# How to contribute

Third-party patches are much appreciated. This is a rather large project

and a single person can not work on it 24/7 to address all issues and

feature requests. If you feel comfortable with PHP and Smarty you should

consider following this contribution guide!

## Getting Started

\* Make sure you have a [GitHub account][4].

\* Submit an [Issue][1] for your issue, assuming one does not already exist.

\* Clearly describe the issue including steps to reproduce when it is a bug.

\* Make sure you fill in the earliest version that you know has the issue.

\* Fork the repository into your GitHub account

## Making Changes

\* Create a topic branch from where you want to base your work.

\* This is usually the `next` branch.

\* Only target release branches if you are certain your fix must be on that

branch.

\* To quickly create a topic branch based on `next`; `git branch

fix/next/my\_contribution next` then checkout the new branch with `git

checkout fix/next/my\_contribution`. Please avoid working directly on the

`next` branch.

\* Make commits of logical units.

\* Check for unnecessary whitespace with `git diff --check` before committing.

\* Make sure your commit messages are in the proper format.

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(#99999) Make the example in CONTRIBUTING imperative and concrete

Without this patch applied the example commit message in the CONTRIBUTING

document is not a concrete example. This is a problem because the

contributor is left to imagine what the commit message should look like

based on a description rather than an example. This patch fixes the

problem by making the example concrete and imperative.

The first line is a real life imperative statement with an issue number

from our issue tracker. The body describes the behavior without the patch,

why this is a problem, and how the patch fixes the problem when applied.

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## Submitting Changes

\* Push your changes to a topic branch in your fork of the repository.

\* Submit a pull request to the origin repository.

\* Update your issue that you have submitted code and are ready for it to be reviewed.

\* Include a link to the pull request in the ticket

# Additional Resources

\* [Issue Tracker][1]

\* [General GitHub documentation][2]

\* [GitHub pull request documentation][3]

[1]: https://github.com/TheSerapher/php-mpos/issues "Issue"

[2]: http://help.github.com/ "GitHub documentation"

[3]: http://help.github.com/send-pull-requests/ "GitHub pull request documentation"

[4]: https://github.com/signup/free "GitHub account"