kind of thing. I'm not an extremely experienced developer, but I love learning! /2



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Laura @alicetragedy · Jan 26



I can offer: (some) Python, Ruby, HTML, CSS, UI/UX, copy-editing, some design help. Currently learning JS (very slowly) in my free time. /3



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Your first meaningful project

Choosing which project to contribute to is like deciding which organisation you want to do volunteer work for.

Your first meaningful project

Ask yourself:

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Is the project important to me?

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Does my work make a difference?

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Does my work make a difference?
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Do I agree with the project's values?

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Ask yourself:

Is the project important to me?

Does my work make a difference?

Do I like the community?

Do I agree with the project's values?

Is there work available for me to do?

Choosing and working on your issue

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Join the community

Choosing and working on your issue

Start with `CONTRIBUTING.md`

Improve/expand on the contribution guidelines #1641

 Closed

alicetragedy opened this issue on Dec 1, 2016 · 10 comments



alicetragedy commented on Dec 1, 2016

Contributor



I love documentation that is short and to the point, but I think some newcomers to OSS might feel shy about opening up issues if there is no mention of that in the contribution guide. Here are some suggestions for improving the guide:

- have a short introduction with inviting and welcoming language, e.g. "Thank you for your interest in contributing to 24pullrequests!"
- if you think your audience might be in part beginners, maybe linking to some GitHub guides (i.e. the guide on forking) would be helpful.
- specifically mention issues e.g. "We always appreciate suggestions for new features and bug reports."; if needed, specify a way in which a bug should be reported, requirements for the issue (e.g. for a bug, list the steps that led to the error; for a design / styling issue, show a screenshot if possible)
- for contributors who want to pick issues to work on, maybe a list of what labels you use and what they mean could help them pick appropriate issues.

I'm not super familiar with how you do things, but I would love to help improve and extend this guide — might have to pair with someone from the team or with a regular contributor though!

Choosing and working on your issue

Follow the documentation to setup the project

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Get acquainted with the project
by helping with issue gardening

Choosing and working on your issue

The issue tracker is a good place to start

Choosing and working on your issue

Don't hesitate to ask questions

Choosing and working on your issue

Follow the project's code conventions

Choosing and working on your issue

Be respectful of other people's time

Choosing and working on your issue

Don't do any work you don't want to do

Choosing and working on your issue

Start your own project

Maintaining an Open Source project

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Don't forget where you came from

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Make your project accessible

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Make your project welcoming

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Add (and enforce) a Code of Conduct.

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Write clear, well-defined issues

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Reward your contributors

Community

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Matthew Lechleider Community Spotlight

Posted by [leighc](#) on *June 7, 2016 at 2:38pm*

Matthew Lechleider ([Slurpee](#)) has been active in the Drupal community for over a decade, and his hard work has directly led to an incredible amount of community growth. The founder of a Chicago Drupal User Group and our community's chief advocate for the Google Summer of Code and Google Code-In programs, Matthew has been a key part of growing the Drupal project and our global community. Here's his Drupal story.

"In 2005, I was a full-time university student working at an internet service provider so I could put myself through school," Matthew said. "I was working as a network/systems person, and since I was at an ISP we had a lot of people calling us and asking the same questions over and over. At the time, I knew bit about web development and programming, and I thought, 'I bet I could make a website that would answer these people's questions.' And that's how I found Drupal. I proposed it to my boss, and the next thing I knew I was working on a full-time project getting paid to work with Drupal 4. I built the website and it was really popular—and we noticed that the phone calls went down. We were tracking our support calls at the 24-hour call center, and when people called for help, we would refer them to the website as a resource. So it really was a big help."



Maintaining an Open Source project

Communicate (but don't over-promise)

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Learn to say no

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Be a mentor



alicetragedy requested changes on Sep 22, 2016

[View changes](#)

Hi @nbogis, thanks for the great work! I've made some comments regarding the style (the way you set ids in slim) as well as general comments (changes that don't fit in the scope of the PR should not be committed). Currently the sign in links don't work for me because of the z-index, but I've also made a comment on how to fix this easily.
Please make all the changes I suggested and we can merge! 👍

Gemfile

Show outdated

app/views/activities/index.html.slim

Show outdated

app/views/layouts/_header.html.slim

Show outdated

config/database.yml.example

Show outdated

app/assets/stylesheets/global.sass

Show outdated



alicetragedy commented on Sep 22, 2016

Member



I've also just noticed that this only works on certain screen sizes only (but not on mobile for some reason). Could you look into what the problem might be @nbogis? Alternatively, as suggested in [this discussion](#) we might just want to look into implementing bootstrap properly (or double-checking that it's working as it should). Sorry for the trouble there...



nbogis added some commits on Sep 26, 2016



fix navbar hiding issue and fix css styling

b57dc5a



fix burger styling and added a divider in menu

3bc5d43



nbogis commented on Oct 27, 2016

Member



I did `git pull origin master` and it says my repo is up-to-date and I didn't find any merge conflicts.



alicetragedy commented on Oct 27, 2016 • edited

Member



@nbogis the screen size is full screen on my laptop (viewport: 1438x799px) but it shows up that way from the viewport with a 994px width to what I currently have. That's in both Chrome and Firefox. It looks like Safari displays it ok 😓



alicetragedy commented on Oct 27, 2016 • edited

Member



@nbogis I'm sorry, I think part of the instructions I gave are only relevant when you're not working from a fork but from a clone (where you push and pull directly to and from our repo without using a forked repo in-between). Do [these instructions](#) help? You will have to sync your fork first, and then merge the master into the the branch you've been using to makes these changes. I hope that helps!

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Give people (some) control

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Set clear boundaries for yourself

Open Source needs you

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Software is as much about people
as it is about code

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“Today, more people use Open Source, but fewer people contribute back, than ever before. And everybody assumes that somebody else is doing it.”

–Nadia Eghbal