



Designers Can Be Open-Sourcerers Too!



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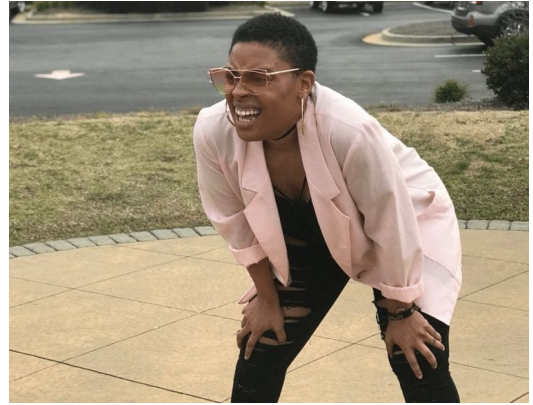
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Designing for Open Source



Wait, what is Open Source? FOSS?



The **beauty** that is Open Source

Open source is something people can read, modify and share because its design/code is **publicly accessible**.

FOSS is Free and Open Source Software.



Flexibility

Peer-review

Collaborative
participation

Transparency

Open-exchange

Community-oriented
development

**“Most designers don’t have
a clue about open source.”**

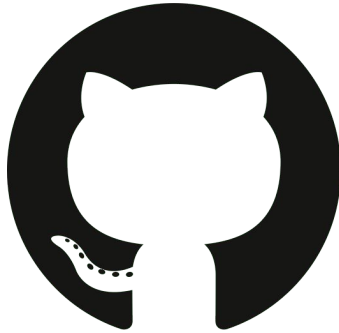
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Why Many Designers **Might Not** Be Contributing to Open Source



No clue about open source



The tools/processes can be intimidating

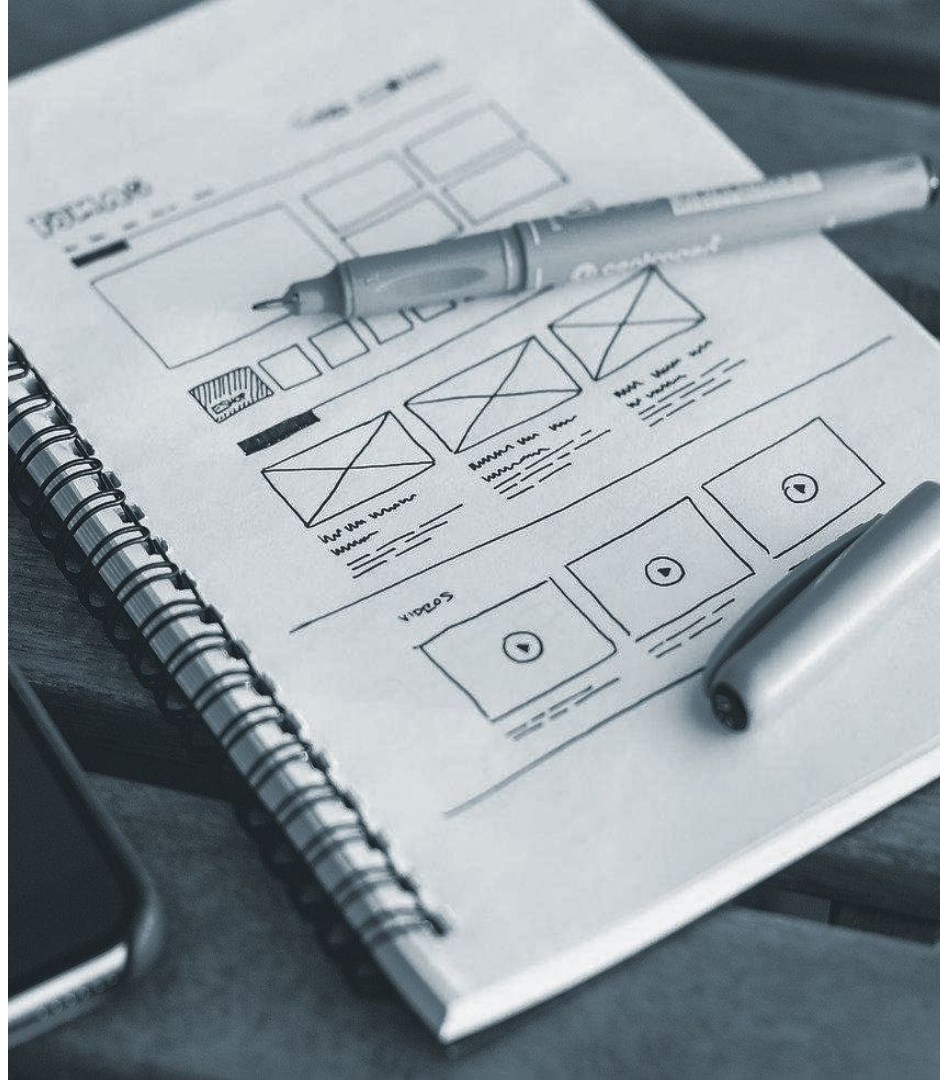


They don't see the benefits

How to Contribute to Open Source

As a Designer


-  Conduct UX reviews of existing projects
-  Design sketches, mockups to improve usability
-  Conduct user research and usability testing for the project





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As a Designer

-  Develop a style guide for consistent visual design
-  Create branding designs (e.g. new logo)
-  Create walkthrough videos for the software

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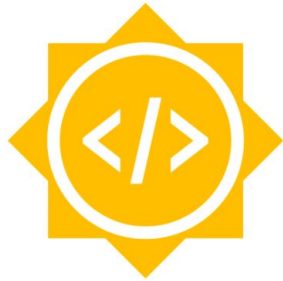
As a Designer

-  Improve the project documentation
-  Rewrite design issues as design challenges
-  Look out for opportunities for design contributions

Visit  Open Source Design

For more ideas on ways to contribute

Growing as an Open-Source Designer



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Summer of Code

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“Let’s make open source software
beautiful and more **usable!**”

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Thank you!



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