

# NotToDo

If you've done something lately to make Apache a friendlier or safer community, let us know! Add a page, or a comment on an existing page. We'd love to hear what *you* are doing, and what's working in your projects. Especially useful are efforts to make the whole environment more friendly and open - singling out individuals for special treatment can backfire, but if we all try to be polite and be helpful, hopefully it won't be needed!

With that said, when you're adding new content to the wiki, try not to remove anything that could be useful to other people, anything that invites people to help out, gives contact information and so on. All edits to this wiki are public and archived though, so don't worry too much if you delete something by accident.

Especially if you're writing in a language that isn't your native language, be careful about the words you use. Words that are technically just-right may have connotations you're not aware of. If you don't have any native-speaker friends who can look over what you've written, feel free to mail your suggestions to the project list, and ask for feedback.

Sexism is a problem, and while it's not a solution in itself, this wiki will, hopefully, bring us a little closer to one. Let's try and make it a comfortable and safe space - the only thing we should be intolerant of is intolerance itself. The women at Apache aren't here to brighten your lives with their presence. They're here to contribute to the projects, so let's respect that.

Remember that being unaware of any affronts against women doesn't mean they're not happening. Be aware of what's going on around you. Recognise that what you may see as reasonable may not look that way from a someone else's point of view. Try to be calm and polite, and avoid being aggressive. Try to consider others' views, and look at your actions through their eyes. If you can manage all these things, you make the chances much greater that yours will be a community people want to be involved in - and that can only be good, for all of us!