

How to find "Good First Issues"

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If you:

- want to contribute OSS
- are struggling to find a repository or an issue to contribute
- (would rather you preferred major OSS 😇)

This talk would be helpful to you.

Content

A tip to find "Good First Issues" with a script to make an issue list.

- This talk focuses on just a way to find them.
- See [OSS貢獻超入門](#) if you want to know next steps.

Issue List

First of all, see the "good first issue" list.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	owner	name	stars	title	url
2	vuejs	vue	103892	warn if \$set is used on a property that already exist	https://github.com/vuejs/vue/issues/8129
3	vuejs	vue	103892	Creating a component named map should warn the user (as with button)	https://github.com/vuejs/vue/issues/8025
4	vuejs	vue	103892	Make the warning messages more explicit	https://github.com/vuejs/vue/issues/7764
5	vuejs	vue	103892	2.5.14 introduces TypeError bind is not a function	https://github.com/vuejs/vue/issues/8017
6	facebook	react	103700	Nicer Formatting of SSR Validation	https://github.com/facebook/react/issues/10085
7	facebook	react	103700	Ignore <noscript> content on the client and don't warn about mismatches	https://github.com/facebook/react/issues/11423
8	facebook	react	103700	Children of option tags flattened when select has value	https://github.com/facebook/react/issues/11602
9	facebook	react	103700	False positive getDefaultProps warning when mixing development and production versions	https://github.com/facebook/react/issues/9999
10	nodejs	node	50510	Inconsistent documentation: hostname vs host	https://github.com/nodejs/node/issues/20892
11	nodejs	node	50510	Debugging: name every function	https://github.com/nodejs/node/issues/8913
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BTW, what is "good first issue"?

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*Apply the **help wanted** and **good first issue** labels to issues in your repository to highlight opportunities for people to contribute to your project.*

<https://help.github.com/articles/helping-new-contributors-find-your-project-with-labels/>

How to make the list

To make it, I wrote a simple script in
<https://github.com/ohbarye/goofi>.

1. Call GitHub GraphQL API
2. Format its response
3. Create CSV

GraphQL Query

GraphiQL



Prettify

History

```
2 search(first: 100, query: "language:javascript good-first-issues:>1 stars:>500", type: REPOSITORY) {
3   repositoryCount
4   pageInfo {
5     startCursor
6     endCursor
7     hasNextPage
8   }
9   nodes {
10    ... on Repository {
11      owner {
12        login
13      }
14      name
15      url
16      issues(first: 100, labels: ["good first issue"], states: OPEN, orderBy: {field: UPDATED_AT, direction: DESC}) {
17        totalCount
18        nodes {
19          title
20          url
21        }
22      }
23      stargazers {
24        totalCount
25      }
26    }
27  }
28 }
```

"good-first-issues:>1"

```
search(first: 100,  
  query: "language:javascriptgood-first-issues:>1stars:>500",  
  type: REPOSITORY) {
```

ref: [GitHub help](#)

"stars:>500"

```
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  query: "language:javascript good-first-issues:>1 stars:>500",  
  type: REPOSITORY) {
```

ref: [GitHub help](#)

Response

```
{
  "data": {
    "search": {
      "repositoryCount": 197,
      "pageInfo": {
        "startCursor": "Y3Vyc29yOjE=",
        "endCursor": "Y3Vyc29yOjEwMA==",
        "hasNextPage": true
      },
      "nodes": [
        {
          "owner": {
            "login": "vuejs"
          },
          "name": "vue",
          "url": "https://github.com/vuejs/vue",
          "issues": {
            "totalCount": 4,
            "nodes": [
              {
                "title": "warn if $set is used on a property that already exist",
                "url": "https://github.com/vuejs/vue/issues/8129"
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

Once we can easily get data via the GitHub API, it's not a hard task to format the data.

```
writeIssues(repository) {  
  const owner = repository.owner.login;  
  const name = repository.name;  
  const stars = repository.stargazers.totalCount;  
  
  repository.issues.nodes.forEach((issue) => {  
    const title = issue.title;  
    const url = issue.url;  
    this.writer.write({owner, name, stars, title, url});  
  });  
}
```

Now that we have the candidate list, all we have to do is check issues one by one.

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Another way

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Create a stream to find "good first issues"

The screenshot shows the GitHub web interface with a 'Jasper' dialog box open for creating a new stream. The dialog has the following fields and options:

- Name:** A text input field containing 'good first issue / JavaScript'.
- Query:** A text input field containing the query 'is:open is:issue label:"good first issue" language:"javascript"'. This field is highlighted with a red box.
- Color:** A row of 11 color swatches. The first swatch (red) is selected, and the hex code '#aabbcc' is displayed in the field below. A GitHub logo icon is on the right.
- Notification:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Buttons:** 'Preview', 'Cancel', and 'OK' buttons at the bottom.

The background interface shows the 'STREAMS' section on the left sidebar, where the stream 'good first issue / J..1665' is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a list of issues, with several labels like 'good first issue' highlighted in red boxes to indicate the results of the query.

NOTE

I used to find issues with this way, but...

- It cannot sort repositories by stars count
- It cannot reject wrong usage of "good first issue"
- It notifies me every when an issue is updated

In short, that was too noisy.


Are they really nice ways? 🤔

At least, I could have contributed some popular repositories even though I was not familiar with them.


e.g. Node.js

 **nodejs/node** doc: fix typo in n-api.md ✗ **author ready** **doc** **dont-land-on-v4.x** **dont-land-on-v6.x**
fast-track **n-api**

#21060 by ohbarye was closed 23 days ago • Approved  3 of 3 

 **nodejs/node** cli: add --prof flag description to node --help command **C++** **V8 Engine**
author ready **doc** **performance**

#20845 by ohbarye was closed on 24 May • Approved  3 of 3 

 **nodejs/node** console: .table fall back to logging for function too ✓ **author ready** **console**

#20681 by ohbarye was closed on 18 May • Approved  3 of 3 

Let's find your "good first issues"

And contribute! 

Who?



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 - Working for Quipper

7/19 (Thu) 19:30-22:00

<https://techplay.jp/event/680406>

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