

# The WordPress Community: Getting Involved



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# Why?

There are tons of reasons, but here are some of the big ones and maybe some you haven't thought of



# Professional Development

Work with some of the greatest developers, designers, etc  
in the world. Yes...the world.

If you're not better at what you do after working with some  
of these people, you're doing something wrong!



# Be an Authority

You'll know more about WordPress, how it works, what's coming soon, etc. Your clients or employer will appreciate it!



# Get Referrals

Getting new clients and jobs is time consuming (and getting good ones can be difficult). The WordPress community is big. Let them know how good you are at what you do so they can refer people to you!



# Make WordPress Better

My livelihood relies on WordPress. It's in my best interest to make WordPress better!



# Ways to help

- Translation
- Documentation
- Support
- Accessibility
- UI/UX
- Testing
- Community
- Mobile
- Themes
- Plugins
- Development





# Slack

The new way to communicate with the rest of the  
WordPress contributors!

<https://make.wordpress.org/chat/>



# Multi-lingual?



# Translate

Last year, 2014, was the first time that non-English downloads of WordPress surpassed English downloads!

Yes, we need people to translate core, but don't forget about the plugin and theme developers.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/polyglots/>
- <https://translate.wordpress.org/>



# Documentation



# We need documentation

Most developers (myself included) hate documenting things. If that's not you, help us out! We need everything from [inline documentation](#) of code to upkeep and expansion of the [Codex](#) and [handbooks](#). The Codex is a Wiki, so you can start editing today!

- <https://make.wordpress.org/docs/>



# Support





No matter what your level of experience and expertise, there are questions you can answer in the [Support Forums](#). WordPress is used by on over 60 Million sites. I'm sure there's at least one person you can help.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/support/>
- IRC: #WordPress on Freenode



# Accessibility





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With over 23% of the Internet running on WordPress, we have a responsibility to try to set the standard in out-of-the box accessibility. Help make that happen.

- <http://make.wordpress.org/accessibility/>



# UI/UX



# User Experience

People underestimate how much effort is put into making WordPress usable!

- <http://make.wordpress.org/ui/>



# Testing



# We Need Testers!

If we have 10,000 people testing and over 60 million sites, that's only .0167%. Things get missed when there's not enough testers. Please help!

- Beta Tester plugin:  
<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wordpress-beta-tester/>
- Reporting bugs:  
<https://make.wordpress.org/core/handbook/reporting-bugs/>



# Community



Are you good at organizing events or groups? Organize a Meetup or WordCamp or support those that do.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/community/>



# Mobile





Do you do mobile development? There are mobile apps for  
iOS, Android and Windows Phone

There's even one for Blackberry if you want to revive it and  
bring back the 90s.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/mobile/>



# Themes



Themes are reviewed, which means we need people to do that.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/themes/>



# Plugins



Plugins need to be approved, reviewed, etc.

- <https://make.wordpress.org/plugins/>



# Developers



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As it turns out...we do a lot of development.

- Weekly chats in the #core channel on [Slack](#) on Wednesdays at 21:00 UTC
- <https://make.wordpress.org/core/>
- <https://core.trac.wordpress.org/>



Ways to get involved:

<https://make.wordpress.org/>

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