Not sure what to contribute? BASEDEF.

Blog

When you stumble upon a project written by someone else (your coworker, say) you tend to see a clear high-level overview and this makes you the perfect person to write an introductory blog post explaining the project.

Apply

The best thing for a new tool is to be put to use. Apply a project to one of your own.

Suggest

Follow a project's documentation and see if you can achieve a small victory in less than 5 minutes. Tell the maintainer how it went & what was confusing.

Extend

Add a new feature, either of your own invention or inspired by a feature request on github.

Document

Write a separate set of documents or improve error messaging. Skews toward technical writing.

Evangelize

Email it, tweet it, submit it to other publications. Just make sure to check with the maintainer, they may prefer to fix problems before recruiting users.

Fix

Fix specific bugs or improve the general process of project development. Includes adding a test suite, enabling continuous integration, or using static code analyzers.

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