# Intro to Contributing -orHow 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

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

Also...

drupal.org/novice!!

# Mentoring

#### On IRC:

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



#### 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: <a href="https://www.drupal.org/node/1319140">https://www.drupal.org/node/1319140</a>

Intro to the Novice Queue: http://webchick.net/node/96

Link to the Novice Queue:

<a href="http://drupal.org/project/issues/search?">http://drupal.org/project/issues/search?</a>

<a href="projects=&status%5B%">projects=&status%5B%</a>

5D=Open&issue tags=Novice

# Filing a New Issue

DO Try troubleshooting first: <a href="https://www.drupal.org/node/72108">https://www.drupal.org/node/72108</a>



DON'T duplicate issues (search first): https://www.drupal.org/node/314182

DON'T file security issues in the normal queue, use: <a href="https://www.drupal.org/node/101494">https://www.drupal.org/node/101494</a>

## Category

- Bug report
- Task
- Feature Request
- Support Request



# Priority

- Critical
- Major
- Normal
- Minor

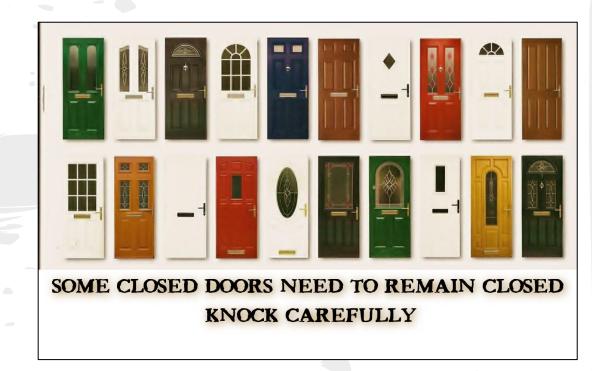
https://www.drupal.org/node/45111



#### Status

#### **Incomplete List:**

- Active
- Needs Review
- Needs Work
- "RBTC"
- Closed (many flavors)



# Quick Look

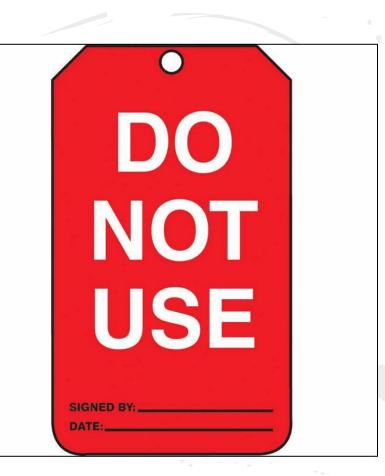
- Version
- Component
- Assigned
- Parent/Related Issues



## 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.

## 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
<a href="https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/drupal-qa-notifier/fcgjigcnkbhpjdhimnhlieoplnpoojhi">https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/drupal-qa-notifier/fcgjigcnkbhpjdhimnhlieoplnpoojhi</a>

# Demo / Questions

