No.1 Joyee Cheung

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Introduction

Joyee Cheung is a software developer who likes working on open-source projects. According to her own blog, she has been a member of the Node.js TSC since 2017 and a V8 committer since 2019.

A glance at her GitHub profile gives us a glimpse that she has created 94 repositories and got 5.1k followers and 424 stars. It seems like that projects named Node.js and V8 are her main work, among which Node.js seems to include several parts such as node, TSC and build, which is consistent with the above introduction.

Contribution

She is a real contributor to open-source projects. At first, during 2013 and 2014, she just created repositories and commits in repositories. Then, in 2015, she opened her first issue in coreybutler /nvm-windows on GitHub at Apr 22nd, and first pull request in XvarX/hw2-table-sorter at Mar 12th, which means that And in this year, she has made 1066 contributions and received a number of comments. After that, She became active in the open source software community.

Main Work

Actually, she mostly contribute to others' repositories such as Node.js as a volunteer, which led to her becoming the first Node.js community CTC member in China. Only those who have made a significant contribution to the Node.js community will be accepted as CTC members. And Joyee was mainly involved in the implementation of WHATWG URL standard and some improvements of internal benchmark, and she also helped maintain the issue tracker and review code, which took a lot of her personal weekend leisure time.

Difficulties

The language barrier may have been the first difficulty she encountered in developing open source projects. About half of CTC's staff and many Collaborators are not native English speakers, nor do they live in English-speaking countries so that Node.js comments, the language of the commit message and the language of communication on the issue tracker sometimes be difficult to understand.

Then is the occasional not-so-friendly code review she has faced. But most of the time they

communicate privately and are very careful not to offend each other, so it feels good to work together inside.

No.2 Tobias Diez

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Introduction

Tobias Diez is an Assistant Professor at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He is also very involved in open source software development, although symmetries and their fascinating occurrence throughout physics are the prevalent theme of his research.

Contribution

According to his GitHub profile, he has created 117 repositories and got 72 followers and 45 stars. JabRef and sagemath seem to be main open-source projects he attended. And he opened his first issue on GitHub in vaisaghvt/CheckTypos at Aug 22nd, 2013. And first pull request was to SublimeLinter/SublimeLinter-chktex at Jan 5th, 2014. He enjoys and actively participates in the development of open-source projects, who has almost made thousands of contributions in average per year.

Main Work

Since he started working on open-source projects, he has focused on document management and document editing, for example, JabRef, Zettlr, obsidian and so on, which may not be very related to his major. Also, He used his expertise to participate in the development of specialized mathematical software such as sagemath. All this work didn't seem to help his study and research, more out of passion and enjoyment of being a member of the open source community. And he mostly created commits and open pull requests, instead of code reviews and issues.

At the end—My own feelings and understanding

From this 2 open-source contributors' experience, I really feel that participating in open-source projects is a very rewarding thing. Although it may consume our free time and encounter some difficulties, but it is very cool to find a project that we are truly passionate about and continue to participate in its development process. In the process, we can also make new friends, improve our skills, and get a sense of accomplishment. Getting involved in open-source projects development may be difficult at first, but the experiences of these developers have taught me that nothing is impossible.