

# My journey to RDO Community

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## About me:

- A translator turned free software contributor

## Upstream Contribution

dgplug summer training 2011

Do you want to see your name next time you install GNU/Linux in your friend's computer?

Translation using Transifex

VLC 2.0 in Hindi

PyCon India 2012



More contributions leads to more responsibilities.

GSOC 2013 and Red Hat intern

Trying to find out the public IP of an instance leads to contributing to OpenStack.

Resulted in full time associate by Dec, 2013.

PyCon India 2014

# Rebooting Python Pune

Packstack -> OpenStack Packages -> RDO  
meetings -> RDO contributions

RDO full timer by Sept, 2016



All possible because of:

- Hard work
- Patience
- Masters/mentors

To follow the path:  
look to the master,  
follow the master,  
walk with the master,  
see through the master,  
become the master,  
And teach others!

Too much love for passion also leads to burnout  
and frustrations.

- Long/short break from work.
- Talking with community.
- Saying Thank you!
- Drink more water.

Reached a Goal what next?

Plan your new adventure and start working.

Why you should start contributing to Free  
Software?

- Getting a better job with good salary.
- Learn/Improve skills.
- Building your reputation (& career) along the way.



How you can start contributing to free software?

- Bug Reporting
- Testing (test days)
- Localization
- Documentation
- Packaging
- Contributing code
- Design & Artwork
- Promoting

## Look for keywords in getting involved page:

- Easyfix (RDO, Fedora)
- Low hanging fruits (OpenStack)
- Gnome-love (Gnome)
- Junior Jobs (KDE)
- Level:Beginners
- Easy
- Good for new contributors

It's never too late, take an effort and start contributing and achieve your dream!

# Thanks!

Questions? tweet at @chkumar246

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