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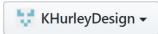
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How does a GitHub community work? What does it mean to contribute to an open source project? How do things get



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accomplished? These are all questions that I explored when viewing and trying to engage in



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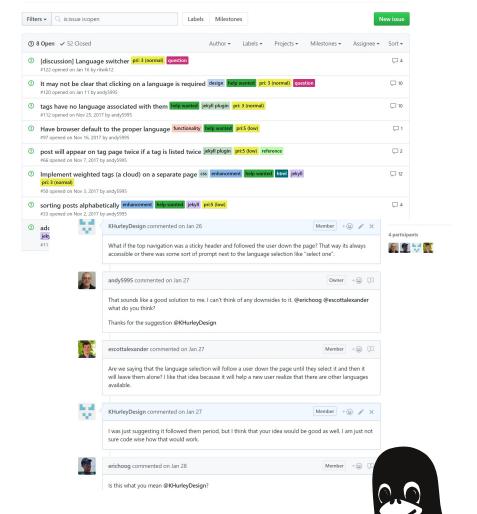
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GitHub is a web-based version control and collaborative platform.

Based on git, this platform functions as an open source code management system. It fosters connections between the creators of the projects and the user. Allowing for collaboration and advancement of projects. But what does it really mean to be apart of an open source community.

Most open source projects develop out of someone's specific need or goal. For example, you want a program that generate random quotes from your favorite book. You create this program and then publish it for others to use. But, users don't always have the same intentions when it comes to your project. So they find bugs in your project created from unexpected use. They can either fork the project and fix the issue themselves or they can submit the issue for the creator to fix.

Community are created around projects where the creator and the user are invested on up keeping and investing in the project. I had the opportunity to participate in one of these communities. I found out that within these communities there are generally only a select few people that actively participate in these projects along with the creator. But these people form a connections. And often they end up talking about more then just the project. For example, they will share music they like with each other.



Github Issues are an essential part of the open source community. This is how the creater of the project engages with people useing the project. It also allows the creater to discover bugs that he might not know about, as well as disscus and acept fixes from users. This allows the project to progress at a faster rate then if the creater was the only one useing it.

