

# How do I become a committer

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First of all you need to get involved and [Contribute](#) via the mail list, forums, edit the documentation, work on the issue tracker and submit patches.

Once you're contributing and your work is good, one of our [Team](#) may invite you to be a committer (after we've called a vote). When that happens, if you accept, the following process kicks into place...

Note that becoming a committer is not just about submitting some patches; its also about helping out on the development and user [Discussion Forums](#), helping with documentation and the issue tracker.

## Becoming a committer steps

- Download and print the Apache Contributor License Agreement from [here](#). You need to sign it and fax it to Apache. In the past I've found its often faster to also post it via snail mail 😊
- wait for your name to appear on the list of [received CLAs](#)
- once thats done let us know and we can apply to Apache Infrastructure to have your account created; we'll also need to know
  - your full name
  - your preferred email address
  - your preferred unix account name

## Getting started at Apache

Firstly add yourself to the [Team](#) page

Now go read the instructions on the [new committers guide](#). Its also worth viewing <http://www.apache.org/dev>.

## More information

You can find more information about being a [committer at Apache here](#).

## Getting Karma in JIRA and Confluence

Mail the dev list and ask for karma for JIRA / Confluence giving them details of your username you used to register with them both. We can then grant the necessary karma so you can start grabbing JIRA issues or editing the wiki

## Getting Karma in Jenkins / Hudson

Mail the PMC chair and ask for karma for Jenkins / Hudson as described [here](#).