

# Open Source

How you can start contributing to the community and companies like Google, Microsoft or Facebook



## Find a repository you like

The first step is to find a repository that you would like to contribute to, this may be based on a language that you prefer or a company that you like, or even a project that you're interested in!

## Look for issues

Repositories quite literally have issues associated with them, in which they are asking for help. Don't be afraid to look into what issues are available, you can start here.



## Check current pull requests

Repositories come with pull requests that are already open, or you can look through pull requests that are already closed: `is:pr is:closed`. This gives you a good idea as to what changes are actively been worked on or have been accepted before and what hasn't been.

## Create a new feature or fix an issue

After looking through the repository, check if it has a `CONTRIBUTING.md` file which will help guide you as to how to make a PR. Fork, the repository and open your PR.



## Wait for feedback!

You're done, now all you have to do is wait for a maintainer of the repository to get back to you. Remember, don't be afraid, and don't worry if you don't get it merged on your first attempt.

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