

# Contributing Guide

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Thank you for considering contributing to sailaps! This guide will help you get started.

## Code of Conduct

Be respectful and inclusive in all interactions with the project and community members.

## Getting Started

### 1. Fork and Clone

```
# Fork the repository on GitHub
# Clone your fork
git clone https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/sailapps.git
cd sailapps

# Add upstream remote
git remote add upstream https://github.com/jstanbri/sailapps.git
```

### 2. Create Feature Branch

```
# Update from upstream
git fetch upstream
git checkout upstream/main

# Create feature branch
git checkout -b feature/your-feature-name
```

### 3. Set Up Development Environment

```
python -m venv .venv
.\.venv\Scripts\Activate.ps1

pip install -r requirements.txt
pip install pytest pytest-cov pylint black isort mypy
```

## Development Workflow

### 1. Make Changes

Follow the code standards defined in [.agent-context/PYTHON.md](#):

- Use `snake_case` for functions and variables
- Use `PascalCase` for classes
- Add type hints to all function signatures
- Write docstrings for all public functions

## 2. Write Tests

For every feature or bug fix:

```
# tests/test_your_feature.py
import pytest

class TestYourFeature:
    def test_feature_works(self):
        """Test your feature."""
        # Arrange
        expected = "result"

        # Act
        result = your_function()

        # Assert
        assert result == expected
```

## 3. Run Quality Checks

```
# Format code
black src/ tests/

# Sort imports
isort src/ tests/

# Run linting
pylint src/ tests/ --exit-zero

# Type checking
mypy src/

# Run tests with coverage
pytest --cov=src --cov-report=term-missing
```

## 4. Commit Changes

```
git add .
git commit -m "feat: Add new feature"
```

Detailed description of the changes.  
Explain the motivation and any tradeoffs."

Use conventional commit prefixes:

- **feat:** - New feature
- **fix:** - Bug fix
- **docs:** - Documentation changes
- **refactor:** - Code refactoring without feature changes
- **test:** - Adding or updating tests
- **chore:** - Build, dependencies, or tooling

## 5. Push and Create Pull Request

```
git push origin feature/your-feature-name
```

Create a pull request on GitHub with:

- Clear description of changes
- Reference to related issues
- Test evidence (test results, coverage)

## Code Standards

### Python Style

- Follow PEP 8
- Maximum line length: 88 characters (Black)
- Use 4 spaces for indentation

### Type Hints

Add type hints to all function signatures:

```
def process_file(filename: str) -> dict[str, int]:  
    """Process a file and return statistics."  
    pass
```

### Documentation

Write clear docstrings using Google style:

```
def calculate_total(items: list[float]) -> float:  
    """Calculate the sum of items.
```

```
Args:  
    items: List of numeric values to sum  
  
Returns:  
    The sum of all items  
  
Raises:  
    ValueError: If items list is empty  
"""  
if not items:  
    raise ValueError("Items list cannot be empty")  
return sum(items)
```

## Testing Requirements

- Minimum 80% code coverage
- All new features must include tests
- All bug fixes must include regression tests
- Use the Arrange-Act-Assert (AAA) pattern

## Documentation

Update documentation for:

- New features
- API changes
- Breaking changes
- Configuration options

Update relevant files in `docs/`:

- `usage.md` for usage changes
- `api.md` for API changes
- `installation.md` for setup changes

## Review Process

A maintainer will review your pull request for:

- Code quality and style compliance
- Test coverage and quality
- Documentation completeness
- Alignment with project goals

Address feedback promptly and update your PR accordingly.

## Release Process

Releases follow semantic versioning:

- MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH
- v0.1.0, v0.2.1, etc.

The maintainers handle releasing to PyPI and creating GitHub releases.

## Questions?

- Open a discussion on GitHub
- Check existing issues and pull requests
- Review the [Usage Guide](#)

Thank you for contributing!