A Quick Guide to Contribute to
Open Source Documentation

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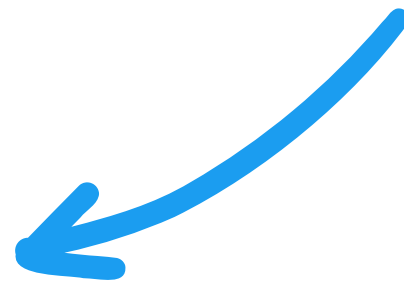
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Busting Some **Myths**

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"~~Only code contributions~~

~~are~~ ~~valuable~~."

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*"Writing documentation is **easy!**"*

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Step 4: **Contribute!**

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> This is documentation for Apache APISIX® -- Cloud-Native API Gateway **2.13**, which is no longer actively maintained.
>
> For up-to-date documentation, see the **latest version** (3.5).

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Getting Started

Summary

This guide walks through how you can get up and running with Apache APISIX.

The guide is divided into these three steps:

1. Installing Apache APISIX

2. Creating a Route and binding it with an Upstream

3. Verifying the results after binding with `curl`

This document also introduces some of the advanced features and operations in Apache APISIX like

apisix.apache.org/docs/apisix/getting-started/

Request

docs: Discrepancies in "Getting Started" and "How to build Apache APISIX" pages #6380

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⊘ Closed   7 comments · Fixed by #6389   👁 ▾

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pottekkat on Feb 18, 2022   Member   ✏️ ⚠️Tip ...

Improved or typo fixed.

The "Getting Started" page walks the user through an installation of APISIX using Docker. It is however mentioned here that these Docker images are not official ASF images and users should always build from source.

There isn't a link to other installation methods in the "Getting Started" page.

There isn't an "Installation" page but instead "How to build Apache APISIX" which might be misleading as readers might think that it would be a guide to build the source for say, development purposes.

Solution

Proposal:

1. Change "Getting Started" to "Quick Start" and make the intent clear that it is a guide to quickly run APISIX and test/play-around with it.
2. Add more internal links to the new "Quick Start" guide pointing people to other installation methods and end-to-end guides (future).
3. Change "How to build Apache APISIX" to "Installation" and provide a comprehensive guide on installing APISIX via different methods.

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Contributing flow

This document describes the general flow for contributing to APISIX repos.

What can I contribute?

Any and all forms of contributions are welcome! For example you can,

- Fix issues tagged with "good first issue" or "help wanted" labels.

- Join the discussions on the mailing list.

- Answer questions in issues and discussions.

- Review open pull requests.

- Improve the website.

- Improve documentation or write a blog post.

apisix.apache.org**/docs/general/contributor-guide**

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Documentation style guide

This document is a style guide for Apache APISIX documentation. This document is intended for contributors to APISIX's documentation and should be followed to ensure consistency.

To learn more about contributing, see Contributing flow.

Tone, content and audience

- Aim for a voice and tone that's conversational, friendly, and respectful without being frivolous. Learn more on Voice and tone.
- Write for accessibility. See General do's and don'ts to learn more.
- Identify the intended audience and write for them. Find the common ground for you and your target audience.

Language

- Use second person while writing unless it isn't appropriate.

- Always place conditional clauses before instructions.

/docs/general/documentation-style-guide

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☐ ⊙ **docs: Recommended to provide some examples of best practices, especially plugins**   💬 8

#8080 opened on Oct 12, 2022 by 🧑 zhangyuthink 🕐 updated yesterday

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☐ ⊙ **docs: Where can I find the LTS release versions?**   💬 3

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docs: mention how to use environment variables in configuration file #10021

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⑃ Merged by monkeyDluffy60... `apache:master` ← `pottekkat:docs/conf-env/1` ⧉ on Aug 22 🏷 `3.5.0` 👁▾

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pottekkat on Aug 14   Member ✎ ⚠Tip ⋯

Signed-off-by: Navendu Pottekkat navendu@apache.org

Adds instructions on how to use environment variables with configuration files in addition to using an environment variable to switch between multiple configuration files.

So now we are suggesting two ways to manage configuration while deploying APISIX in multiple environments.

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⟀ docs: mention how to use env variables in configuration file ⋯   **Verified** ✕ 4e7eed7

👁 **pottekkat** requested review from **nfrankel** and **guoqqqi** last month

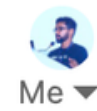📋 **nfrankel** (Nicolas Fränkel) requested changes on Aug 14   **View reviewed changes**

nfrankel (Nicolas Fränkel)   Member ✎ ⚠Tip ⋯

Thanks, good job. I added a couple of change requests.

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👤 guoqqqi   ●

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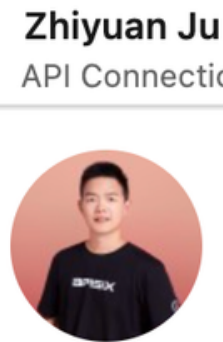You're receiving notifications because you were

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zhiyuan

Zhiyuan Ju   May 16
You: That's great. I will send him a connection request.

Zhiyuan Ju
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Zhiyuan Ju · 5:02 AM
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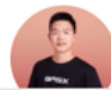
Navendu Pottekkat · 10:58 PM
Hi. Yes, I would like to work on it. I am traveling at the moment but I will checkout the project tomorrow.

Are there some links you can point me to?

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Zhiyuan Ju · 6:21   Latest message

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