

Categories	Code
Clear Issue Description	We wrote up exactly what the problem was and pinpointed the exact code that needed to be changed. (D1)
	very simple changes that we pretty much spelled out in the description. (D2)
	Issue description had also already suggestions about how this could get fixed. (D6)
	The issue to be addressed was described clearly in the issue. (D7)
	The description is very clear that clarify what need to be changed. (D10)
	The issues with clear descriptions can be identified as good first issues. (D3)
	The description of issue is clear and specific. (D12)
	the approach to take was already outlined in the issue. (D13)
	The description may clearly explain where the issue is and how to fix it. (D15)
	Newcomers will feel easy when the issues have clear descriptions. (D16)
	The issue itself has already clarify what need to be changed, which we usually treat as good first issues. (D17)
	Newcomers will know how to reproduce the bug and how to fix just after reading the descriptions. (D18)
	Clearly written issue which identifies specifically what needs to change in the behavior of the software or application. (D19)
	Context can be explained in the issue descriptions. (D21)
	Newcomers don't feel puzzled when reading the description (D22)
	Good frist issues usually have a detailed descriptions. It will make newcomers easier to understand(D23)
Self-Contained Change	the scope of understanding necessary. E.g. I'm more likely to label extension code (which no other libraries depend on) as GFI and not runtime code (which a lot of extensions depend on). (D1)
	The issues do not require changes in multiple files, which usually is difficult for newcomers to figure out. (D2)
	The change is self-contained: (1) it touches a small part of the codebase, ideally a single function; (2) it doesn't change wide-spread APIs that require chasing callers; (3) ideally, it's unit-testable. (D4)

	Difficult also can be, if adding feature breaks something else. (D5)
	it was rather self-contained to a single file. (D6)
	They all require changes to be made in a single file and the changes need to be made in a single function in that file. (D7)
	Issues which can be tackled with small amounts of code that is to say they are self-contained. (D8)
	minimal interconnections with the rest of the app. (D10)
	I would consider it a good issue to start with if I new that the impact on other code would be minimal. (D12)
	Its a short, self contained task that should only touch very few files and the approach to take was already outlined in the issue. (D13)
	Small, more or less self-contained tasks where the team already has a vague idea of how the fix might look like. (D14)
	Ideally, it doesn't need to modify multiple files or functions. (D15)
	Newcomers are less possible to solve a issue with complex changes that involve many files. (D16)
	I usually treated the issues that with a few changes, ideally to a single file as GFI. (D17)
	The changes don't need complex implementation, such as documentation, minor fix in a single function or files. (D18)
	Newcomers usually feel easy when the changes do not need deep investigation and do not spread in multiple files. (D19)
	Its a short, self-contained task that should only touch very few files and the approach to take was already outlined in the issue. (D20)
	The change only on the UI part which is isolated and easy to verify. (D21)
	The change that is isolated to a single file is more likely to be solved by newcomers. (D22)
	This issues is just a minor fix to a single file and do not need deep understanding of the whole project. (D24)
Limited Skills Needed	This issue requires some basic understanding of Java (understanding a stack trace and reading through some existing code to fix an exception arising in a particular situation). (D2)
	It doesn't require inside out familiarity with the whole codebase, doesn't imply deep knowledge of RFCs or technical standards, and doesn't require guru-level coding skills. (D4)

	Issues which won't require any substantial knowledge of the specific programming language or the overall application.(D5)
	it didn't require internal implementation knowledge, it was just about documenting a thing better. (D6)
	It required some expertise from the library consumer's side but it didn't require internal knowledge. (D8)
	Resolving any of these issues will require someone to amend some existing Java code - so some knowledge of programming is essential but do not need deep investigation. (D9)
	don't require any understanding of the wider context - except in the challenge of locating where code changes need to be made in the first place which might prove to be the most difficult part of the challenge. (D10)
	Issues don't require additional interpretation or understanding to tackle the issue. (D12)
	"Good first issues" should not tackle any large architectural or behavioral changes. Documentation changes, test fixes, small nonurgent bug fixes and internal refactoring are good candidates. (D13)
	Issues which won't require any substantial knowledge of the specific programming language or the overall application. (D15)
	It only requires intermediate Ruby programming. (D17)
	Repetitive task - once you've done one, doing the rest should be quite straightforward. (D19)
	Is this something that someone without a lot of project-specific context could pick up and work with? (D20)
	This issue only need to have experience with python dependency management in general, or with that particular library.(D23)
	This issues is just a minor fix to a single file and do not need deep understanding of the whole project. (D24)
Less Workload	The amount of code needed to be written is minimal (a few lines at most).(D2)
	As for what we use to judge if it's suitable for newcomers, usually it's the amount of time it would take to implement it (usually < 3h). (D5)
	Most times I consider issue to be beginner friendly when it only requires few lines of changes which should be more or less trivial to do. (D6)
	Issues which can be tackled with small amounts.(D8)
	It is a small change and can be solved with less investigation. (D10)

	Good first issues usually can be fixed with limited time.(D12)
	"Good first issues" should not tackle any large architectural or behavioral changes. Documentation changes, test fixes, small nonurgent bug fixes and internal refactoring are good candidates. (D13)
	Small, more or less self-contained tasks where the team already has a vague idea of how the fix might look like. (D14)
	Ideally, it doesn't need to modify multiple files or functions. (D15)
	Usually, it is only need to modify a few lines of code.(D16)
	Newcomers are more likely to solve the issues with less workload, for example, just a few lines of modifications. (D18)
	Repetitive task - once you've done one, doing the rest should be quite straightforward. (D19)
	should only touch very few files and the approach to take was already outlined in the issue. (D20)
	This issues is just a minor fix to a single file and do not need deep understanding of the whole project. (D24)
Available Support	I treat the issues as good first issues that whether I have a rough idea of the implementation so I can provide support for newcomers. (D2)
	I can support newcomers if they get stuck and lead the decisions. (D4)
	Whether can provided guidance is important to whether the issues can be solved by newcomers. (D10)
	Newcomers will feel easy when there is available support when they meet the difficulties. (D16)
	I usually expect a issues can be fixed by newcomers under the support by our experts. (D17)
	Is someone on the maintainer team willing and available to support someone new to the project to get the context they'd need to solve this by themselves? (D18)
	We point them to the tutorial and suggest they post questions right in the thread – which if they do choose to engage, someone on our team does a great job responding. (D20)
	we expect newcomers to be able to get to the point where they can contribute by a few rounds of asking additional questions and we will provide timely support. (D24)
Motivating Newcomers	It has a visible final impact on users. This is a meta-property of the issue, and I try to take that into consideration to avoid assigning boring tasks. Also, newcomers want to “see” the end result. (D8)

	Issues with medium-high value: it can provide a chance to learn about and practice with a new feature.(D12)
	Could this provide an interesting challenge? Does would solving this help someone new learn a little bit about our codebase? (D20)
Low Urgency	Low urgency but medium-high value.(D8)
	We usually treat issues that are low urgency as good first issues because newcomers need more time to get familiar with projects.(D12)
	I usually don't labelled the issues with high priority as GFIs.(D17)