

# Contributing Beyond Code in GNOME

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# About Me

## Ruth Ikegah

- Backend Developer
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# Agenda

- My Open Source Ladder Path
- Challenges during Contributing
- Sparked Interests in Contributing
- How you can help?



Let me tell you about the Story



# Women of Open Source Africa Challenge

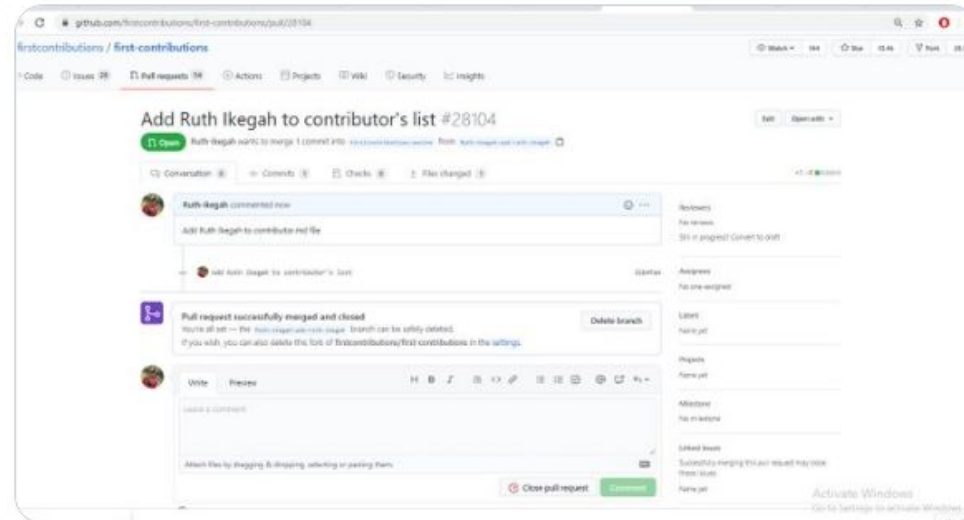


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Yaaaaaay 🥳 I made my **first contribution** to open source and **first pull request**, it was merged immediately 😄 during the workshop session at #WOSCA launch

Thanks @Kolokodess @fakela6 and Zainab Abubakar for the wonderful event!

#WOSCA  
#opensource



She Code Africa and Open Source Community Africa

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# My Engagements with GNOME



- [Scalable Onboarding Project](#)
- Faces of GNOME
- [Extensions Rebooted Initiative](#)



# Challenges during Contributing





# Technical Difficulties

- Using Git
- Installing and Setting up GNOME
- Network Bandwidth
- Electricity Issues



# Communication Difficulties

- Linguistic Differences
- Difficulties with understanding Technical and Social Terms unique to the GNOME Project
- Slack in Communication with Timezone difference



What I loved about  
contributing?



- The Community Work
- Advocating for beginners to get involved in Open Source
- The quality impact on the software or project



Yes, Rewards & Recognitions!



- A GitHub Star
- Recognition by Google Open Source for my Contributions
- First Award!



How can you help?



- Recognize and Appreciate Non-Code Contributions in your project or community
- Set channels and pipelines to encourage Non-Code Contributions
- Show Empathy in Communication and Engagement





Questions?



# Contact Me?

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Thank  
You!



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