Contributing to Ubuntu on Desktops

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I love contributing to open source

- Helping others
- Contributing talents to greater good
- Interesting career opportunities
- Working with smart and interesting people
- You determine level of commitment/time
Snaps are popular now, but there is still a need for traditional Debian-based packaging.

Contributions can either go directly to Debian, or to Ubuntu.

Reference: https://www.debian.org/doc/manuals/developers-reference/pkgs.html#newpackage
Official documentation is shipped with every desktop install of Ubuntu.

Contributions go from basic grammar to technical corrections to contributing Mallard formatted patches.

3: Testing

- Real, concrete way to test upcoming release
- Helps releases happen on time if they've been tested in real world settings
- Better chance your hardware will be supported when the release happens
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- Test an ISO or package
  - http://iso.qa.ubuntu.com/
  - http://packages.qa.ubuntu.com/

- Report bugs:
  - https://help.ubuntu.com/community/ReportingBugs

- https://wiki.ubuntu.com/QATeam
4: Handling Bugs

- Triage
- Write and submit fixes
- Test fixes
5: User Support

- No set commitment
- Gentle learning curve
- Can help whenever you want
- Various outlets to do support
- You're adding value to one of our most vital resources
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- UbuntuForums.org
- Ubuntu-users mailing list
- #ubuntu on irc.freenode.net
- AskUbuntu.com
6: Advocacy

- Meet others in person who share your passion for Ubuntu
- Help others in your community
- Support a project you love
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- Participate and help organize Local Community Team events (like this one!)
- Doing presentations
- Creating promotional materials
7: Translations

- Translate Ubuntu into your language
- Join the Ubuntu Translators mailing list for calls for translations: https://lists.ubuntu.com/mailman/listinfo/ubuntu-translators
- Join your localization mailing list: https://lists.ubuntu.com/#Localization+Lists
- Read by thousands of people per week
- Little to no technical knowledge required
- Very easy to contribute
- Email editor.ubuntu.news@ubuntu.com to be added to contributor list
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