Contributing Beyond Code in GNOME

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About Me

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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
Yaaaaay 😎 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
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!