

Launchpad

From wikipedia:

- Launchpad is a web application and web site supporting software development, particularly that of free software. Launchpad is developed and maintained by Canonical Ltd.
- On 21 July 2009, the source code was released publicly under the GNU Affero General Public License.
- As of August 2009, the launchpad repository hosts more than 13,000 projects. The domain launchpad.net attracted 1 million visitors by August 2009 according to a Compete.com survey.
- We use it in our project to allow us to collaborate together and communicate with hundreds of people worldwide.

What do we use Launchpad for?

<https://launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

- We use Launchpad for:
 - Bazaar branch/code hosting
 - Blueprints
 - Milestones
 - Bugs
 - Translations
 - Answers

Code Hosting

<https://code.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

- We use a combination of bazaar to push and pull our code, which is hosted on our Launchpad project page
- Open permissions
- Moving to Ground Control to manage the branch - simpler for contributors. No command line. See the Ground Control session for more information
- All you need to know is that you can pull the code from Launchpad, make your changes, and push them so others can see your work.

Blueprints

<https://blueprints.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

We have created a number of blueprints that tell us a number of things:

- What needs to be achieved for that blueprint
- How we're going to do it
- Who's going to implement the feature
- When it has to be implemented by
- The progress of the blueprint
- The priority of the blueprint
- Assignees should keep the progress up to date
- Essential priority is reserved for absolutely necessary features for the success of the project
- High is assigned to most chapters

Milestones

<https://edge.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual/+milestones>

- Milestones are the releases
- Bugs, blueprints can be targeted towards milestones

For example:

- All of the chapters are targeted to alpha release
- Editing is targeted to the beta release
- Screenshots are targeted to RC release

Bugs

<https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

- Anyone can report a bug
- Bugs should contain information to help us figure out what's wrong

Some examples of bugs that are quite okay to report:

- URLs on page 42 don't wrap correctly
- Manual won't compile with <insert error message here>
- Prologue has incorrect facts about the history of Canonical
- Forgotten to mention partitioning

Translations

<https://translations.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

- Over 40 languages
- We use po4a to go from .tex to import into rosetta
- See more in Josh Holland's session on translations

Answers

<https://answers.launchpad.net/ubuntu-manual>

- Similar to bugs, but instead of reporting problems, you can suggest features or ask questions
- We will respond ASAP :)

Examples of questions:

- Will there be a duplex version for printing?
- Where can I get the manual?
- What will the manual website URL be?