



Non-Code Contribution

Using your passion and skills
to power open source.

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PRESENTER

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I believe strongly in contributing to the Drupal community and supporting open source in any way I can.

I'm the organizer of the Drupal Providence Meetup, an Acquia-certified Site Builder, a co-host on Talking Drupal, and a co-organizer of the New England Drupal Camp. Throughout my career I have crafted Drupal solutions for many organizations like CVS Caremark, Leica Geosystems, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Marriott International, Rhode Island School of Design, and Getty Images.

What is Non-Code Contribution?

Any contribution that helps an open-source project that does not involve writing code.





Boston Drupal Meetup

Where is open-source built?

A majority of contribution has nothing to do with coding at a meetup, camp, or con.

Camp Organization

Many people have many different roles when organizing a camp. Many of those activities are considered non-code contribution.



Other examples of contribution

- Mentorship
- Documentation
- Training
- Summits
- Board/Committee member




Who is a Contributor?

A close-up photograph of a person's hand placing a puzzle piece into a larger puzzle. The puzzle piece being placed contains printed text, which appears to be a snippet of a document or code. The background is a wooden surface with other puzzle pieces scattered around, some of which also contain text. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the piece being placed.

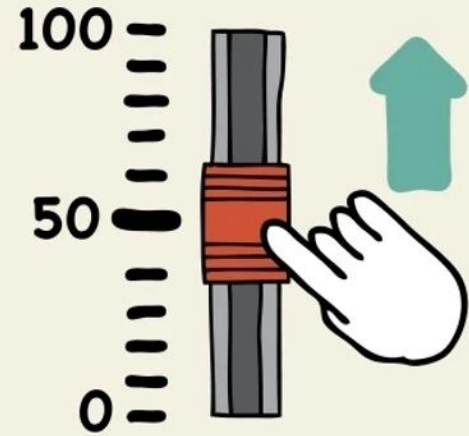
EVERYONE!!





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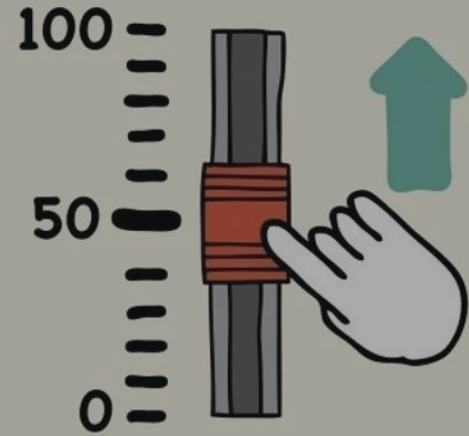
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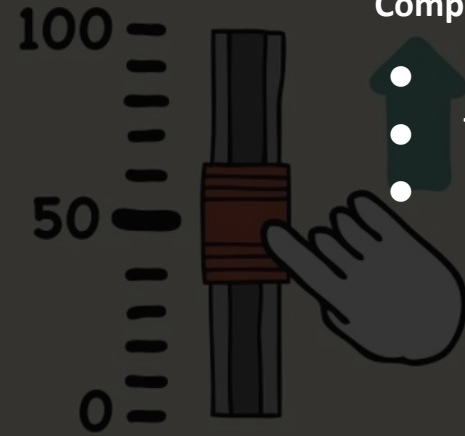
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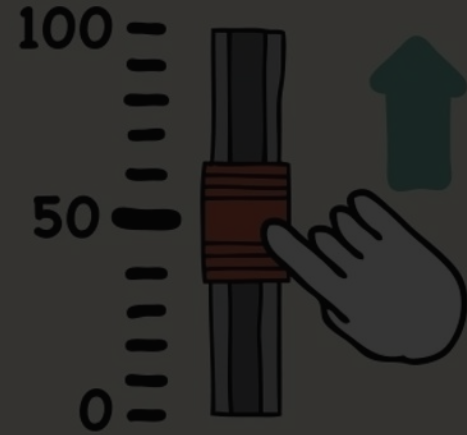
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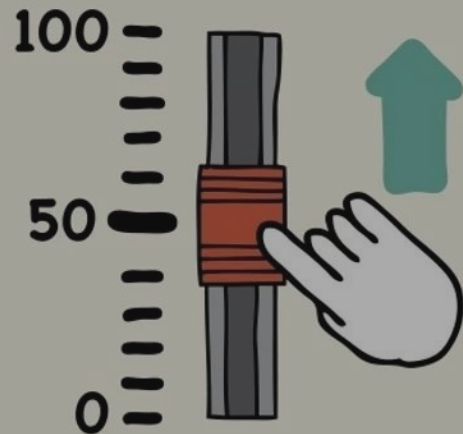
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Contribution can be personal like donating to your favorite charity or playing your favorite game.



Surabhi Gokte 9:32 AM

Why do we/you contribute?

I can definitely answer for myself here. Drupal Community has been very important in my life. I wasn't so passionate when I started because I never knew what was going to unfold. Gradually, I was able to create my own path in terms of both volunteering as well as my career. All of this is because of contributing, and that too non-code! 😊



nicxvan 10:44 AM

Drupal and the community has given so much to me I just started giving back myself

Why do we Contribute?



Leslie Glynn - Design 4 Drupal, Boston 6:39 PM

@John Picozzi - New England Drupal Camp (NEDCamp) I contribute to help people learn more about Drupal and the Drupal Community, introduce them to wonderful community members and mentors and show them how folks can contribute in ways they never thought of before.



Matthew Saunders - DrupalCamp CO 5:38 PM

I can help you. I've only ever made four code contributions.



Martin Anderson-Clutz 5:33 PM

The help of others was invaluable in helping me understand Drupal, so I want to pay it forward



Kevin Thull 8:52 AM

I use Drupal to make a living, but don't maintain modules or contribute patches, so I give back in other ways: session recording, camp volunteer/organizer, and active in the issue queue when I can.

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Talking Drupal #341 - Mentoring at DrupalCon



Nic



Mike



AmyJune



John

www.TalkingDrupal.com/341

When did we start considering TD a contribution?

Drupal.org credit for the Talking Drupal Podcast started on November 20th 2020 as a Community Project.

Talking Drupal Podcast

View

Version control

By [nicxvan](#) on 20 November 2020, updated 10 August 2021



Talking Drupal is a weekly podcast (audio/video) about Drupal and Web Development.

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Community Project

Non-code projects used to manage groups or initiatives within the Drupal community such as Drupal camps or working groups.

Project types

There are a few different project types, and while the steps for creating a project are the same regardless Drupal.org and related infrastructure will treat them differently depending on the project type. This includes determining where on Drupal.org the project is listed. And things like whether the Drupal.org Composer integration should add a package type of `type:drupal-theme` or `type:drupal-module` when packaging assets.

The most commonly used project types are:



- **Community project:** Non-code projects used to manage groups or initiatives within the Drupal community such as Drupal camps or working groups. Use this if you want a project page, and an issue queue, but do not have code that needs to be packaged.
- **Module project:** Modules contain PHP code (and other code) that extends Drupal to add new features or alter existing ones. Use this for any Drupal module you want to share with the community.
- **Theme project:** Themes change the look and feel of a Drupal site. Use this for any Drupal theme (or base theme) you want to share with the community.
- **General project:** These are projects which contain code, but are not Drupal modules, themes, or other more specific project types. Use this for JavaScript libraries, Drush extensions, and generic PHP libraries, you want hosted on Drupal.org.



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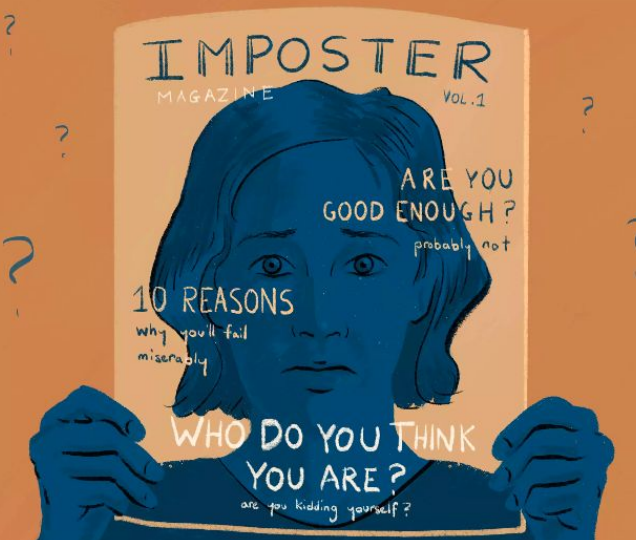
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Why are non-code contributions important?



Contribution Imposter Syndrome

- My contribution isn't valuable
- My contribution is not helpful
- Focus on your skills and passions

Work, Life, Contribution Balance

- Work it into your work
- Contrib Doesn't have to be nights and weekends

Sustainability

- Long term is a challenge
- Priorities and interests change over time
- Be honest with yourself



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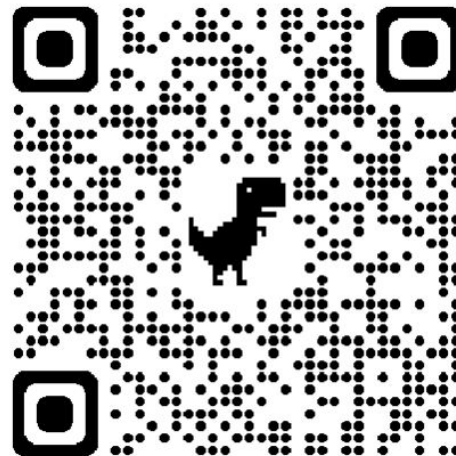
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Helpful Resources

<https://picozzi.com/drupalcon2022>



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