# Contributing

## i3status/i3lock bug reports and feature requests

Note that bug reports and feature requests for related projects should be filed in the corresponding repositories for [i3status](https://github.com/i3/i3status) and [i3lock](https://github.com/i3/i3lock).

## i3 bug reports and feature requests

1. Read the [debugging instructions](https://i3wm.org/docs/debugging.html).

2. Make sure you include a link to your logfile in your report (section 3).

3. Make sure you include the i3 version number in your report (section 1).

4. Please be aware that we cannot support compatibility issues with

closed-source software, as digging into compatibility problems without

having access to the source code is too time-consuming. Additionally,

experience has shown that often, the software in question is responsible for

the issue. Please raise an issue with the software in question, not i3.

5. Please note that i3 does not support compositors (e.g. compton). If you

encountered the issue you are about to report while using a compositor,

please try reproducing it without a compositor.

## Pull requests

\* Before sending a pull request for new features, please check with us that the

feature is something we want to see in i3 by opening an issue which has

”feature request” or ”enhancement” in its title.

\* Use the `next` branch for developing and sending your pull request.

\* Use `clang-format` to format your code.

\* Run the [testsuite](https://i3wm.org/docs/testsuite.html)

\* If your changes should be reported on the next release's changelog, also

update the [RELEASE-notes-next](../RELEASE-notes-next) file in the root

folder. Example of changes that should be reported are bug fixes present in

the latest stable version of i3 and new enhancements. Example of changes that

should not be reported are minor code improvements, documentation, regression

and fixes for bugs that were introduced in the `next` branch.

## Finding something to do

\* Find a [reproducible bug](https://github.com/i3/i3/issues?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=is%3Aopen+label%3Areproducible+label%3Abug+) from the issue tracker. These issues have been reviewed and confirmed by a project contributor.

\* Find an [accepted enhancement](https://github.com/i3/i3/issues?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=is%3Aopen+label%3Aaccepted+label%3Aenhancement) from the issue tracker. These have been approved and are ok to start working on.

There's an [overview of the codebase](https://i3wm.org/docs/hacking-howto.html) available to get you started.