# Contributing to Feign

Please read [HACKING](./HACKING.md) prior to raising change.

If you would like to contribute code you can do so through GitHub by forking the repository and sending a pull request (on a branch other than `master` or `gh-pages`).

## Pull Requests

Pull requests eventually need to resolve to a single commit. The commit log should be easy to read as a change log. We use the following form to accomplish that.

\* First line is a <=72 character description in present tense, explaining what this does.

\* Ex. "Fixes regression on encoding vnd headers" > "Fixed encoding bug", which forces the reader to look at code to understand impact.

\* Do not include issue links in the first line as that makes pull requests look weird.

\* Ex. "Addresses #345" becomes a pull request title: "Addresses #345 #346"

\* After the first line, use markdown to concisely summarize the implementation.

\* This isn't in leiu of comments, and it assumes the reader isn't intimately familar with code structure.

\* If the change closes an issue, note that at the end of the commit description ex. "Fixes #345"

\* GitHub will automatically close change with this syntax.

\* If the change is notable, also update the [change log](./CHANGELOG.md) with your summary description.

\* The unreleased minor version is often a good default.

## Code Style

When submitting code, please use the feign code format conventions. If you use Eclipse `m2eclipse` should take care of all settings automatically.

You can also import formatter settings using the [`eclipse-java-style.xml`](https://github.com/OpenFeign/feign/blob/master/src/config/eclipse-java-style.xml) file.

If using IntelliJ IDEA, you can use the [Eclipse Code Formatter Plugin](http://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/6546) to import the same file.

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