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# **jazzy-groove Documentation**

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Welcome to the The Jazzy Groove Guide to CPython Contribution.

This unofficial, concise, *inspirational* guide exists to provide contributors warm and welcoming encouragement to jump into CPython (core Python).

**This guide is under development.**

The [official documentation of CPython](#) is very detailed, helpful, and highly recommended reading. A nod of appreciation to documentation contributors, past and present. A good “first stop” doc is the [Python Developer’s Guide](#).

One, two, three, four. One, two, three, four. You have rhythm. You have interest. Next step? Start finding your CPython contribution groove.

Contents:



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## Finding your groove

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One. Two. Three. Four.

Four basic steps to get started as a CPython contributor:

- Commit
- Jump into it
- Find your rhythm
- Improvise

**Finding your groove: Contributing to CPython and beyond** PyCon 2015 Talk by Carol Willing to inspire you as a contributor [Slide deck](#)

**Python Contributor Playlist** Some music to inspire you as you contribute to the Python community





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### Jump Into It

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Getting started as a contributor to CPython can feel a bit overwhelming. Where to start, who to ask, and what tools to use remind us that there are lots of details.

A plan, just like learning to play an instrument or sing, can make the journey smoother. In music, one is always learning and refining one's skills. One key is to begin playing and listening immediately and then build up mastery over time.

Let's see how the plan would look for CPython:



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## Method and Sheet Music

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### 3.1 Python Developer's Guide

**Python Developer's Guide** Official documentation on how to contribute to CPython.

**Quickstart** Steps for getting the source code and running the tests. Three concise steps have three one-line commands to:

1. Get the source
2. Build the source
3. Run the tests

Go ahead. Give it a try.

### 3.2 Helpful 'Official' Documentation

**Python Developer FAQ** Q&A on Communications, Version Control, SSH, General topics

**Core Developer Responsibilities** Some responsibilities of core developers to the community:

- Be a good person.
- Please be prompt in responding to questions.
- Please list what areas you want to be considered an expert in the Experts Index.
- Have fun.

**Experts Index** A guide to developers and their expertise and interests in Stdlib, Tools, Platforms, and Miscellaneous.

**Developer Log** Developers with commit privileges from April 2005.

Misc/porting source file

Misc/SpecialBuilds.txt source file

### 3.3 Tools

Issue Tracker

Buildbot

## 3.4 Release information

**PEPs Python Enhancement Proposals** Upcoming release content and timelines can be found here.

## 3.5 Communication

- Mailing Lists
- IRC
- Blogs

## 3.6 Books

## 3.7 Videos

Brian Curtin The Development of Python and You <http://pyvideo.org/video/432/pycon-2011-the-development-of-python-and-you> Couple of years to core developer Why? Dive deeper into the code 38 responses easier to maintain upstream patches learning from smart people Guido challenge excitement software widely deployed python installed understand technologies better than day job give back why wouldn't i contribute

Who? Anybody Around world 138 committers CPython 2010 62 active +20 new devs 2009 +9 people added Time - bottleneck

How? Dev Guide Dr. Brett Cannon PSF grant 2 months/ porting guide 8:34 get the source hginit.com hgbook

Building the source Building the docs - restructured text Testing - run the regression tests Bug regrtest resource warning 19:00 Buildbots

[Brett Cannon talk slides](#)

[Guido 2005](#)

Anna Ravenscroft You can be a speaker at PyCon <http://pyvideo.org/video/1728/you-can-be-a-speaker-at-pycon>

Eric Araujo How You Can Contribute to Python <http://pyvideo.org/video/1578/how-you-can-contribute-to-python> Documentation

## 3.8 More links

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## **Sprints**

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Joining a sprint is fun. Imagine the opportunity to meet and code with people that also love Python. Sprints are productive, a time to build skills, and share knowledge.

Consider joining the annual PyCon sprints or sprints at other conferences or user groups. Don't worry if you are new to CPython – everybody is a beginner at something.

### **4.1 Sprint participants**

[Helsinki Python Sprint 2014-08-02](#)

[Brian Curtin's Beginners Guide to Python Core Development](#)

### **4.2 Sprint organizers**

[Boston CPython Sprint - How to run a sprint](#)

[In-Person Event Handbook](#)

### **4.3 Finding an issue**

[Customize your issue queries](#)



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**Checklists**

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## Indices and tables

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