Overcoming Debian's New Maintainer Procedures

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- Getting familiar with Debian's *Developer's Corner* (http://www.debian.org/devel/)
  - Joining Debian
  - Debian Constitution
  - Voting Information
  - Different Architectures
  - Release Critical Bugs
  - Debian Policy
  - Debian Menu System
- Subscribe to debian-devel and any other mailing lists relevant to your development interests
- Begin work on your interests and ask questions on the Debian mailing lists (http://www.debian.org/MailingLists/-subscribe)
- Debian's "Social Contract" with the Free Software Community (doc-debian)
  - Debian Will Remain 100% Free Software
  - We Will Give Back to the Free Software
  - We Won't Hide Problems
  - Our Priorities are Our Users and Free Software
  - Programs That Don't Meet Our Free-Software Standards
  - DFSG (Debian Free Software Guidelines)
    - Free Redistribution
    - Source Code
    - Derived Works
    - Integrity of The Author's Source Code
    - No Discrimination Against Persons or Groups
    - No Discrimination Against Fields of Endeavor
    - Distribution of License
    - License Must Not Be Specific to Debian
    - License Must Not Contaminate Other Software
    - Example Licenses: The "GPL", "BSD", and "Artistic" licence
- Registering as a Debian developer (developers-reference)
  - Notify new-maintainer@debian.org
    - Your name
    - Your preferred login name for master.debian.org (eight characters or less)
    - The email address at which you prefer to be subscribed to debian-private@lists.debian.org
    - A phone number where we can call you during evening hours
    - A statement of intention, that is, what package(s) you intend to work on, which Debian port you will be assisting, or how you intend to contribute to Debian
    - A statement that you have read and agree to uphold the Debian Social Contract
    - One of the following mechanisms by which we can verify your real-life identity:
      - A key signed by any well-known signature, such as:
        - Any current Debian developer you have met in real life.
        - Any formal certification service (such as Verisign, etc.) that verifies your identity.
      - You may identify yourself with a scanned (or physically mailed) copy of formal documents certifying your identity (such as a birth certificate, national ID card, U.S. Driver's License, etc.). If emailed, please sign the mail with your PGP key.