



# Mentoring New Contributors on Your Project

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# *What we'll do*

- Introduce ways new contributors are mentored on projects
- Create a mentorship plan for new contributors

# Mentored Issues

- You can mentor a specific issue by adding your name as a mentor in this issue



The screenshot shows a GitHub issue titled "Update our README #138". A red "Closed" label is present. The issue was opened by "acabunoc" on Sep 28, 2015, with 0 comments. A comment from "acabunoc" dated Sep 28, 2015, is shown. The comment text is: "Parts of the readme are outdated / hard to see how you can get in". Below the text are two links: <https://www.mozillascience.org/contributorship-badges-building-the-prototype-this-summer> and <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/gigablog/2015/09/28/putting-credit-hands-researchers/>. At the bottom of the comment, there is a box containing the text "mentor: @acabunoc". An orange arrow points from this box to a larger orange-bordered box on the right that contains the text "mentor: @acabunoc".

Update our README #138

**Closed** acabunoc opened this issue on Sep 28, 2015 · 0 comments

acabunoc commented on Sep 28, 2015

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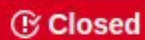
# *Mentored Issues*

- Add this info to the issue:
  - how to get started,
  - what a completed solution looks like,
  - pointers to relevant information
- When a new contributor arrives:
  - “Thanks, here to help if you have any questions!”
  - Make a commitment to respond to inquiries (key)

# Briefly describe your issue

Missing description (example)

## Draft of open curriculum #3



ottagit opened this issue on May 3, 2017 · 0 comments



ottagit commented on May 3, 2017

Owner



*No description provided.*



ottagit created this issue from a note in **Open Educational Resource (OER) (Done)** on May 3, 2017

# Briefly describe your issue

Added description

## Create a draft of curriculum #2

 **Closed** ottagit opened this issue on Apr 23, 2017 · 0 comments



ottagit commented on Apr 23, 2017 • edited ▾

Owner



Make first version of the project's open curriculum in [our book](#)



ottagit closed this on May 3, 2017

# *Mentored Issues*

- Once they contribute / submit a pull request on GitHub:
  - Thank them for their work!
  - Give good and helpful feedback during a review - ask questions about what they've done
- After their work is merged in:
  - Appreciate their work
  - Point them to a good next issue / next task for them to look at



# *Help a newbie on GitHub / Chat*

- Hang out in the project IRC, gitter, slack and answer any newcomer questions that might come up
- Help newcomers to GitHub as they go through their first issue
- Point people to good first issues & follow up with them

# New on GitHub!

Labeling issues (color-coded) and pull requests

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## Label issues and pull requests for new contributors

Now, GitHub will help potential first-time contributors discover issues labeled with **help wanted** or **good first issue**

[Go to Labels](#)

# *General guidelines*

- Establish clear expectations
- Communicate regularly
- Provide structure through milestones & review processes
- Encourage constantly
- Model best practice

# *Next Steps*

- Are there any issues you can start mentoring today?
- Do you need to setup a chat channel / somewhere for casual contribution inquiries?

Links to more resources: [Working Open](#), [Mastering Issues](#)



*Asante! (Thank you)*

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