**Purpose:** ( [https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Season\_of\_Docs\_Ideas\_2019#GeoNetwork](https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Season_of_Docs_Ideas_2019" \l "GeoNetwork) )

[GeoNetwork](https://geonetwork-opensource.org/) is the leading open source metadata catalog for spatial data, and is an OSGeo Foundation project. It has read-the-docs style documentation separated by user, administrator, maintainer, and contribution guides. There is additional documentation within the GeoNetwork source code that could be replicated or incorporated into the main documentation. Documentation is primarily written by developers, many who have English as a second language. Consequently, there is a great opportunity to improve language, readability and structure.

Documentation hasn't kept up with feature development. Some functionality has dated instructions and screenshots, and in places, there is only placeholder text or no documentation at all. This impacts user experience and leads to more questions on our user and developer mailing lists.

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| **Step** | **Major Activity** | **References, Forms and Details** |
| **1** | At any time add documentation issues from personal observation : <https://github.com/geonetwork/doc/issues> | * Items will be reviewed and people may ask more questions to clarify things if necessary |
| **2** | Scan the **quick-start guide** for minor errors, omissions or needed clarification:  <https://geonetwork-opensource.org/manuals/trunk/en/user-guide/quick-start/index.html>  For simple changes like a typo, or a sentence that can be improved,   * click the "edit this file" icon on that page * make your change * at the bottom say what you've done * choose the "Create a new branch for this commit" option (or similar). * a pull request is generated, and will be reviewed before being merged | * For this step, you can't really break anything and you don't need to install and use Sphinx Documentation Builder. |
| **3** | For substantial changes to the **quick-start guide**, like adding new pages   * create an issue in <https://github.com/geonetwork/doc/issues> * there will be a discussion of the change before going ahead. * When you do go ahead, fork your own copy of the documentation repository in github. * create a new rst file in the appropriate folder in your local copy of the documentation by copying an existing one. * build it locally to check for errors * commit it to your fork of the documentation * create a pull request to the main documentation repository * it will be reviewed before being accepted. | * This approach requires the Sphinx Documentation Builder to be installed on a local machine (360-20). * Reviewed by whom? * Response time? * Refer to 360-F01 for RST commands |
| **4** | To contribute to a documentation code sprint   * check for empty pages and pages with TODO in them * add issues * Tackle the issue if minor | * How to announce you are working on task? * How to avoid duplication? |
| **5** | For episodic documentation code-sprints, the team will select items from the **“known issues”** spreadsheet, and assign priorities.  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l5FwIj5wpr7QUGsmVNJsvvK5KenMEhHmdL_svfeqDXk/edit?usp=sharing> | * The spreadsheet is cursory and only captures the most obvious problems. |
| **6** | Accept tasks and start documenting |  |
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