# How to contribute to Smile

Welcome! If you are interested in contributing to Smile, reporting issues,

or just getting in touch with the folks who work on Smile, this guide is

for you.

One of the easiest ways to contribute is to participate in discussions

and discuss issues. You can also contribute by opening an issue and

submitting a pull request with code changes.

## Open an issue

For bugs, issues, or other discussion, please log a new issue in the GitHub repo.

GitHub supports [markdown](https://help.github.com/categories/writing-on-github/),

so when filing bugs make sure you check the formatting before clicking submit.

## Other discussions

For general "how-to" and guidance questions about using Smile to build

and run applications, please use [Stack Overflow](http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/smile-ai)

tagged with `smile-ai`.

## Contributing code and content

We welcome all forms of contributions from the community. Please read the

following guidelines to maximize the chances of your PR being merged.

### Communication

- Before starting work on a feature, please open an issue on GitHub

describing the proposed feature. We want to make sure any feature

work goes smoothly. We're happy to work with you to determine if

it fits the current project direction and make sure no one else

is already working on it.

- For any work related to setting up build, test, and CI for Smile

on GitHub, or for small patches or bug fixes, please open an issue

for tracking purposes, but we generally don't need a discussion

prior to opening a PR.

### Development process

Please be sure to follow the usual process for submitting PRs:

- Fork the repo

- Create a pull request

- Make sure your PR title is descriptive

- Include a link back to an open issue in the PR description

We reserve the right to close PRs that are not making progress. Closed PRs can be reopened again later and work can resume.

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