### Licensing

The `lobsters` codebase is under a [3-clause BSD

license](https://github.com/lobsters/lobsters/blob/master/LICENSE). All code

submitted must be licensed under these or more-permissive terms (2-clause BSD,

MIT, ISC, etc.).

### Before Making Changes

While this project's license allows for modification and use to run your own

website, this source code repository is for the code running the website at

[lobste.rs](https://lobste.rs/).

If you're new to contributing, issues tagged [good first issue](https://github.com/lobsters/lobsters/issues?q=is%3Aissue+is%3Aopen+label%3A%22good+first+issue%22)

require little knowledge of the codebase or community. Please don't hesitate to

ask questions in the issue or in [our chat room](https://lobste.rs/chat), we'd love

to help you get involved.

Not all changes or new features submitted will be accepted. Please discuss

your proposed changes on [/t/meta](https://lobste.rs/t/meta) or as a

[Github issue](https://github.com/lobsters/lobsters/issues) before working on them

to avoid wasted efforts.

### Making Changes

\* Fork [lobsters/lobsters](https://github.com/lobsters/lobsters) on Github.

\* (Optional) Create a branch to house your changes.

\* Run `bundle exec rubocop && bundle exec ruumba` to check the style of your Ruby.

(3rd party, externally-maintained code such as Javascript libraries can remain in their own style.)

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

Commit whitespace and other code cleanups separately so that your actual

changes can be easily understood.

\* Write a proper commit message with the first line being a short,

present-tense explanation of the change. Wrap all lines at 80 characters.

\* If applicable, add tests for your changes. Not all changes require tests,

and tests should not be added just for the sake of code coverage.

\* Run \_all\_ tests (with `bundle exec rspec` in the root directory) to ensure

nothing has been broken by your changes.

### Submitting Changes

\* Push your changes to your fork of the repository (to your branch if you

created one).

\* Submit a pull request to [lobsters/lobsters](https://github.com/lobsters/lobsters).