

Help Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to do the following tasks. But please do not feel limited to these items. For inspiration on other ideas we recommend reading "[14 Ways to Contribute to Open Source without Being a Programming Genius or a Rock Star](#)".

If you are interested in working on any of these items, please send a note to the dev@openoffice.apache.org mailing list and we can give you hints on how to accomplish the task.

Easy

1. **Submit feedback about the product or website(s).** Subscribe to the [users mailing list](#) or the [developer mailing list](#). Skills needed: e-mail.
2. **Submit problem reports about the product or website(s).** Register for a an [Apache OpenOffice Bugzilla](#) account and submit an "issue". Skills needed: ability to learn Bugzilla.
3. **Help existing users.** Skills needed: a working knowledge of OpenOffice, and a desire to help other users. Subscribe to the [users mailing list](#), or join the [support forum](#), or help users that write to the [Facebook page](#).
4. **Test Developer Builds.** See [the source code webpage](#) for more information on testing developer builds. The easiest way to test is to use "Full Installation Sets" for your OS environment. Install to a separate area (directory) so as not to overwrite your existing AOO installation.
5. **Improve the look of our website(s),** especially the default [landing page](#). Skills needed: graphic design, web design, good taste, possible svn. Skills gained: Markdown syntax, Apache CMS. (Also see the [Website information page](#) and [Developer FAQ](#)).
6. **Create a more friendly "Develop" landing page for the website (related to the previous item).** Skills needed: webpage authoring including graphic design, svn for committers, or the [Apache CMS](#) to submit a webpage for others. See discussion and proposed mockup from the [developer mailing list](#).
7. **Help market Apache OpenOffice** by developing artwork or other marketing materials. See the [marketing webpage](#) or review the [marketing mailing list](#) for more information. Get creative!
8. **Help plan the future of Apache OpenOffice.** Subscribe to the [developer mailing list](#) and apply for a [Apache OpenOffice Planning Wiki](#) account. Skills needed: e-mail, Confluence wiki desirable (but easy to learn). Skills gained: Confluence wiki, cooperation.

Medium

1. **Write Documentation.** This includes user guides, install guides and developer documentation. Documentation is found in the documentation area of the OpenOffice wiki. To participate through the [OpenOffice Documentation Wiki](#), register for an [Apache OpenOffice Community Wiki](#) account. Skills needed: familiarity with, or willing to learn [Media Wiki](#). Skills gained: more wiki experience, group collaboration.
2. Update the [OpenOffice Administration Guide](#).
3. **Develop a trademark approval process.** This would be used by the PMC for external entities that want to use our trademarks. Write up the process, review with Apache Branding, and get consensus on the ooo-dev list. Add the process definition to the Community FAQ's on the website. Things to consider include criteria for approval and record keeping. A good starting point might be [this](#) email. Skills gained: greater understanding of Apache branding requirements.
4. **Write up a tutorial (or link to a good existing one) that explains how new project volunteers should create and submit patches** (for publication on the Project website). Skills needed: an understanding of Markdown and probably committer rights to the project website. (Already somewhat done on the [Developer FAQs webpage](#)).
5. **Write up a tutorial on how committers should review and apply patches.** Add a link to this tutorial from the [Developer FAQs](#) webpage. Skills needed: SVN, technical writing. Skills gained: Apache CMS.
6. **Document the procedures used by the PMC.** This would include the processes: how to elect new committers and PMC members, including form letters, userid generation, tracking, etc. Link it from the [PMC FAQs](#) webpage on the website. Consider the steps that the PMC needs to do, as well as the new committer, so this can be a reference for both. Skills needed: writing. Skills gained: Apache CMS. Note: this task is suitable for existing PMC members only.

Challenging

1. **Document or find tools.** Specifically, external diff and merge tools for Subversion that can process ODF documents.
2. **Fix bugs, create and update OpenOffice.** Skills needed: an [Apache OpenOffice Bugzilla](#) account, git or github knowledge, C++ (Apache OpenOffice is mainly written in C++, though there is some code in Java and Python). See [the Developer FAQ](#) to get started.
3. **Build ApacheOffice from source.** We can use feedback on the build process. Skills needed include familiarity with C++, and your system's batch or shell processing capabilities. See the [Source Control](#) webpage for more information on obtaining and building Apache OpenOffice.