L06 Entry Barriers

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Entry Barriers

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Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of L06 students will be able to use techniques to

• remove entry barriers in FLOSS initiatives

Different Users

for all entry barriers different users need to be considered:

- end users
- devs
- admins
- researchers

Barrier 0: Find

Entry Barriers

Improve discoverability:

- website
- news
- wikipedia
- https://directory.fsf.org

Barrier 1: Use

- tutorials
- user interface
- packages

Barrier 2: Compile

- bring user in contact with your source code
- dependencies
- build system
- extreme: require users to compile your software (increases Barrier 1)

Barrier 3: Issues

- login in issue tracker
- "good first issues"
- little technical debt

Barrier 4: Improvements [1]

- unit tests ("did not break anything")
- documentation
- well-structured design
- code review
- continuous integration
- programming language
- license
- small project
- coding guidelines
- clear code
- contribution guidelines

Barrier 5: Social Barriers

- e.g. culture and gender
 - welcoming atmosphere
 - treat everyone as contributor
 - mentoring

Barrier 6: No Deadlines

- fast feedback
- keep people involved
- releases, goals, milestones, "testing" versions, ...

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Which users need to be considered concerning entry barriers and why?

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Your Roles

In which role are/were you in? How does it change over time?

Task

Break.

Recapitulation Papers

Which statement is from which paper?

A coelho2018why: Why We Engage in FLOSS: Answers from Core Developers B mandez2018open: Open Source barriers to entry, revisited: A sociotechnical perspective

- ullet I have interest or expertise on the project domain ightarrow coelho2018why
- Lack of proactivity \rightarrow mandez2018open
- Friendly community \rightarrow coelho2018why
- \bullet the most important thing is communication and availability of the owner/maintainer $\,\to$ coelho2018why
- ullet To improve the project because I am using it $\, o$ coelho2018why
- ullet To have a volunteer work ightarrow coelho2018why
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Lack} \ \, \mathsf{of} \ \, \mathsf{commitment} \ \, \to \mathsf{mandez} \mathsf{2018} \mathsf{open}$
- ullet Knowledge on version control system ightarrow mandez2018open
- ullet Outdated documentation o mandez2018open
- ullet I wanted the unknown project to become relevant $\,\, o$ not present in papers

Your Reasons

Which entry barriers are relevant for you? What would improve your situation?

Recapitulation

Task

Break.

Task

Enough issues?

T1: Corrections

Task

Questions?

Assignments

Task

Verified tutorials

Feedback

- Difficulties in Homework/Teamwork/Project?
- ECTS breakdown realistic?



L07 Maintenance

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[1] Jailton Coelho, Marco Tulio Valente, Luciana L Silva, and André Hora. Why we engage in floss: Answers from core developers. In *Proceedings of the 11th international workshop on cooperative and human aspects of software engineering*, pages 114–121, 2018.