

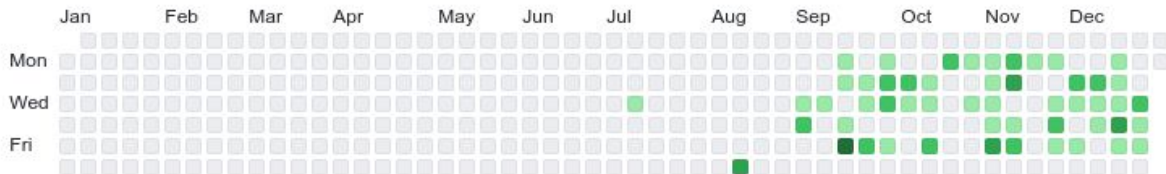
THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

GETTING

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A merged pull request

NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITHOUT GIVING UP



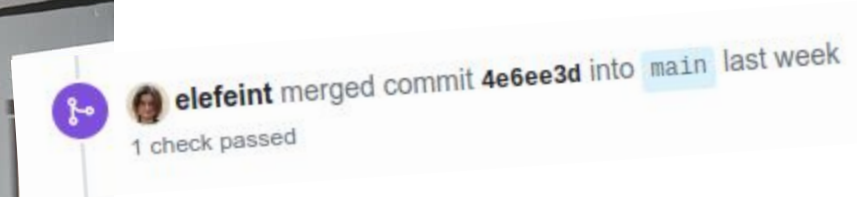
Contributing
to Open Source
can be scary



But so is
accepting a
contribution!



How to improve the chances of your PR?



Step 0: Look for CONTRIBUTING.md, and follow it!

- Tells you how to build locally
- Lists acceptance requirements
- Tells you how to test



Make Your Contribution:

1. USEFUL



2. SAFE



1. USEFUL:

Do something the project actually needs

- Documentation improvements
- Well defined bug reports
- bug fixes
- (maybe) feature implementations



1. USEFUL: ???

- This is subjective!
- The maintainers decide...
- As an outsider, you lack context :(



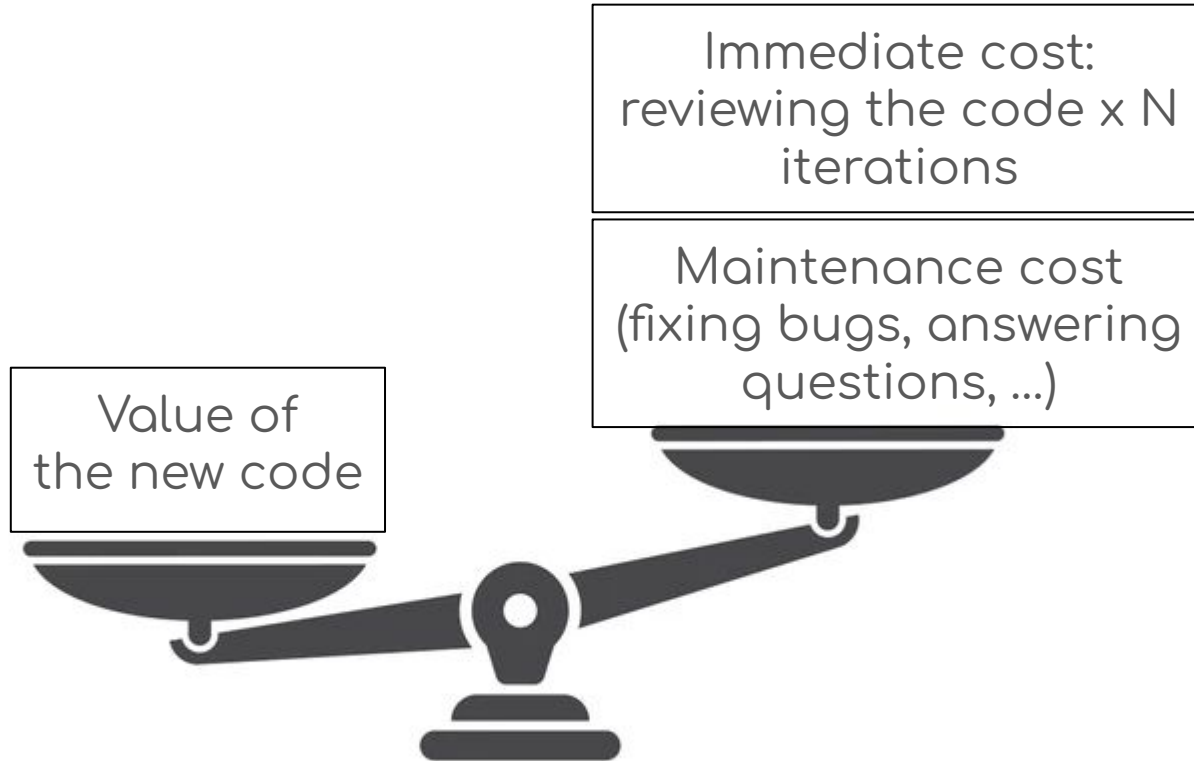
1. USEFUL: ???

- Did you find a bug?
 - Is there an already-triaged issue?
 - If there isn't, create one.
- Do you want to add a feature?
 - DEFINITELY create an issue first.
- Do you just want to contribute?
 - Pick a project you like
 - Look for #good-first-issue tags



2. SAFE:

Make it easy for reviewers to say yes



SAFE: Small Pull Request!

- much easier to review
- safer to accept
(fewer places for bugs
to hide)
- you learn how
maintainers interact



SAFE: Pull Request has tests!

- guaranteed fewer bugs
- increases trust in your code (and in your responsibility level!)



SAFE: Pull Request has documentation!

- much easier to review code when intent is known
- reduces maintenance burden from answering user questions



SAFE: Avoid introducing new dependencies

- every line of code is a maintenance burden
- ... and a source of vulnerabilities
- ... and a risk of deprecation



Disclaimer: you might get a "no" anyway

- the maintainers might not have time to review code
- the feature might not fit with the roadmap / project vision



All the more reason to start *smol*

