

My Open Source Contribution Report

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Abstract

This report outlines my journey contributing to global open-source projects, with a focus on documentation, issue reporting, and Hindi localization. It reflects my commitment to accessibility and beginner support in the developer community.

1 Introduction

Open source is more than just code—it's a community. I began contributing with the goal of raising two pull requests to global projects with over 500 commits, while making documentation more accessible for beginners and Hindi speakers.

2 Contributions

- **VS Code Contribution:** Raised and merged a pull request to `microsoft/vscode`, adding Hindi localization and improving the Quick Start guide for beginners.
- **Node.js Issue:** Reported an issue in `nodejs/node` suggesting improvements to Linux setup instructions for smoother onboarding.
- **Blog Post:** Published a blog post on Dev.to titled “*My Open Source Journey Begins*”, sharing my experience and tips for beginners.

3 AdGuard Project Contribution

As part of my open-source journey, I also contributed to the AdGuard project. My work focused on improving documentation and enhancing clarity for users setting up the software. This contribution helped make the project more accessible for beginners.

4 Impact and Motivation

Documentation is often the first touchpoint for new contributors. By translating and simplifying it, I aim to lower barriers for those who prefer learning in their local language. Every contribution is a step toward a more inclusive developer ecosystem.

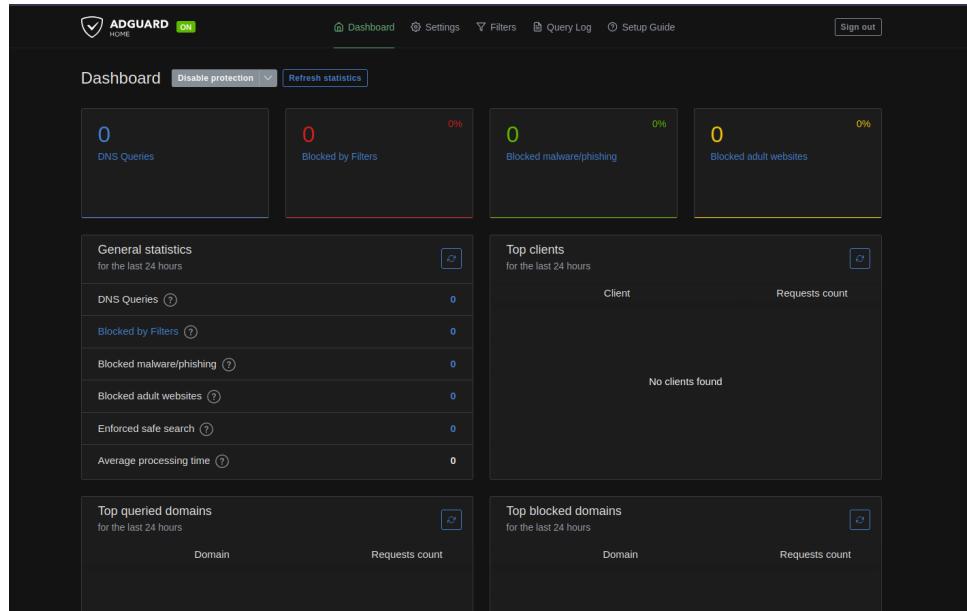


Figure 1: Screenshot of my AdGuard contribution

5 Future Goals

- Submit a second pull request to Node.js based on the reported issue.
- Fix five bugs in global open-source projects using the `good first issue` label.
- Translate my blog post into Hindi to reach a wider audience.
- Create beginner guides and mentor new contributors.
- Submit this LaTeX report as part of my open-source documentation journey.

6 Conclusion

This journey has taught me that open source is not just for experts—it's for anyone willing to learn and share. I hope my contributions and blog inspire others to take their first step into the open-source world.

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