



Working in OSS Projects

TOTAL POINTS 5

1. When first getting involved in an OSS project, you should (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☒ Start by helping test and report results
- ☒ Consider what it is you would like to work on, either because it is needed by you, or it just interests you
- ☐ Start contributing code immediately and learn the workflow through doing
- ☐ Start by posting messages on the appropriate mailing lists, suggesting things you would like to see, pointing out the weak aspects of the project, etc.

2. When working on an OSS project, the best strategy is to:

1 point

- ☒ Submit changes one at a time in a sequential manner, even if the full change will not do much until the entire patch series is incorporated
- ☐ Save up changes until you can submit multiple changes in one large patch, rather than bother maintainers often

3. When there is someone in the project community that gets abusive or just difficult to deal with, you should (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☐ Immediately respond in kind and slap them down
- ☒ Let established community members moderate the conflict
- ☒ Actually read what they are saying; even if phrased in a nasty manner, the points might need addressing, and you can respond to them calmly
- ☐ Find out what their demographical characteristics are (race, gender, nationality, etc.) and use that to belittle them

4. You have worked hard on implementing a new feature for an OSS project and submitted your work. A senior maintainer liked your ideas, but ignored your implementation and substituted their own new one to the same end. You should:

1 point

- ☐ Announce you are leaving the project, it is not worth your time if your work is disrespected, and post on social media a detailed expose of how disputes are badly handled in the project, and warn people to stay away
- ☒ If the other implementation is successful at achieving its purpose, you should accept the result gratefully (after registering your displeasure that rather than reviewing and modifying your work, it was abandoned), and contribute to improving the new implementation as needed
- ☐ Demand your implementation be the one used (after all, it was your ideal), but respectfully consider any less total changes or suggestions.

5. On a project mailing list, someone inserts an irrelevant political, religious, or philosophical comment into an otherwise technical discussion and this is at least mildly offensive to you. A good and proper response could be (Select all that apply):

1 point

- ☒ Ignore the comment and just answer the technical issues
- ☒ Politely ask the poster to not make such comments. If they counter with more and stronger statements, ask any discussion moderators to quiet the issue offline if needed.
- ☐ Aggressively counter the comment and begin a discussion thread about the side topic to increase everyone's sensitivity to the issue
- ☐ Write an entry on the episode on your blog and give detailed information on the offender, so people can tell them what they think about their views, and be warned not to work with them on other projects

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