If the flagged items do not appear to be text

If items relate to a ... * well-formed pattern.

If you can write a pattern that would match it, try adding it to the ${\tt patterns.txt}$ file.

Patterns are Perl 5 Regular Expressions - you can test yours before committing to verify it will match your lines.

Note that patterns can't match multiline strings.

• binary file.

Please add a file path to the excludes.txt file matching the containing file.

File paths are Perl 5 Regular Expressions - you can test yours before committing to verify it will match your files.

^ refers to the file's path from the root of the repository, so ^README\.md\$ would exclude README.md (on whichever branch you're using).