
Advanced contributing

This page assumes that you understand how to [contribute to new content](#) and [review others' work](#), and are ready to learn about more ways to contribute. You need to use the Git command line client and other tools for some of these tasks.

Propose improvements

SIG Docs [members](#) can propose improvements.

After you've been contributing to the Kubernetes documentation for a while, you may have ideas for improving the [Style Guide](#), the [Content Guide](#), the toolchain used to build the documentation, the website style, the processes for reviewing and merging pull requests, or other aspects of the documentation. For maximum transparency, these types of proposals need to be discussed in a SIG Docs meeting or on the [kubernetes-sig-docs mailing list](#). In addition, it can help to have some context about the way things currently work and why past decisions have been made before proposing sweeping changes. The quickest way to get answers to questions about how the documentation currently works is to ask in the `#sig-docs` Slack channel on [kubernetes.slack.com](#)

After the discussion has taken place and the SIG is in agreement about the desired outcome, you can work on the proposed changes in the way that is the most appropriate. For instance, an update to the style guide or the website's functionality might involve opening a pull request, while a change related to documentation testing might involve working with sig-testing.

Coordinate docs for a Kubernetes release

SIG Docs [approvers](#) can coordinate docs for a Kubernetes release.

Each Kubernetes release is coordinated by a team of people participating in the sig-release Special Interest Group (SIG). Others on the release team for a given release include an overall release lead, as well as representatives from sig-testing and others. To find out more about Kubernetes release processes, refer to <https://github.com/kubernetes/sig-release>.

The SIG Docs representative for a given release coordinates the following tasks:

- Monitor the feature-tracking spreadsheet for new or changed features with an impact on documentation. If the documentation for a given feature won't be ready for the release, the feature may not be allowed to go into the release.
- Attend sig-release meetings regularly and give updates on the status of the docs for the release.
- Review and copyedit feature documentation drafted by the SIG responsible for implementing the feature.
- Merge release-related pull requests and maintain the Git feature branch for the release.
- Mentor other SIG Docs contributors who want to learn how to do this role in the future. This is known as "shadowing".
- Publish the documentation changes related to the release when the release artifacts are published.

Coordinating a release is typically a 3-4 month commitment, and the duty is rotated among SIG Docs approvers.

Serve as a New Contributor Ambassador

SIG Docs [approvers](#) can serve as New Contributor Ambassadors.

New Contributor Ambassadors welcome new contributors to SIG-Docs, suggest PRs to new contributors, and mentor new contributors through their first few PR submissions.

Responsibilities for New Contributor Ambassadors include:

- Monitoring the [#sig-docs Slack channel](#) for questions from new contributors.
- Working with PR wranglers to identify [good first issues](#) for new contributors.
- Mentoring new contributors through their first few PRs to the docs repo.
- Helping new contributors create the more complex PRs they need to become Kubernetes members.
- [Sponsoring contributors](#) on their path to becoming Kubernetes members.
- Hosting a monthly meeting to help and mentor new contributors.

Current New Contributor Ambassadors are announced at each SIG-Docs meeting and in the [Kubernetes #sig-docs channel](#).

Sponsor a new contributor

SIG Docs [reviewers](#) can sponsor new contributors.

After a new contributor has successfully submitted 5 substantive pull requests to one or more Kubernetes repositories, they are eligible to apply for [membership](#) in the Kubernetes organization. The contributor's membership needs to be backed by two sponsors who are already reviewers.

New docs contributors can request sponsors by asking in the #sig-docs channel on the [Kubernetes Slack instance](#) or on the [SIG Docs mailing list](#). If you feel confident about the applicant's work, you volunteer to sponsor them. When they submit their membership application, reply to the application with a "+1" and include details about why you think the applicant is a good fit for membership in the Kubernetes organization.

Serve as a SIG Co-chair

SIG Docs [members](#) can serve a term as a co-chair of SIG Docs.

Prerequisites

A Kubernetes member must meet the following requirements to be a co-chair:

- Understand SIG Docs workflows and tooling: git, Hugo, localization, blog subproject
- Understand how other Kubernetes SIGs and repositories affect the SIG Docs workflow, including: [teams in k/org](#), the [process in k/community](#), plugins in [k/test-infra](#), and the role of [SIG Architecture](#). In addition, understand how the [Kubernetes docs release process](#) works.
- Approved by the SIG Docs community either directly or via lazy consensus.
- Commit at least 5 hours per week (and often more) to the role for a minimum of 6 months

Responsibilities

The role of co-chair is one of service: co-chairs build contributor capacity, handle process and policy, schedule and run meetings, schedule PR wranglers, advocate for docs in the Kubernetes community, make sure that docs succeed in Kubernetes release cycles, and keep SIG Docs focused on effective priorities.

Responsibilities include:

- Keep SIG Docs focused on maximizing developer happiness through excellent documentation
- Exemplify the [community code of conduct](#) and hold SIG members accountable to it
- Learn and set best practices for the SIG by updating contribution guidelines
- Schedule and run SIG meetings: weekly status updates, quarterly retro/planning sessions, and others as needed
- Schedule and run doc sprints at KubeCon events and other conferences
- Recruit for and advocate on behalf of SIG Docs with the [CNCF](#) and its platinum partners, including Google, Oracle, Azure, IBM, and Huawei
- Keep the SIG running smoothly

Running effective meetings

To schedule and run effective meetings, these guidelines show what to do, how to do it, and why.

Uphold the [community code of conduct](#):

- Hold respectful, inclusive discussions with respectful, inclusive language.

Set a clear agenda:

- Set a clear agenda of topics
- Publish the agenda in advance

For weekly meetings, copy paste the previous week's notes into the "Past meetings" section of the notes

Collaborate on accurate notes:

- Record the meeting's discussion
- Consider delegating the role of note-taker

Assign action items clearly and accurately:

- Record the action item, who is assigned to it, and the expected completion date

Moderate as needed:

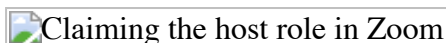
- If discussion strays from the agenda, refocus participants on the current topic
- Make room for different discussion styles while keeping the discussion focused and honoring folks' time

Honor folks' time:

Begin and end meetings on time.

Use Zoom effectively:

- Familiarize yourself with [Zoom guidelines for Kubernetes](#)
- Claim the host role when you log in by entering the host key



Recording meetings on Zoom

When you're ready to start the recording, click Record to Cloud.

When you're ready to stop recording, click Stop.

The video uploads automatically to YouTube.

Offboarding a SIG Co-chair (Emeritus)

See: [k/community/sig-docs/offboarding.md](https://kubernetes.io/community/sig-docs/offboarding.md)

Viewing Site Analytics

This page contains information about the kubernetes.io analytics dashboard.

[View the dashboard.](#)

This dashboard is built using [Google Looker Studio](#) and shows information collected on kubernetes.io using Google Analytics 4 since August 2022.

Using the dashboard

By default, the dashboard shows all collected analytics for the past 30 days. Use the date selector to see data from a different date range. Other filtering options allow you to view data based on user location, the device used to access the site, the translation of the docs used, and more.

If you notice an issue with this dashboard, or would like to request any improvements, please [open an issue](#).