

GNOME Documentation: helping you learn and give back

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Who are the documentation team?

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- Sun were heavily involved in GNOME documentation in the early days
- Now made up mostly of volunteer contributors
- Valuable contributions from translators

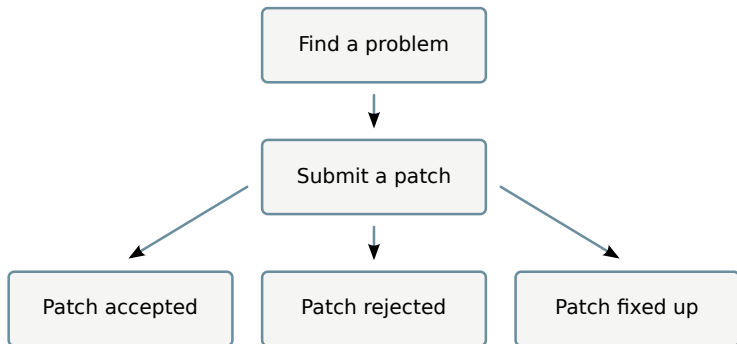
What does the documentation team do?

- User help
- System administrator guide
- Developer documentation

How does the team work?

- Efforts coordinated on wiki, IRC and mailing list
- At least two in-person meetups per year
- Organised drives around release time
- Team members "maintain" docs for individual projects

Why are you here?



It's all about the people

- Talk to people. . .
 - IRC
 - Mailing lists
 - Here and now
- Use available resources
- Ask for help

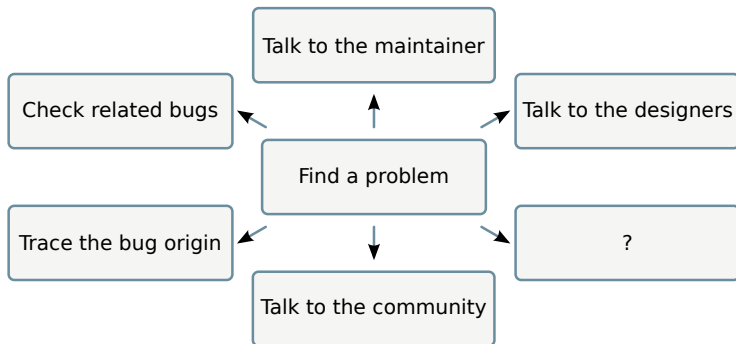
Code of conduct

- Assume people mean well
- Try to be concise
- Be patient and generous
- Be respectful and considerate

Workflow

- Find out about the project workflow and stick to it
 - Bugzilla
 - Mailing lists
 - IRC
 - Email
- Build and test

How things happen



Followup

- Be patient
- Follow up with the reviewer
- Follow up on the review

Make good contributions

- Use the reviewer's time well
- Keep to the style of the project
- Follow the review process
- Respond in a timely manner
- Write good commit messages

Experience

- The more you contribute, the more you communicate with people
- The more you communicate, the more you become part of the community
- Once you are part of the community, you can become a Foundation member

Summary

- The **passion** for a FLOSS project stems from what the project means to you.
- The **ability to iterate faster than your peers** will get you ahead.
- Keep your mind and options, **open**.
- Outlook
 - Focus on a single project.
 - One bug fix a day.

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Code of conduct:

<https://wiki.gnome.org/CodeOfConduct/>