

# Contributing to open source projects

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# Motivation - why contribute to open source?

- Skill development
- Giving back to the community/ to society
- Helping others grow
- Exploration of interests
- Building a professional network
- Feedback from highly qualified people
- Building a public portfolio

# Possibilities of contributing to open source

- Organising events (workshops, meetups, sprints, conferences)
- Designing (UX & UI improvement, branding, merchandise)
- Newsletter writing
- Documentation (usage examples, tutorials, translations)
- Maintenance (labelling issues, closing issues)
- Public relations (managing social media accounts, answering questions)
- Code (submissions and reviews)

# Finding the right project

- Does it have an open source licence?
- Which projects do you use?
- Which projects do you want to use?
- Look for issues with the tags “easy”, “good first issue”, “help wanted”
- Welcoming community?
  - Are new contributors welcomed?
  - Is the communication professional, supportive, and friendly?
  - Inclusive community?
- Is the project active?
- Check social media and newsletters for upcoming workshops and sprints

# Navigating a project

## Read

- The README file
- The “Contributing” documentation
- The Code of Conduct
- Additional documentation if applicable

## Look through

- Issue tracker
- Pull requests
- Discussions in mailing lists, forums, chat channels

# Contributing code

If you have never contributed to an open source project before, you can start with this: <https://github.com/firstcontributions/first-contributions>

The screenshot shows the README for the 'firstcontributions' repository. At the top, there are badges for 'Open Source', 'License MIT', and 'code helpers 571'. A pink button says 'Join us on Slack!'. Below this, it says 'Read this in other languages.' followed by a grid of 40 country flags. The main heading is 'First Contributions'. The text below explains the project's goal: 'This project aims to simplify and guide the way beginners make their first contribution. If you are looking to make your first contribution, follow the steps below.' It also includes a link for GUI tools: 'If you're not comfortable with command line, [here are tutorials using GUI tools.](#)'. A section titled 'Fork this repository' includes the text 'Fork this repository by clicking on the fork button on the top of this page.' and a small inset image of the GitHub repository page with the 'Fork' button highlighted by a red box.

README.md

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First Contributions

This project aims to simplify and guide the way beginners make their first contribution. If you are looking to make your first contribution, follow the steps below.

If you're not comfortable with command line, [here are tutorials using GUI tools](#).

If you don't have git on your machine, [install it](#).

Fork this repository

Fork this repository by clicking on the fork button on the top of this page.

Walks you through the standard open source workflow of

fork -> clone -> edit -> pull request

# Contributing code

Ways of getting started with contributing to a project of your choice

- Opening a pull request - do this
  - For small fixes
  - For working on a contribution that was asked for or that has been discussed
- Opening an issue - do this if
  - You would like to discuss an idea
  - You would like to propose a new feature
  - Report a bug/ an error



# Contributing code

Hooray! You made your first code contribution! What happens next?

- You don't get a response
  - After a week or two you could ask for a reviewer
  - If you still don't get a response - it's ok, it happens. Don't get discouraged!
- You get a change request
  - This is normal and a great opportunity for you to enhance your skills.
  - If you can't figure out how to implement the changes, you can ask for help.
- Your contribution gets declined
  - This is also not uncommon. You can ask for clarification if needed.
- Your contribution gets accepted
  - Your changes get merged into the main branch of the repo and you made your first contribution!

# References

<https://opensource.guide>



## How to Contribute to Open Source

Want to contribute to open source? A guide to making open source contributions, for first-timers and for veterans.



## Starting an Open Source Project

Learn more about the world of open source and get ready to launch your own project.



## Finding Users for Your Project

Help your open source project grow by getting it in the hands of happy users.



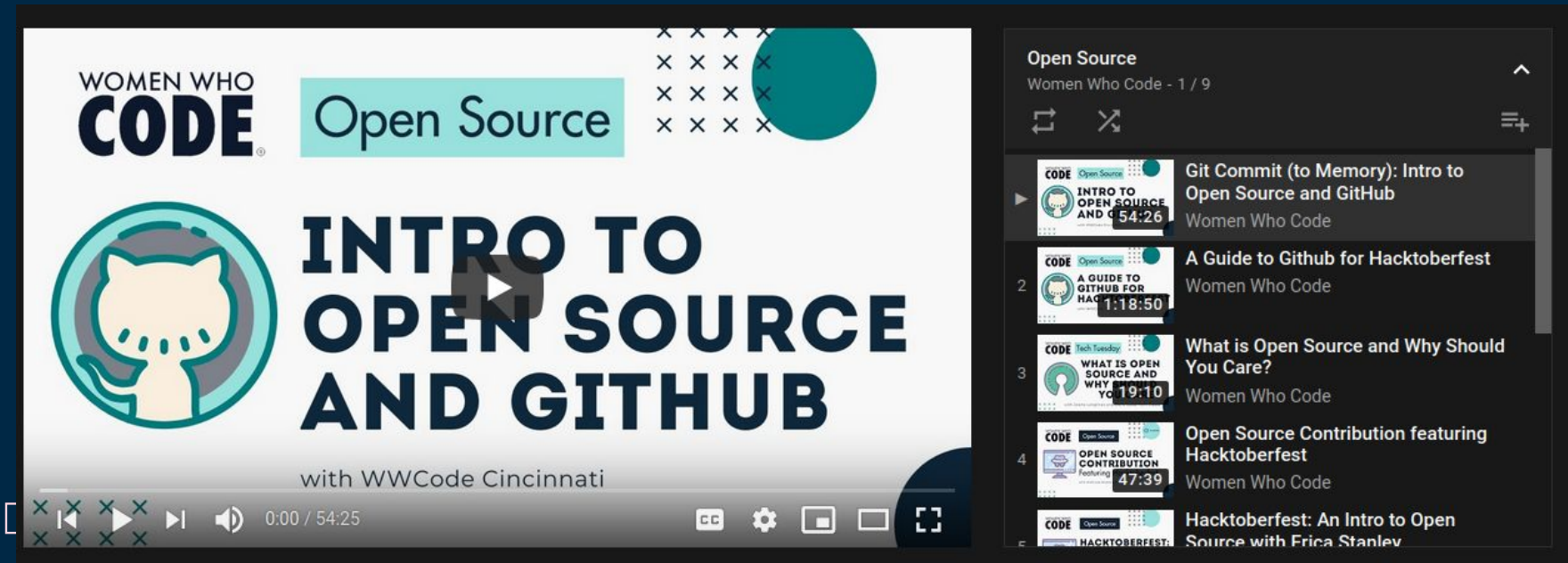
## Building Welcoming Communities

Building a community that encourages people to use, contribute to, and evangelize your project.

# References

## Women Who Code Open Source Playlist:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRrzSAz9uOo&list=PLVcEZG2JPVhcolwO4px15\\_lrBa9Upt\\_ry](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRrzSAz9uOo&list=PLVcEZG2JPVhcolwO4px15_lrBa9Upt_ry)



The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The main video player displays a video titled "INTRO TO OPEN SOURCE AND GITHUB" by Women Who Code. The video features the GitHub logo and the text "WOMEN WHO CODE" and "Open Source". The video is currently at 0:00 / 54:25. The video player includes standard controls like play/pause, volume, and full screen. To the right of the video player, a playlist is visible, titled "Open Source" and "Women Who Code - 1 / 9". The playlist contains five videos:

- 1. Git Commit (to Memory): Intro to Open Source and GitHub (54:26)
- 2. A Guide to Github for Hacktoberfest (1:18:50)
- 3. What is Open Source and Why Should You Care? (19:10)
- 4. Open Source Contribution featuring Hacktoberfest (47:39)
- 5. Hacktoberfest: An Intro to Open Source with Erica Stanley

# References

## Data Umbrella

<https://www.dataumbrella.org/open-source/contributing>

<https://github.com/data-umbrella/data-umbrella-scikit-learn-sprint>

### [How to Contribute to Open Source](#)

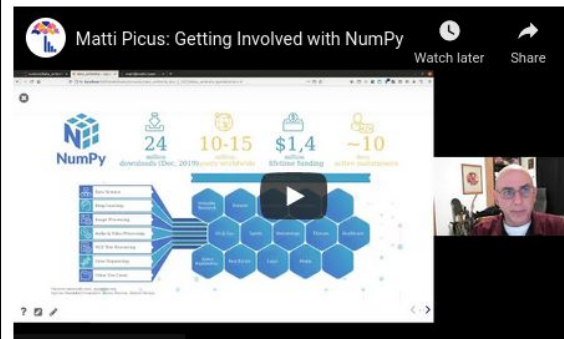
#### Contributing to Pandas

- <https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/development/contributing.html>

#### [Contributing to NumPy](#)

Please get in touch with us on our [mailing list](#), GitHub, Slack, in private at [numpy-team@googlegroups.com](mailto:numpy-team@googlegroups.com), or join our bi-weekly community meeting.

Video: Matti Picus: About NumPy and Contributing



# References

<https://numfocus.org>

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**Language**

- ☐ Python
- ☐ R
- ☐ Julia
- ☐ JavaScript
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Multiple

**Features**

- ☐ Browser Interactivity
- ☐ Assistive Technology
- ☐ Data Wrangling
- ☐ Modeling
- ☐ Visualization
- ☐ High Performance Computing
- ☐ Big Data
- ☐ Statistical Computing

 NumPy	 Matplotlib	 pandas	 Project Jupyter
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