

Becoming a Committer

Being a committer in FINERACT is a responsibility that we wish to encourage as many good contributors as possible to share with us. It is also an honor which is earned by good behavior.

Apache explains what values underlie Apache community work here: <https://community.apache.org/contributors/>

FINERACT will designate contributors to committers via the following process.

1. A current PMC member will decide to sponsor a contributor.
2. The sponsor will propose via the private mailing list, that a contributor be made a committer. The sponsor should explain why he or she believes the contributor should be made a committer. At this point it would be unkind to inform the contributor in case the proposal fails the vote.
3. If within 72 hours of the proposal, no committers have vetoed the proposal, the proposal is accepted.
4. The sponsor will ask the contributor if he or she wishes to become a committer.
5. If contributor so desires, the sponsor will set in motion the processes necessary to add a new committer to FINERACT.

If a contributor is vetoed there is no need to inform him or her that a vote occurred. Depending on the reason for a veto, the question may be raised again at a later date.

Because committers determine who will become committers, they need to be able to recognize good committers. A good committer also has other qualities.

Developer committer qualities

To be made a developer committer, a contributor should have developed experience with FINERACT by

- creating bug fixes or programming features,
- producing multiple high quality code changes as determined by an existing committer using the [Code Review Guide](#),
- owning and fixing their own mistakes, and
- mentoring other contributors.

Community Liaison Committer qualities

To be made a community liaison committer, a contributor should have developed experience with FINERACT by

- helping other users learn to use FINERACT, or
 - helping programmers learn what users need by providing detailed business requirements and use cases required for functional specifications, or
 - testing FINERACT for correctness, robustness, scalability, security, or usability, and reporting bugs and issues found, or
 - connecting users with complementary needs with each other on the list, or
 - supporting implementers and users of FINERACT with best practices and lessons learned from practical implementation, or
 - writing documentation and tutorials for usage of FINERACT and design of financial services,
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- owning and fixing their mistakes, and
 - mentoring other contributors.

Developer committer rights and responsibilities

- Everything listed in <http://www.apache.org/dev/new-committers-guide.html>
- Reviewing code before it is committed using the [Code Review Guide](#).
- Reviewing code for other committers after it is committed.
- Taking part in conversations on the dev mailing list when he or she has something to contribute.
- Keeping all decision-making processes transparent for all project participants.

Community Liaison Committer rights and responsibilities

- Everything listed in <http://www.apache.org/dev/new-committers-guide.html>
- Prioritizing and refining user stories and tickets on JIRA.
- Moderating and maintaining functional documentation on FINERACT.
- Taking part in conversations on the dev mailing list when he or she has something to contribute.
- Keeping all decision-making processes transparent for all project participants.

PMC member rights and responsibilities

- Taking part in conversations on the private mailing list and keeping those conversations private.
- Proposing new committers and new PMC members.
- Representing Apache Fineract to the ASF Board.
- Protecting the Apache Fineract brand from misuse
- Keeping all decision-making processes transparent for all project participants.

Further reading

[Contributing to Apache Fineract as committer](#)