

What is Hacktoberfest?

Hacktoberfest is a month long celebration of open source software.

Challenge is simple: To get a shirt (or plant a tree) you must make four pull requests (PRs) that become merged / maintainer approved between October 1st - October 31st in any timezone. The PR must contain commits you made yourself.



Hacktoberfest, also known as...





What you need to know

Who

Hacktoberfest is open to everyone around the world of any experience level.

How

Four pull requests must be made and merged to GitHub-hosted repositories.

When

You can sign up anytime between October 1st to October 31st.



How do I get started?

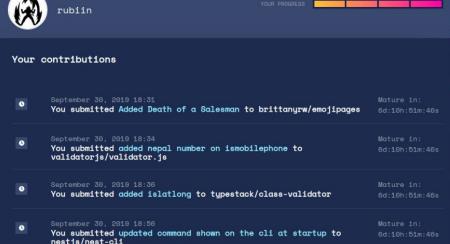
Sign up with your GitHub credentials to get started at:

hacktoberfest.digitalocean.com



How do I track my progress?

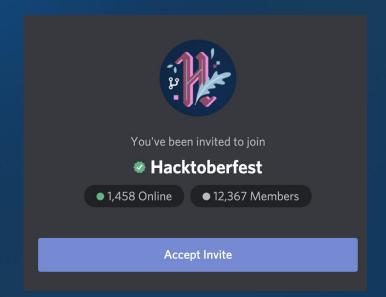
Login with your GitHub account at hacktoberfest.digitalocean.com to check your progress and stats to make sure your PRs are being counted.





There's also a Hacktoberfest Discord

To join go to https://discord.com/invite/hacktoberfest





What NOT to do!

- PRs that are automated e.g. scripted opening PRs to remove whitespace / unnecessary comments
- PRs that are disruptive e.g. taking someone else's branch/commits and making a PR
- PRs that are regarded by a project maintainer as a hindrance vs. actually helping.
- Something that's clearly an attempt to simply
 +1 your PR count for October



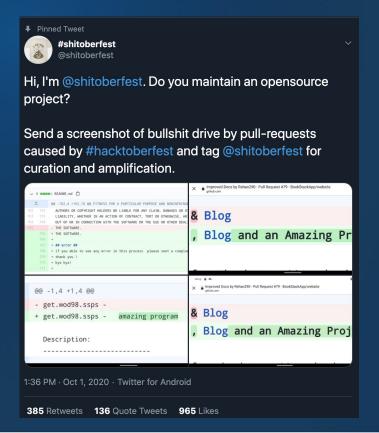
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Your spam PRs may be submitted for shitoberfest





But if you're going to cheat...





In Conclusion...





FAQs

Do contributions made outside of GitHub count?

No, PRs must be made on the GitHub platform

Do issues/commits count?

No, only PRs count.

I signed up for Hacktoberfest mid-October. Will PRs that I created earlier in October count?

Yes, PRs created between Oct 1 and Oct 31 will count, regardless of when you register for Hacktoberfest.

Do multiple PRs to the same repo count?

Yes, everyone of them will count separately

Do PRs made on my own repos count?

Yes, but we strongly encourage you make quality contributions to other repositories.

Do PRs have to be accepted / merged?

Yes, this is a new rule for 2020.

Do issues have to be tagged hacktoberfest to count?

Yes, this is a new rule for 2020.

What is Open Source Software?

Software whose source code can be seen and is available for modification or enhancement by anyone vs. Closed Source (Proprietary Software) which is the opposite.

Examples of Open Source:



Examples of Proprietary:







Why Open Source?

- Build community around new & emerging technologies
- Crowd-source finding solutions to tough problems
- Update Frequency
- Maintenance
 - Dependencies
 - Coding Best Practices
 - "No one can out-innovate an entire community"



Why should I contribute to Open Source?

- Ultimate collaboration power
- Opportunities to learn & grow
- Supporting causes you care about
- Expanding your network
- Showcasing your skills to recruiters, build a portfolio
- Improve something you love



How do I find projects?

<u>Hacktoberfest</u> <u>Webpage</u>

View projects featured on the Hacktoberfest website.

Search GitHub

You can search the Hacktoberfest label on GitHub, which lets you filter by language.

Your First PR

This page lists issues that are well written and have documentation on GitHub.

Find Software that you already use!



How to contribute to a project

- Guidelines (Contributing / Developers)
- GitHub Issues: Opening new and finding issues
- Looking into one specific function or library
- Asking for help or guidance (Slack / Discord)

