



# The DigitalOcean Newsletter: Hacktoberfest Edition

Newsletter looking a bit different than usual?

That's because this edition is dedicated to [Hacktoberfest](#), DigitalOcean's October-long celebration of open source software. Hacktoberfest brings developers from all skill levels (and corners of the world) together to contribute to open source projects they're passionate about.

Read on to learn more about our open source resources, program offerings, and environmentally friendly rewards you'll love to brag about with your friends.

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## Welcome to Hacktoberfest 2020

- [Hacktoberfest blog post](#): This year has definitely come with its fair share of challenges and, with them, changes. To accommodate our new world and bring Hacktoberfest to as many people as possible, we've made some updates to the program.
- [Warm welcome from Yancey](#): Yancey Spruill, DigitalOcean's CEO, shares his thoughts about Hacktoberfest and welcomes all participants to join this year's challenge.
- [Pick trees, not tees](#): To reduce our environmental impact and give participants a choice of rewards for completing the challenge, we're offering the option to plant a tree instead of receiving a limited

edition T-shirt.

*As always, if you're interested in hearing about our product updates, check out the latest products and features [blog post](#).*

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## Resources for *All*

It may be your first time, or maybe it's your 7th. Either way, we've created Hacktoberfest resources to help you make an impact. Join the Hacktoberfest [Discord channel](#) to chat with the community and share projects you're passionate about.

### Beginners

Get started with:

- [Creating your first pull request](#)
- Raise.dev is hosting [daily office hours](#) with expert coaches and special guests
- A primer on [finding and contributing](#) to open source projects
- [A get-started checklist](#)

### Maintainers

Groom your repositories with these resources:

- [GitHub's guide](#) to maintaining open source projects
- [Show off your projects](#) and find open source contributors on DEV
- [A maintainer's guide to Hacktoberfest](#)

### Event Organizers

Create your hacking events in a cinch:

- Review our robust [Hacktoberfest Event Organizer Kit](#).
- Create fun and flawless online meetups with this [quick guide](#).
- [Easily set up your event](#) with Major League Hacking and automagically get a dedicated Mattermost chatroom!

### Companies

Get your employer and coworkers involved:

- Read Indeed's [case study](#) about how they more than doubled employee contributions.
  - Check out SendGrid's [lessons](#) for increasing contributions by 3,510%.
  - Vonage demonstrates how they [use open source](#) for their team projects and documentation.
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## Open Source Tech Talks

- **Getting the Most Out of Open Source, With DEV/Forem**  
*October 1, 11:00 a.m. ET*  
Ready for [Hacktoberfest](#)? Open source project maintainers and contributors are invited to a virtual refresher on how to have happy, productive, and meaningful interactions with the open source community.
- **Level Up as an Open Source Contributor, With Vonage**  
*October 6, 11:00 a.m. ET*  
Git tips and tricks for preparing and submitting pull requests that people will really want to review and merge.
- **Tips for Contributing to Open Source, With GitHub**  
*October 13, 12:00 p.m. ET*  
A rundown of GitHub Developer Advocate Brian Douglas' favorite tips for making your life easier as a project maintainer and future contributor.
- **Getting Into Open Source for Fun & Profit, With JetBrains**  
*October 22, 11:00 a.m. ET*  
A panel discussion about how developers and organizations can balance open source work with commercial work – and generate income for both yourself and your company.
- **QUIC & HTTP/3: Open Standards and Open Source Code, With Cloudflare**

*October 27, 11:00 a.m. ET*

Did you know there's an HTTP/3 and it runs on UDP? Find out why QUIC is the new word in internet protocols, how it's been developed as an open standard, and how you can get started today.

- **Open Sourced Deep Learning, With Intel's OpenVINO**

*October 28, 12:00 p.m. ET*

Discover ways to contribute to the future of deep learning. See what it takes to build a sustainable, open sourced, deep-learning inference platform for everyone.

More open source Tech Talks can be found [here](#).

*Subscribe to the new 'Tech Talks' tag within our Community platform to get alerts on the latest talks from our team and the greater community.*

*You're also invited to [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#).*



## Hacktoberfest Events

Hacktoberfest would be nothing without its passionate community. Join one (or all) of our events next month to meet DigitalOcean employees, chat with others in the developer community, and have a good time with your peers!

### **Official Hacktoberfest Kickoff Celebration**

*October 1 @ 11 a.m IST*

**Official Hacktoberfest Celebration**

*October 8 @ 5:30 p.m CET*

**Official Hacktoberfest Celebration**

*October 15 @ 5:30 p.m EDT*