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Thank you for taking an interest in contributing to Chatwoot. Before submitting your contribution, please make sure to take a moment and read through the following guidelines:

- [Code of Conduct](https://www.chatwoot.com/docs/code-of-conduct)

- [Development Setup](https://www.chatwoot.com/docs/installation-guide-ubuntu)

- [Environment Setup](https://www.chatwoot.com/docs/quick-setup)

## Pull Request Guidelines

- We use [git-flow](https://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/) branching model. The base branch is develop.

- Comment on an issue before you start work on it. This helps to avoid multiple people working on similar issues.

- Please raise the PR against `develop` branch

- It's okay and encouraged to have multiple small commits as you work on the PR - we will squash the commits before merging.

- If adding a new feature:

- Please create the branch in the format `feature/<issue-id>-<issue-name>` (eg: `feature/235-contact-panel`)

- Add accompanying test case.

- Provide a convincing reason to add this feature. Ideally, you should open a suggestion issue first and have it approved before working on it.

- If fixing bug:

- If you are resolving a special issue, add `Bug: Fix xxxx` (#xxxx is the issue) in your PR title.

- Provide a detailed description of the bug in the PR.

- Add appropriate test coverage if applicable.