

# **Disability and the Ubuntu Community**

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# A Sneak Peak

- **Who am I**
- **Introduction to the Ubuntu community and inclusion**
- **Processes in the ubuntu community and inclusion**
- **Building effective inclusive and diverse teams**



# About me

- **Ubuntu user since 6.04**
- **Ubuntu contributor since 6.10**
- **Ubuntu member since 2007**
- **Ubuntu developer since 2010 (Emeritus ☺)**
- **Former loco council member till 2015**
- **Application Review board member till 2014**
- **Cerebral palsy since birth (single handed ☺)**



# Ubuntu community and inclusion

- Ubuntu comes from the word oo-boon-too which is an african word for humanity and the community is built and fostered in the same spirit, that all are welcome in the ubuntu community 😊
- Whether you are just an user or translator or interested in helping out people or a tech geek, the community welcomes you with open arms 😊



# Community processes and inclusion

- Whether its forums or translation or documentation or development related tasks in the ubuntu community, we abide by the ubuntu community code of conduct which has the ubuntu philosophy of I am what I am because of what we are, which welcomes everyone into the ubuntu community openly 😊



# How to start contributing

- Start using ubuntu
- Ask questions on IRC or on the forums regarding your doubts on ubuntu (I believe no one will say „Read the fucking manual” or RTFM commonly)
- Spend time on the IRC or forums or any other platform, and meet wonderful people.
- Give back when you are confident of helping others 😊



# Building inclusive teams

- Since ubuntu code of conduct believes in inclusivity and welcomes people from diverse background, inclusivity is not limited to gender diversity
- Outreach and Ubuntu accomplishments go hand in hand 😊
- If you have questions, Just ask and get involved and guided around 😊



# Opensource and disability

- So, what if you have a special condition or a disability... Ubuntu community is one of the best opensource communities where you can utilize your special skills and give back so that you can feel empowered 😊
- Personally have been in the ubuntu community for 15 years now and have travelled places from virtually being in a wheelchair with special boots to an entrepreneur and book author.







# Reaching out

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