

Last year I asked about software sustainability and you answered.
This year, it's all about documentation!

6 Things Everyone Should Be Doing (to minimally document their code)

1. Name of your software
2. Contact details
3. Licensing details
4. Brief "what your software does"
5. How to install and run
6. *What should the sixth thing be?*
Tell me! <http://bit.ly/TheSixthThing>

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What thing should everyone be doing (to support software sustainability)?

asked by Neil Chue Hong

Documentation

by James Graham

Write extendable and maintainable code.

by Mark Dawson

Write documentation!!

by David PS

Add all the meta to your repo

by Naomi Penfold

Beware of service lock-in

by James B

Collaborative collection of good examples to build evidence for convincing the more senior/not convinced people to get on board

by Reka Solymosi

Write documentation on how someone who is not you can build, deploy and run your software

by Mike Jackson

Think about how new contributors (not just users) will join your community

by Kirstie Whitaker

realize (and tell others) that open source needs giving, not just taking - then give back

by Dan Katz

provide quiet working environments for all staff

by Yo Yehudi

Try to quantify the benefits of sustainable software to appeal to more senior figures: e.g. 'it took 75% less time', 'it will be 50% cheaper', etc.

by Matthew Upson

Find a code buddy. Work with someone else's code and have someone else work with yours

by Alys Brett

Always have in mind you are writing this code and documentation to distribute and share with others. Having this in mind from the beginning helps write in a way others (not just you) will understand.

by Ellis

In order to support: provide great examples/templates that others can really easily follow/re-use

by Mark Woodbridge

Write tests AND documentation ?

by Thibault Clérice

Write a "Ten simple rules" paper.

by Andrew Walker