# Contributing to Docker open source projects

Want to hack on this project? Awesome! Here are instructions to get you started.

This project is a part of the [Docker](https://www.docker.com) project, and follows

the same rules and principles. If you're already familiar with the way

Docker does things, you'll feel right at home.

Otherwise, go read Docker's

[contributions guidelines](https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md),

[issue triaging](https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/project/ISSUE-TRIAGE.md),

[review process](https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/project/REVIEWING.md) and

[branches and tags](https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/project/BRANCHES-AND-TAGS.md).

For an in-depth description of our contribution process, visit the

contributors guide: [Understand how to contribute](https://docs.docker.com/opensource/workflow/make-a-contribution/)

### Sign your work

The sign-off is a simple line at the end of the explanation for the patch. Your

signature certifies that you wrote the patch or otherwise have the right to pass

it on as an open-source patch. The rules are pretty simple: if you can certify

the below (from [developercertificate.org](http://developercertificate.org/)):

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Developer Certificate of Origin

Version 1.1

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Developer's Certificate of Origin 1.1

By making a contribution to this project, I certify that:

(a) The contribution was created in whole or in part by me and I

have the right to submit it under the open source license

indicated in the file; or

(b) The contribution is based upon previous work that, to the best

of my knowledge, is covered under an appropriate open source

license and I have the right under that license to submit that

work with modifications, whether created in whole or in part

by me, under the same open source license (unless I am

permitted to submit under a different license), as indicated

in the file; or

(c) The contribution was provided directly to me by some other

person who certified (a), (b) or (c) and I have not modified

it.

(d) I understand and agree that this project and the contribution

are public and that a record of the contribution (including all

personal information I submit with it, including my sign-off) is

maintained indefinitely and may be redistributed consistent with

this project or the open source license(s) involved.

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Then you just add a line to every git commit message:

Signed-off-by: Joe Smith <joe.smith@email.com>

Use your real name (sorry, no pseudonyms or anonymous contributions.)

If you set your `user.name` and `user.email` git configs, you can sign your

commit automatically with `git commit -s`.