

Branching & Contribution Guidelines

1. Base Branches

- **main**: Protected, always deployable.
- **dev**: Protected, integration point for all feature work.

2. Feature Branches

- **Create** from dev using the pattern:
- `<area>/<feature-name>`

e.g., frontend/login-page, backend/auth-api, database/schema-update.

- **Commit** early and often with clear, prefixed messages:
- FE: Add login form validation
- BE: Implement token refresh endpoint
- DB: Create initial schema script

3. Pull Requests

- **Always target** the dev branch.
- **Require** at least one approving review.
- **Use** “Squash & merge” to keep history linear and clean.

⚠ *Never push directly to main or dev—use PRs only.*

How to Contribute

1. **Fork** this repository.
2. **Create** your feature branch off dev.
3. **Work** and commit locally.
4. **Push** your branch to your fork.
5. **Open** a Pull Request against dev.

Please follow all these guidelines to ensure smooth, secure collaboration.