Put your GNOME foot forward

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Why are you here?

- Find a problem
  - Submit a patch
    - Patch accepted
    - Patch rejected
    - Patch fixed up
It’s all about the people

- Talk to people...
  - IRC
  - Mailing lists
  - Here and now
- Use available resources
- Ask for help
Code of conduct

- Assume people mean well
- Try to be concise
- Be patient and generous
- Be respectful and considerate
Workflow

- Find out about the project workflow and stick to it
  - Bugzilla
  - Mailing lists
  - IRC
  - Email

- Build and test
Followup

- Be patient
- Follow up with the reviewer
- Follow up on the review
Make good contributions

- Use the reviewer’s time well
- Keep to the style of the project
- Follow the review process
- Respond in a timely manner
- Write good commit messages
Experience

- The more you contribute, the more you communicate with people
- The more you communicate, the more you become part of the community
- Once you are part of the community, you can become a Foundation member
How things happen

Find a problem

- Talk to the maintainer
- Check related bugs
- Trace the bug origin
- Talk to the community
- Talk to the designers

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Walking...

- Make favorite applications - Fix what you love.
- Start small - Use tools to play around.
- Read the signboards - Google -> Wiki pages - Real People.
- How can I help? - Tasks lists, gnome-love
- Bugzilla stalking your mentors - the CC way.
Sprinting...

- Hit the nail on it’s head - participate means write, ’read’, send.
- Skim through documentation - GDP Style Guide, inline documentation.
- Look up, look up - You can help yourself the best.
- Turn the page backwards.
- Done is better than perfect.
Iterate fast. Faster. Fastest?

Learn from iterations, make checklists.

Got stuck? Got Success? The greatest lie we tell ourselves is "I’ll remember it". Checklists, blog posts, wiki pages, go for it!
Running long distance... 

- Be Snoopy - Bugzilla tricks for runners.
- Help people help you! Ask "How did you do that?"
- Give ample time to explore options for a dev env.
- Do new things! Explore projects, new tasks, search TODOs, FIXMEs, string bugs, usability bugs.
Summary

- Work with the community, not against it
- Be open to suggestions
- Don’t be apathetic
Resources I

- Code of conduct: https://wiki.gnome.org/CodeOfConduct/