

# Intro to Contributing -or- How Can I Help?

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# Getting Started: Climbing the Ladder

- <http://drupalladder.org>

<http://cms.about.com/od/drupal-learning/g/What-Is-The-Drupal-Ladder.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVqGqrTs4ZWNrx7smGGdpAHFus4QwYE5t>

- git
- development environment (\*AMP stack)
- There are lots of issues that don't require these tools!
  - documentation
  - patch review / testing

*Also...*

[drupal.org/novice](http://drupal.org/novice) !!

# Mentoring

On IRC:

- 2 hour windows
  - 10p EST Tuesday nights
  - 12p (noon) EST Wednesdays
- @drupalmentoring (twitter)
- Just ask!

<http://drupal.org/core-office-hours>



# Understanding the Issue Queue

Issue Queue Handbook:

<https://www.drupal.org/node/317>

All issues:

<https://www.drupal.org/project/issues>

How to write a good issue:

<https://www.drupal.org/node/73179>

# Searching for Issues

- Need an account to use advanced search
- The “novice” tag is there for, well, novices

Novice contributing 1: Get an issue:

<https://www.drupal.org/node/1319140>

Intro to the Novice Queue:

<http://webchick.net/node/96>

Link to the Novice Queue:

[http://drupal.org/project/issues/search?  
projects=&status%5B%  
5D=Open&issue\\_tags=Novice](http://drupal.org/project/issues/search?projects=&status%5B%5D=Open&issue_tags=Novice)

# Filing a New Issue

DO Try troubleshooting first:

<https://www.drupal.org/node/72108>



DON'T duplicate issues (search first):

<https://www.drupal.org/node/314182>

DON'T file security issues in the normal queue, use:

<https://www.drupal.org/node/101494>

# Category

- Bug report
- Task
- Feature Request
- Support Request



# Priority

- Critical
- Major
- Normal
- Minor

<https://www.drupal.org/node/45111>





# Status

## Incomplete List:

- Active
- Needs Review
- Needs Work
- “RBTC”
- Closed (many flavors)



# Quick Look

- Version
- Component
- Assigned
- Parent/Related Issues



# Tags

“Don't create a new tag, unless you are the project maintainer or have been asked to.”

<https://www.drupal.org/node/1023102>



# Issue Summary

- Minimally:
  - Details the actual vs. expected behavior
  - Includes steps to reproduce (for bugs)
- Issue Summary Templates when the issue gets complicated, or has a lot of comments, or cannot otherwise be understood quickly.

<https://www.drupal.org/issue-summaries>

# OK, roll up your sleeves...

- Reviewing / testing patches that are marked “needs review” (simplytest.me)
- Maintain the issue queue itself
- Work on documentation issues



- Updating and re-uploading your own patch  
<https://www.drupal.org/patch>

# Getting Help on IRC

- Internet Relay Chat
- You need a client to connect
  - CIRC (Chrome), ChatZilla (Firefox), Adium (OSX), Pidgin (Windows/Linux), mIRC (Windows)
- There are rules.



<https://www.drupal.org/irc>

# Rules of IRC

- Ask in the right channel
- Don't ask to ask
- Use nicks at the start of your question if you are addressing someone directly
- Don't "PM" someone without their permission

*p.s. druplicon is a computer!*

# Tools to Help You

dreditor user script:

<https://dreditor.org/>

Drupal QA Notifier Chrome Extension

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/drupal-qa-notifier/fcgjigcnkbhbjdhimnhlieoplnpoojhi>



# Demo / Questions

