Put your GNOME foot forward
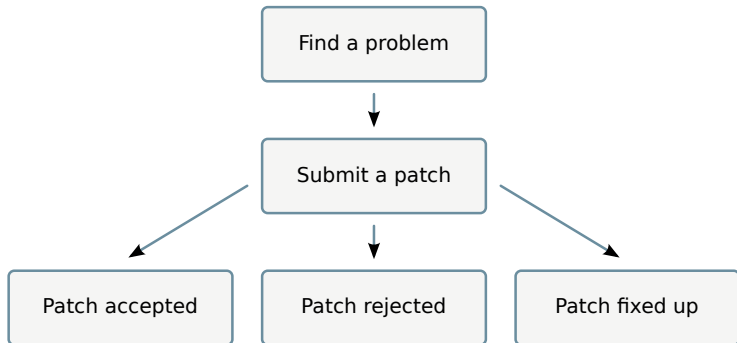
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Why are you here?

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
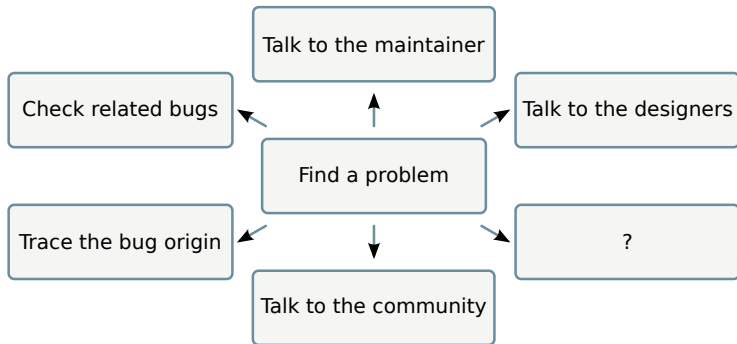- Follow up on the review

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

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.

Running. . .

- 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/

📄 Bugzilla tricks for hungry newbies:
http://sindhus.bitbucket.org/bugzilla-tricks-for-bug-hungry-newbies.html