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

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- Official documentation is shipped with every desktop install of Ubuntu

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

- Reference: https://wiki.ubuntu.com/DocumentationTeam/SystemDocumentation/UbuntuDesktopGuide

- 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

- Test an ISO or package
  - https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Testing/QATracker
  - http://iso.qa.ubuntu.com/
  - http://packages.qa.ubuntu.com/
- Report bugs: https://help.ubuntu.com/community/ReportingBugs
- https://wiki.ubuntu.com/QATeam

- Triage

- Write and submit fixes

- Test fixes

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- 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

- UbuntuForums.org

- Ubuntu-users mailing list

- #ubuntu on irc.freenode.net

- AskUbuntu.com

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- Meet others in person who share your passion for Ubuntu

- Help others in your community

- Support a project you love

- Participate and help organize Local Community Team events (like this one!)

- Doing presentations

- Creating promotional materials

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- 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

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- Read by thousands of people per week
- Little to no technical knowledge required
- Very easy to contribute

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- Email editor.ubuntu.news@ubuntu.com to be added to contributor list

- Visit the Google doc every Saturday and write summaries

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