

# Winter of Code '18

## Mentor Manual

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### What is Winter of Code(WoC)?

You saw the website of **WoC** and we hope that you've got the gist of it but what exactly is **WoC**?

Winter of Code is an initiative by Open Source Student Community called **Devlup Labs** at IIT Jodhpur for the ones, who have never done any open-source project oriented contributions or collaboration with other people. Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) development is something that students will get to involve in during the winter vacations and kick start their journey of Open Source contributions.

All of the work will be done by the student under the guidance of her/his mentor(s). **WoC** is similar to **Google Summer of Code** (GSoC) but limited to students from IIT Jodhpur only. GSoC is a global program that matches

students up with open source, free software and technology-related organizations to write code and get paid for the same.

WoC in a similar way, is aimed at introducing students to the open-source world. Registered students can apply for at max 3 projects from the project list, which will be released on October 14, 2018.

Every project in the list will have at least one mentor. Students will then write a proposal and pitch it to the mentor who shall be guiding them on the project once agreed upon.

## Objectives of the Program

As a mentor, you must know that the major goal of the program is to help new students to understand the basics on how to collaboratively work on projects and give them an idea about what open-source contribution are and increase their expertise level on source control(Git).

## Who can be a WoC Mentor

There is one main criteria to be a mentor in WoC :

- You must have project(s) hosted on Github(you may host your existing projects now as well).
- Your project must have easy to moderate level tasks which the students can implement.
- Your project(s) should be approved by WoC organizers.

## Why To Apply

**Boost Your Project**

Maybe you've some project(s) lying around or any idea that you've not got time to work on or improve the existing functionality. Or you might want to add more features to it? You should apply!

Even if you can mentor an existing project, you should apply because you've the expertise to guide the students and help them start their journey of coding.

For the students it's about the contributions. And for you, it's about keeping your project alive. Thinking of an idea which can be implemented during the time frame of WoC? You should apply too.

You'll have to lay down the basic outcomes at the end of WoC from the students. Students will negotiate the exact timeline in their proposal. And sidewise you can teach a bunch of students about your project too.

## How To Apply

### Registration

Navigate to the WoC website and sign in with a Google account.

### Making Contact

For any queries, reach out to us through contacts.

***Disclaimer:** In case of any inconsistencies and issues, the decision made by the WoC organising committee members shall be final.*

