How to have a proper commit message!!!

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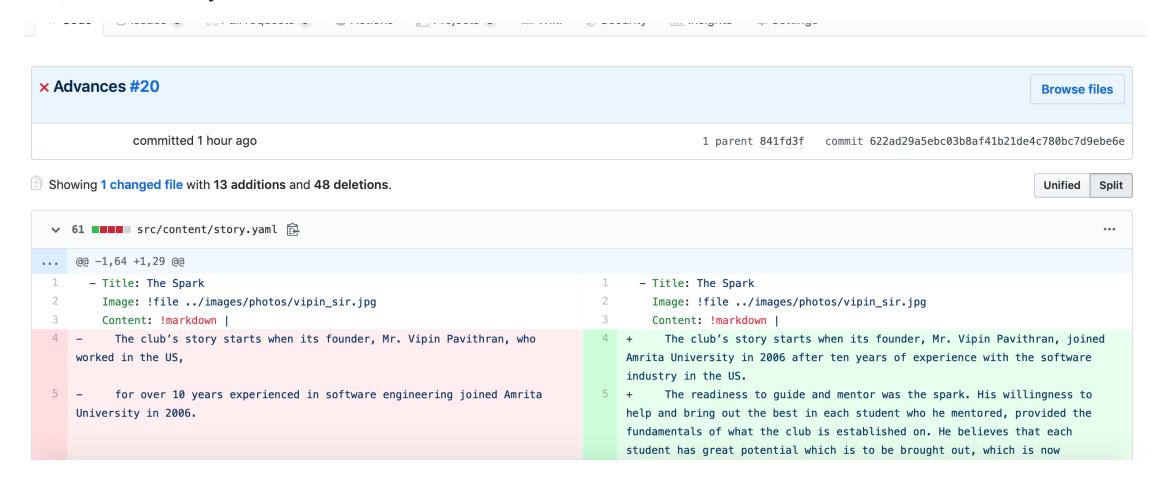
Who am I?

- Lately into Video Compression Technology.
- Hacks with rav1e, the AV1 Encoder.
- Rarely Hacks cone (VLC).
- Tries to write Alien languages like Objective-C, Rust, Assembly.
- Been part of amFOSS from S2
- Famous for being ridicuously rude and sometimes good :v

Why this?

- Since people here, doesn't know(including me) to have proper commit message.
- People are lazy.
- Commit message speaks a lot.

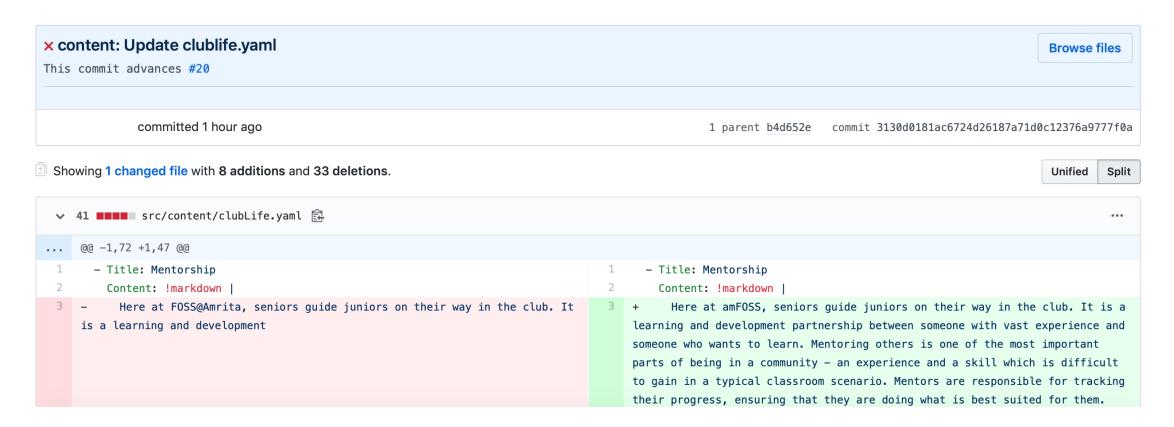
Ok, so how do you do commit? like this?



Or, like this?



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So there is no specific way to have a commit message, it all depends on the org but there are some things which are common for all.

• Use CLI!!

Please, do not use WebUI or App for doing it

• Do NOT use git pull

Rebase it, come on!, you are part of amFOSS Club not some random club (git rebase -i origin/master)

Conventions

Styling

Do not use **CAPS**!, please it is shouting, don't make people angry with your commit messages.

If you need caps do for first word of line.

Do not put "PERIOD" or "." at the end of subject

Typos

Double and triple check for typos, once it is merged then it is really difficult to correct them.

Be Aware!

Break at 72 Chars and not 80

Try to break the description when it is 72 characters, have extentions for your vim for this, (Do you vim??)

Imperative Mood??

DO NOT USE gerunds or past tense in your subject lines

```
Fixed the life //wrong.v1

Fixing the life //wrong.v2

Fix the life ///correct.v1
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Description

Describe what was done and why, but not HOW.

References

Mention the issues or PR which the current commit advances or closes!

• Branch names!

Do not keep random names for your branch, when sending PR, it does matter.

Split whenver neccessary

You SHOULD split your long and big commit into smaller ones, so it makes sense.

• Squash it !!

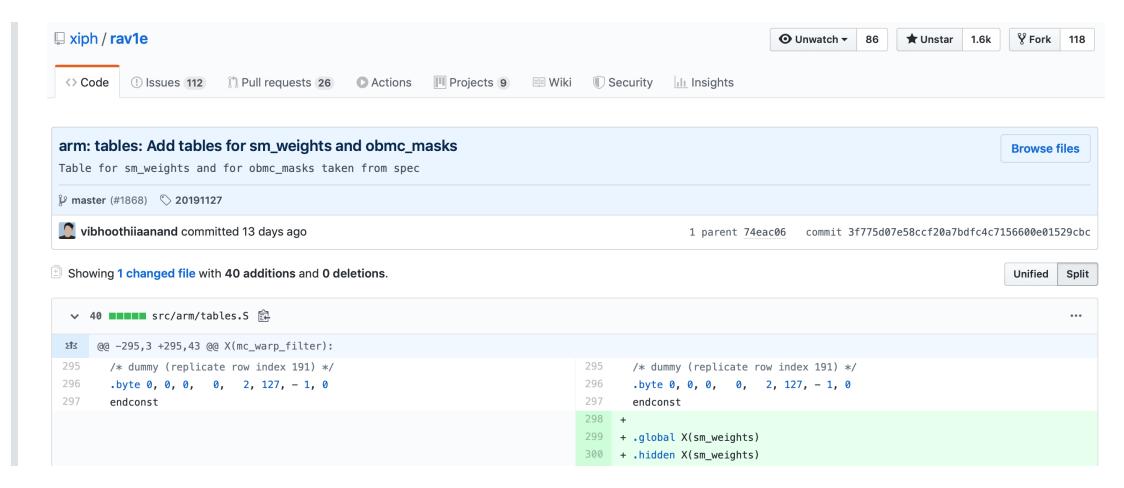
Also like you split, squash the commits, please do not make the reviewers do that part.

Add Co-Authors

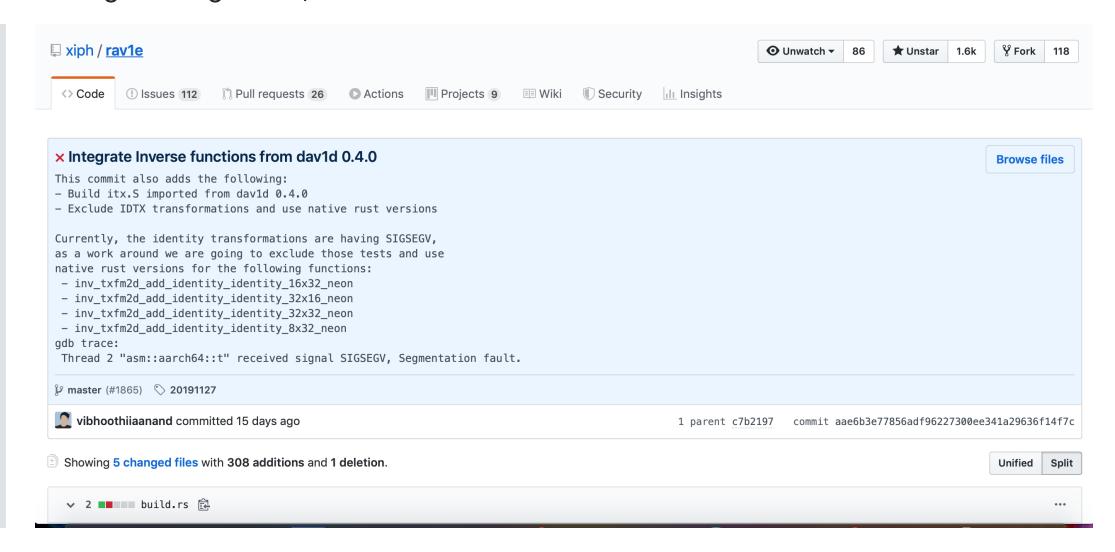
If someone made the commit proper/helped in some bits of code, have them as coauthor

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git commit ammend
Co-authored-by: "Name <email>"
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I have to mention the file name too, then ??

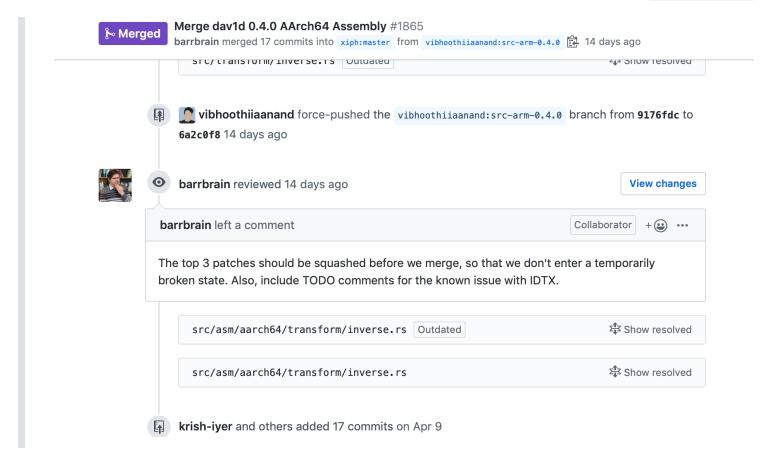


Long messages ???, It should be concise



Bonus Tips?? Any

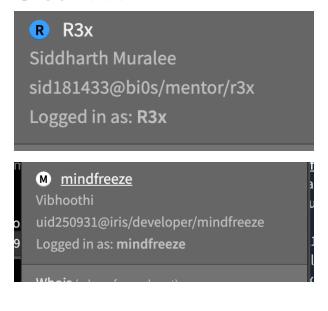
• If there are 5 commits in your patchset, make sure that the commit is in order and doesn't break if we do take only one and gives ERRORs or WARNINGS or SIGSEGV.



Bonus Tips?? Any?

- Make sure, Travis Goes Green, before shouting/asking for review
- Wait for 1 Week before blaming any org/project for no-response.
- Start using *IRC* since it is not OK to be saying you are in FOSS Community without using IRC. Register handle, messsage me, would give you cloaks for free.

Cloak???



Questions????

Ask questions, DO NOT be dumb kids.