

# Contributing to Docker open source projects

Want to hack on this project? Awesome! Here are instructions to get you started.

This project is a part of the [Docker](#) project, and follows the same rules and principles. If you're already familiar with the way Docker does things, you'll feel right at home.

Otherwise, go read Docker's [contributions guidelines](#), [issue triaging](#), [review process](#) and [branches and tags](#).

For an in-depth description of our contribution process, visit the contributors guide: [Understand how to contribute](#)

## Sign your work

The sign-off is a simple line at the end of the explanation for the patch. Your signature certifies that you wrote the patch or otherwise have the right to pass it on as an open-source patch. The rules are pretty simple: if you can certify the below (from [developercertificate.org](#)):

```
Developer Certificate of Origin
Version 1.1
```

```
Copyright (C) 2004, 2006 The Linux Foundation and its contributors.
1 Letterman Drive
Suite D4700
San Francisco, CA, 94129
```

```
Everyone is permitted to copy and distribute verbatim copies of this
license document, but changing it is not allowed.
```

```
Developer's Certificate of Origin 1.1
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```
By making a contribution to this project, I certify that:
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- (a) The contribution was created in whole or in part by me and I have the right to submit it under the open source license indicated in the file; or
- (b) The contribution is based upon previous work that, to the best of my knowledge, is covered under an appropriate open source license and I have the right under that license to submit that work with modifications, whether created in whole or in part by me, under the same open source license (unless I am permitted to submit under a different license), as indicated in the file; or
- (c) The contribution was provided directly to me by some other person who certified (a), (b) or (c) and I have not modified it.
- (d) I understand and agree that this project and the contribution are public and that a record of the contribution (including all personal information I submit with it, including my sign-off) is

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maintained indefinitely and may be redistributed consistent with  
this project or the open source license(s) involved.
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Then you just add a line to every git commit message:

```
Signed-off-by: Joe Smith <joe.smith@email.com>
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Use your real name (sorry, no pseudonyms or anonymous contributions.)

If you set your `user.name` and `user.email` git configs, you can sign your commit automatically with `git commit -s`.