Contributing Guidelines and Codes of Conduct for Open Projects

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A slide about the presenter

What we'll do

- Consider how to create a positive culture for contribution & collaboration on open projects
- Work through exercises & examples
- (homework) Draft a CONTRIBUTING.md file & a Code of Conduct for your project

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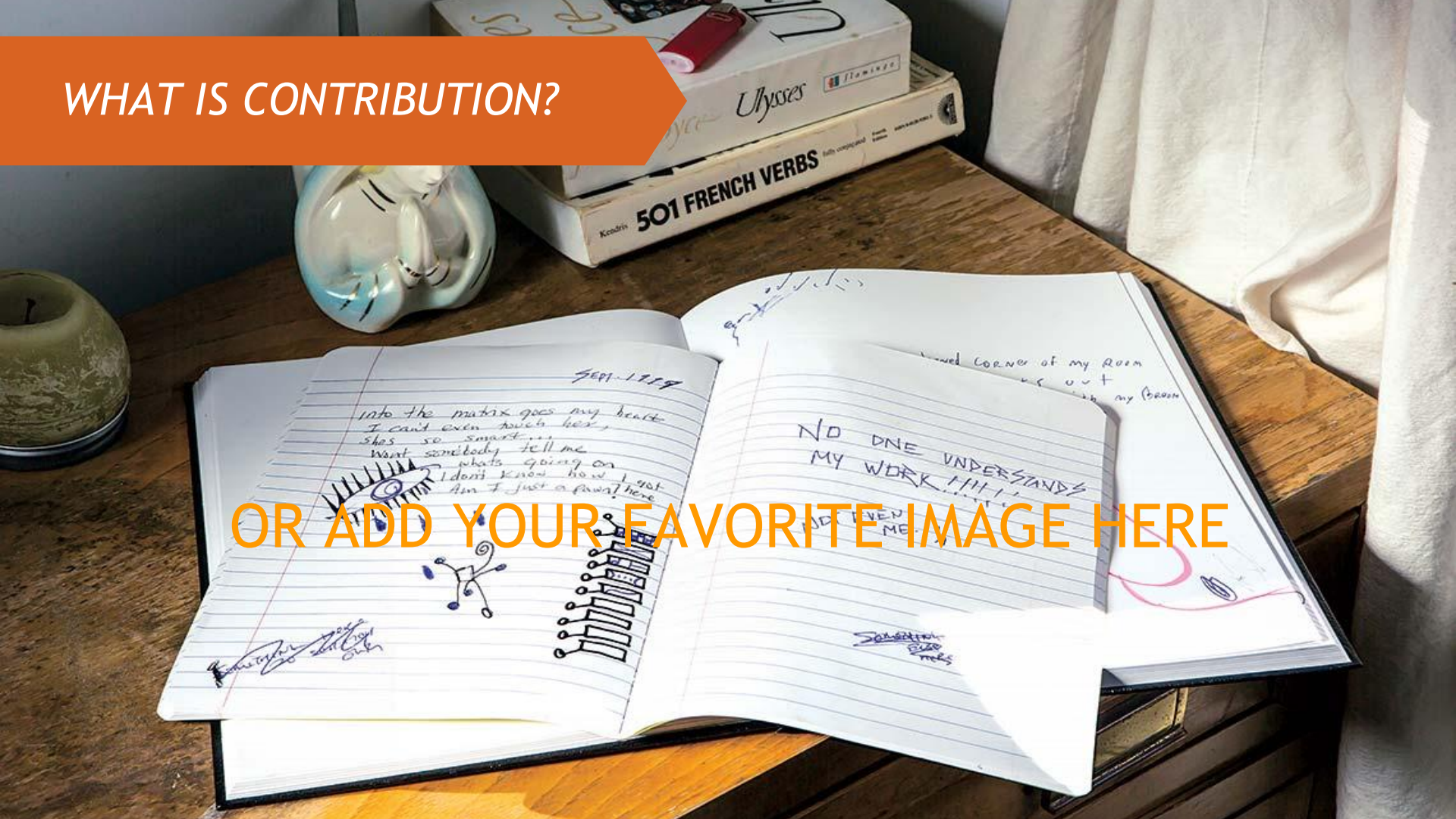
WHAT IS COMMUNITY?

WHAT IS CONTRIBUTION?



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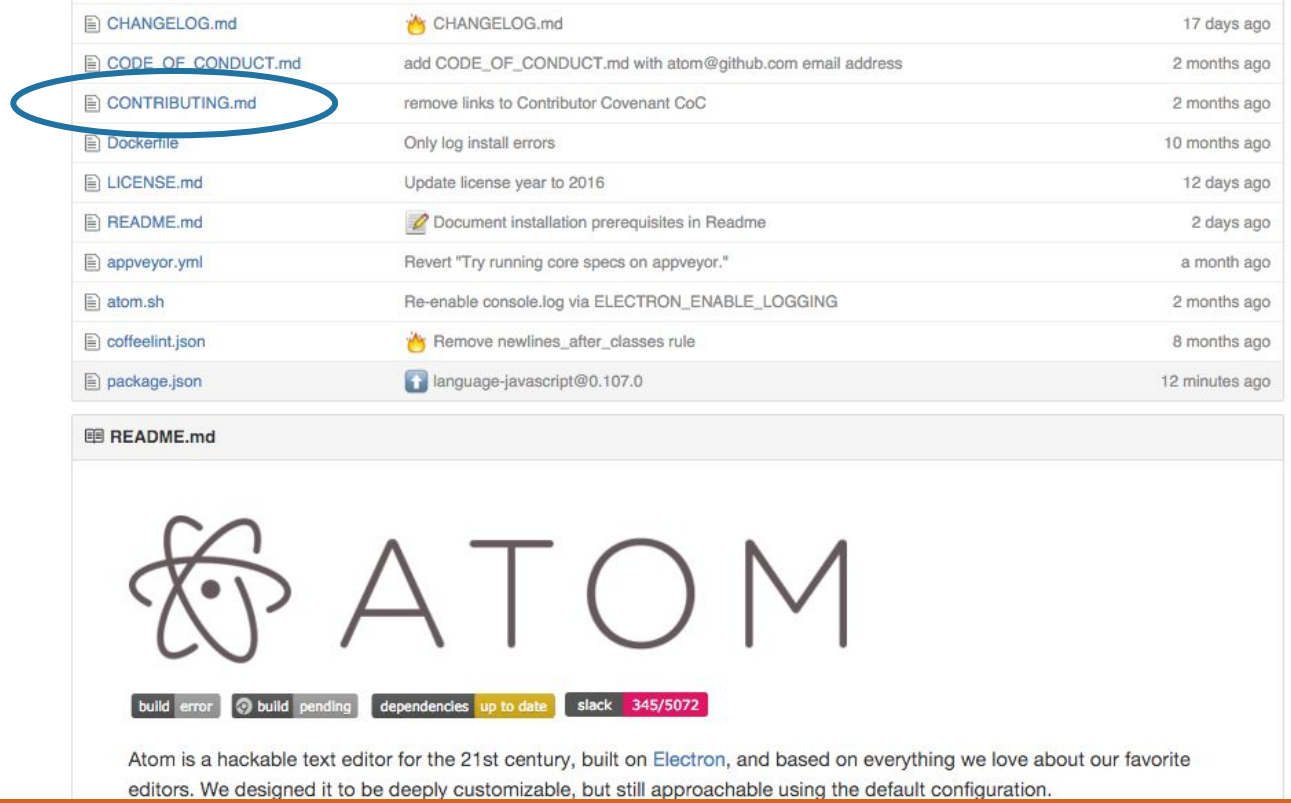

Basics of CONTRIBUTING.md

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WHY?

- structure contributions
- provide guidelines
- document style
- improve efficiency

WHO?

- project owners
- project contributors
- project consumers

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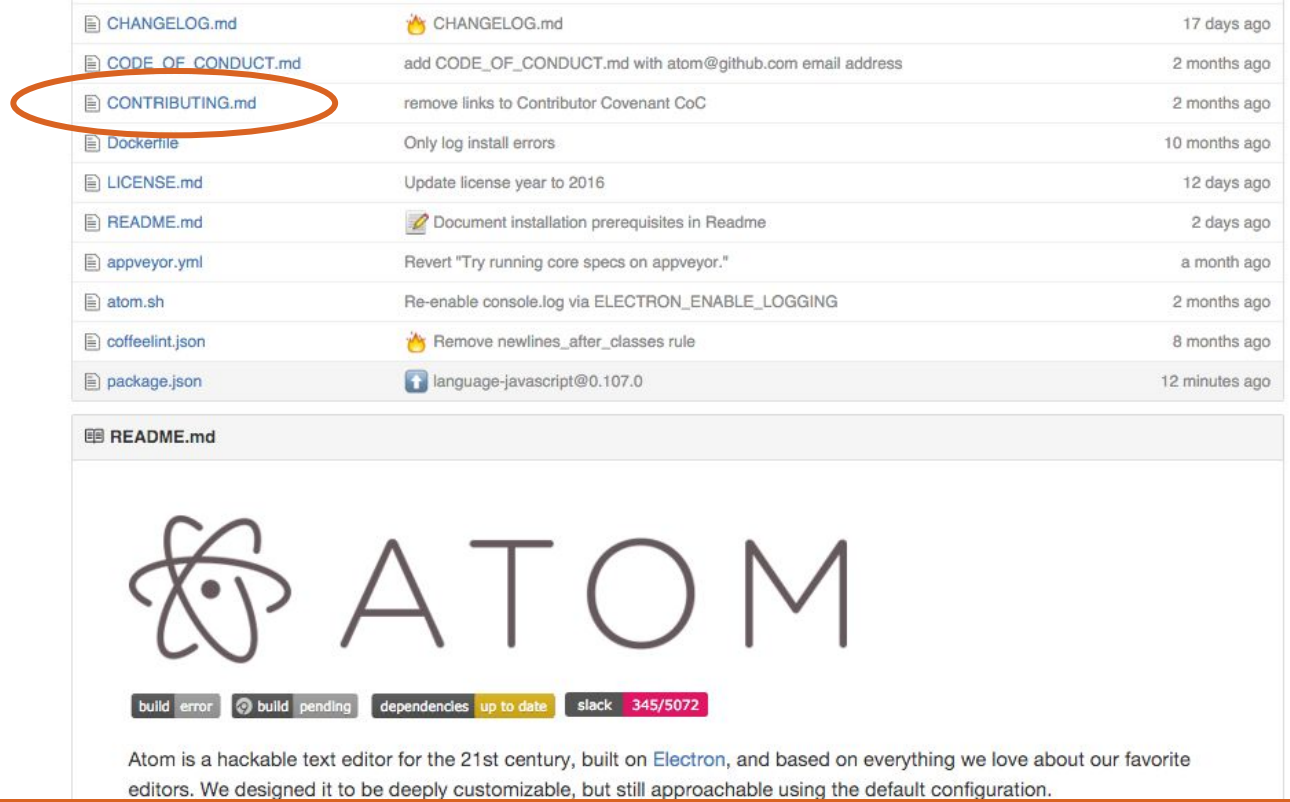

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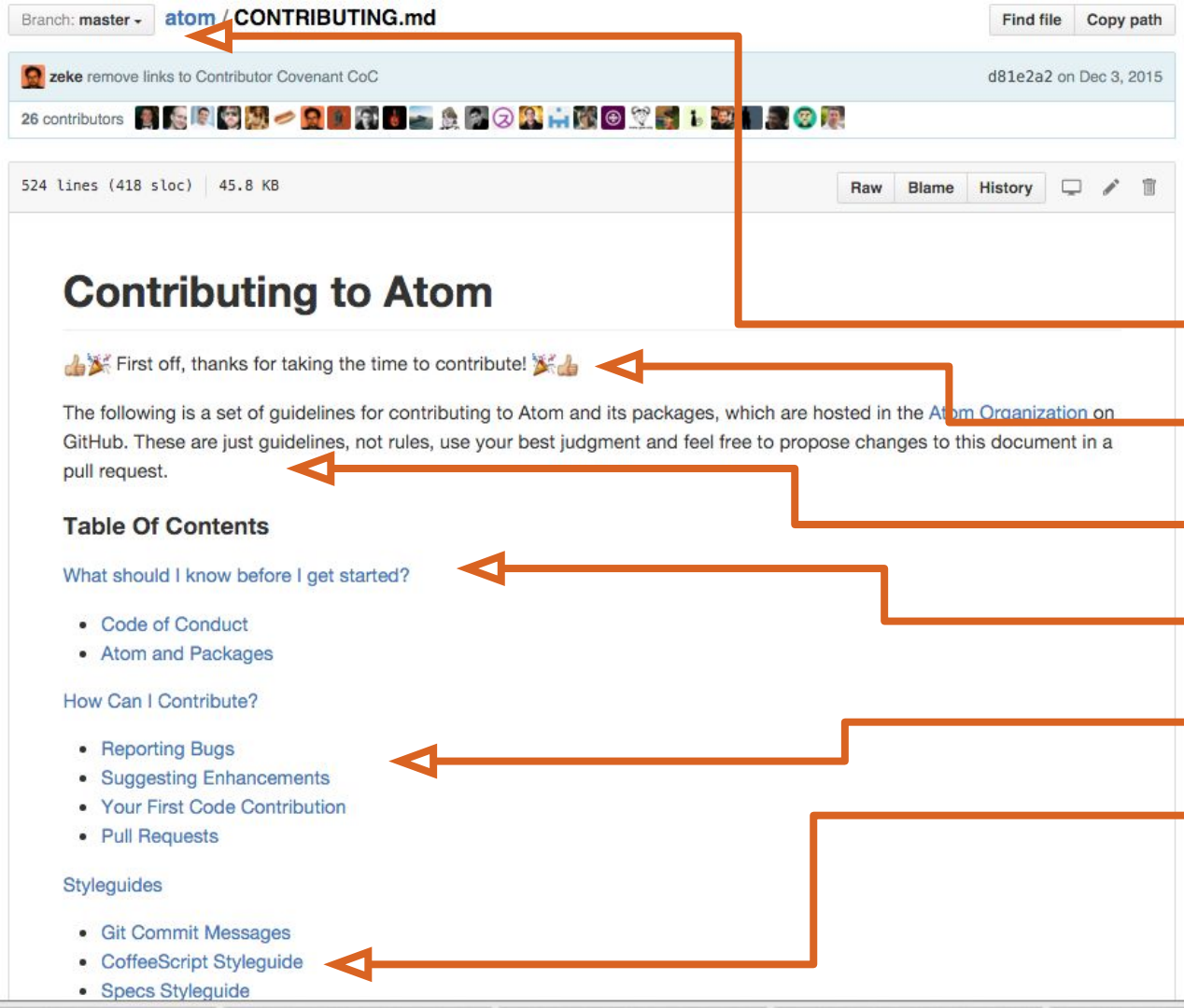

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- introduction
- background
- how-to
- style

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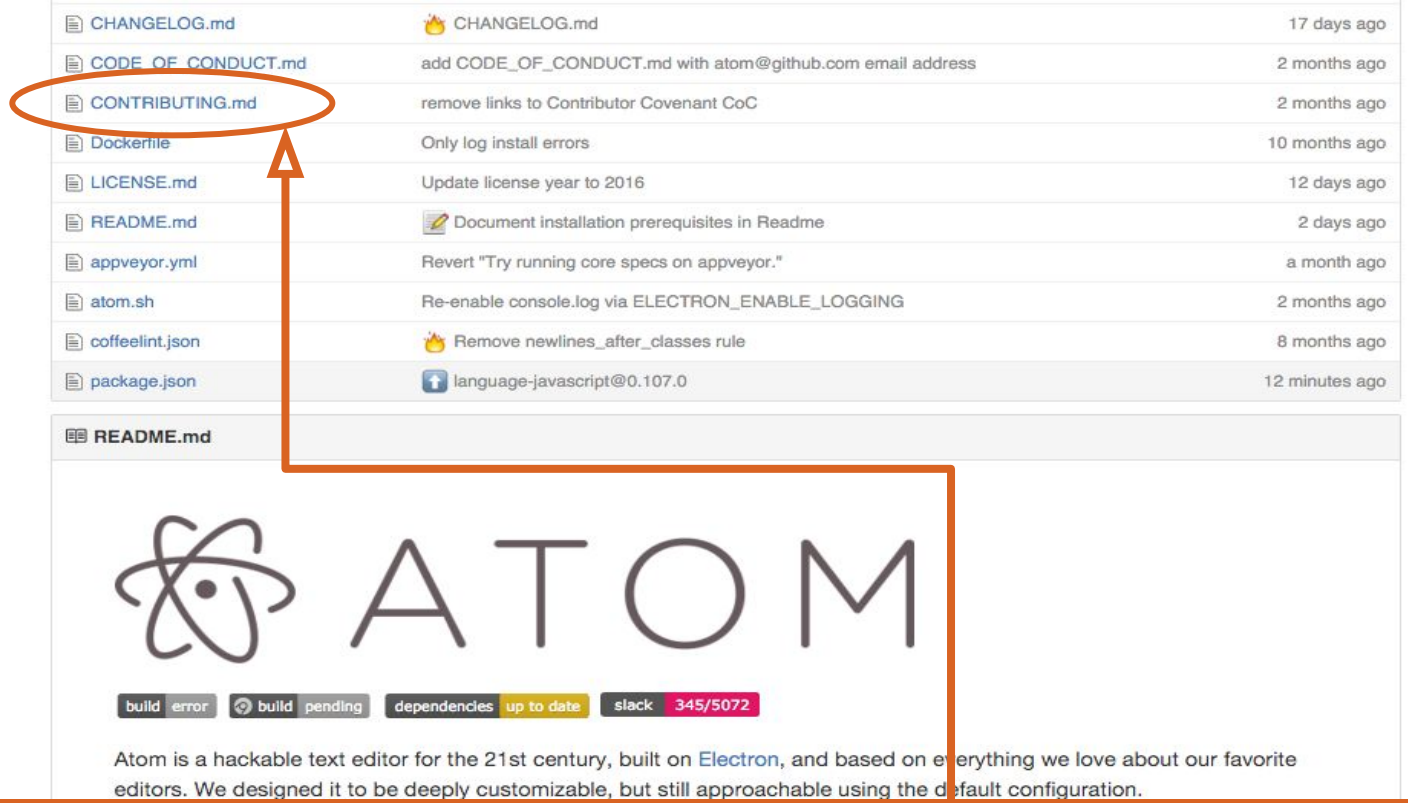

WHERE?

in your root directory, all caps, in Markdown (.md)

<3 diverse communities

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… but what if SOMETHING happens?

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code of conduct (n).

a set of rules outlining the social norms, rules, & responsibilities of an individual project, party or organization.

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Do you REALLY need a COC?

- Invites people to your project
- Sets clear expectations for all(!) contributors
- Layer 8/9 Exception handling

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Examples:

Contributor Covenant

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Getting started ...

- Brainstorm core words that represent community values
- Consider behaviors to encourage? And to Discourage?
- Think through process for incidents and complaints.
- What are consequences for those acting outside norms?
- Understand/accept your role as project lead

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Tips & takeaways:

- Encourage and reward good practice
- Craft or choose with your community for buy-in
- Designate a CoC & safety committee
- Make sure your CoC is posted, visible, clear
- Communicate process to contributors
- Use an existing CoC... there are great ones out there!
    - This is especially important for large projects or events to cover all use cases

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Thank you!