

# Why You Should Join A Community

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# Agenda

- Roles in Communities
- Walk through history
- What Does Being Part of A Community Mean for Me?
- How can I Give Back?
- Q&A

# Roles in Communities

# Roles in Every Community

## Developers

- Coding and Bug Fixes
- Reviewing and Testing Code
- Collaboration and Community Engagement
- Documentation and Tutorials

## Operators/Users

- Utilizing and Testing Software
- Reporting Issues and Providing Feedback
- Participating in Discussions
- Creating Documentation and Tutorials

## Leadership

- Facilitating Collaboration
- Setting and Communicating Vision
- Nurturing Community Growth
- Coordination and Organization
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation
- Guiding Technical Direction



# Additional Roles in Some Communities

## Technical Writers

- Documenting Project Features and Functionality
- Managing and Maintaining Project Documentation
- Creating Developer Resources
- Supporting Community Engagement

## Infrastructure

- System Administration and Maintenance
- Deployment and Configuration Management
- Continuous Integration and Delivery (CI/CD)
- Scalability and Performance Optimization

# Additional Roles in Larger Communities

## Graphic Artists

- Designing logos and branding materials
- Creating user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) designs
- Designing promotional materials
- Providing visual assets for documentation

## Translators

- Translating documentation
- Localizing User Interface
- Translating Project Communications
- Reviewing and Editing Translations

## Community Advocates

- Community Engagement and Support
- Outreach and Promotion
- Community Building
- Feedback Collection and Communication
- Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

# Walk Through History



Walk through history

In the beginning  
If you build it



In the beginning  
They will come...



# Then there were communities

## Not just for developers any more



Walk through history

# Where we are today

## Communities for Everyone



# What Does Being Part of A Community Mean for Me?

## What Does It Mean For Me?

- Real world experience
  - Contributions are examples of your work
  - Participation can be referred to as experience

## What Does It Mean For Me?

- Networking
  - People who might act as a referral
  - Connections with people in different companies who are hiring or know others who are
  - Recruitment

# How Can I Give Back?



## What can I do?

- Perform Reviews
- Help Grow the Community
- Promote Diversity and Inclusion

# Mentoring

- Internal Project Mentoring
  - One on one mentoring
  - Cohort mentoring
- External Mentoring Programs
  - Outreachy
  - Google Summer of Code/Docs

# Questions and Answers

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