

Becoming an Open Source Champion with Gatsby

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What makes a good Open Source project?

Put your answers into the chat/comments



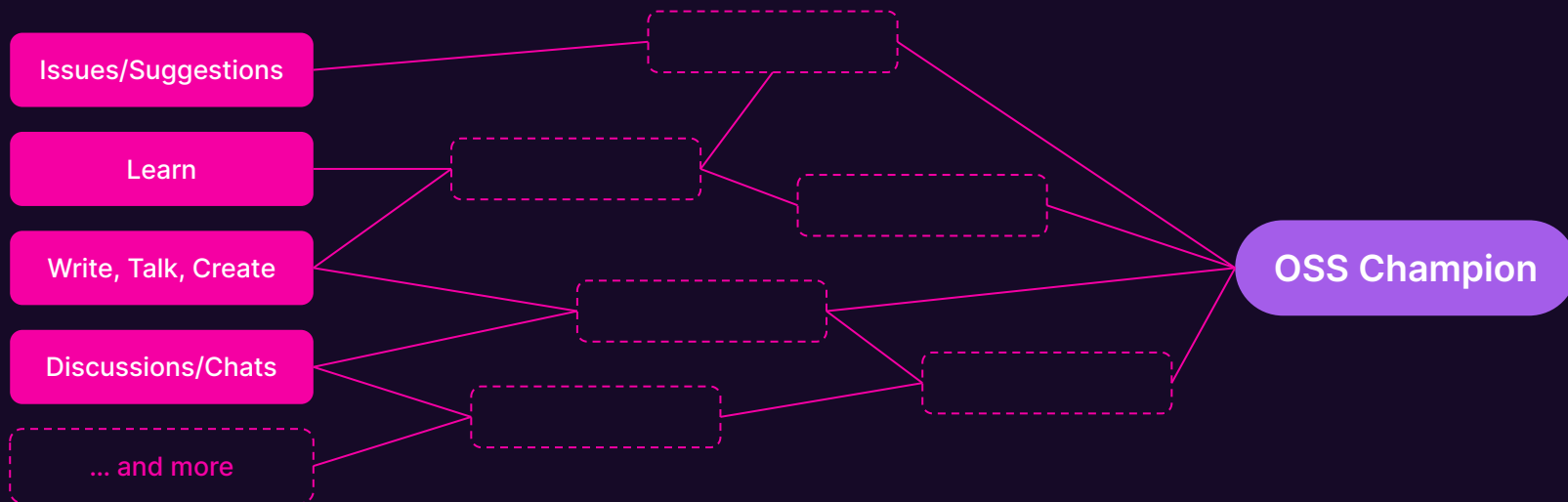
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**Made with the help
of Open Source Contributors**

“Where should I begin?”

Choose your own path



Things to look out for

- CONTRIBUTING.md / Contributing section
- Discussions/Discord
- Issues with “Good first issue”/“Help Wanted”
- Calls for testing new versions/features
- Possibility to submit examples/example projects, articles, etc.



"Where should I begin?"

Support projects you **love** in a way
that also benefits **you**.

For beginners: hacktoberfest.digitalocean.com/resources/beginners



Contributing to Gatsby

The same principles apply to Gatsby



However, we realized that Gatsby's project type changed

From a Club to a Stadium



The project type will evolve. You have
to evolve **with it.**

Our plans for 2022

Starter Submissions

- New submission form
- High quality standards
- Evaluated and updated every month

Available at gatsbyjs.com/starters/submissions





Gatsby Starter Community Submissions

We would be happy to include your Starter as part of the Gatsby Community Starters Library! We review and add new starters to the Library on a monthly basis.

In order to be considered, your Starter should meet these minimum requirements:

- Be on the [latest major version of Gatsby](#)
- Build without error on Gatsby Cloud
- Have a demo deployed to Gatsby Cloud
- Demonstrate best practices around accessibility
 - For details and resources on accessibility standards, we recommend <https://a11y.coffee/>
- Demonstrate best practices around performance
 - For details and resources on performance, see:
 - [Front-end performance \(link\)](#)
 - [Gatsby build performance \(link\)](#)
- Include documentation on installation and contribution

In addition to the guidelines above, we will also give preference to Starters that demonstrate use-cases, functionality, or designs not covered by existing Starters.

RFC process

- Updated template and process using GitHub Discussions
- More feature development through RFC process

You'll be able to participate more in the development & testing of new features.



Governance Model

- Clearer definitions in **how** you can contribute, **where** you can contribute, and in which way you'll be **recognized**
- How Gatsby and the User Collective work together

It'll be easier & more fun for you to contribute!



Discord

- Restructured channel list
- Let robots 🤖 do the busy work
- Monthly Q&A
- Mod team to reduce bus factor

Come and join our mod team at
gatsby.dev/discord-mod



Enable more contributions

- Regular check of incoming issues & PRs
- Cleanup of our issue & PR backlog
- Actionable feedback to enable self-served improvements & fixes
- Set up “Good first issues” with enough information



Our focus for 2022:

**Starters, RFC, Governance
Model, Discord, GitHub**



How can you contribute to Gatsby today?

Give feedback on the new
governance model. Visit our **Discord**.
Submit a **starter**.



Thank you! 🙌

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