# Contributing

Interested in contributing to the Material for MkDocs? Want to report a bug?

Before you do, please read the following guidelines.

## Submission context

### Got a question or problem?

For quick questions there's no need to open an issue as you can reach us on

[gitter.im][1].

[1]: https://gitter.im/squidfunk/mkdocs-material

### Found a bug?

If you found a bug in the source code, you can help us by submitting an issue

to the [issue tracker][2] in our GitHub repository. Even better, you can submit

a Pull Request with a fix. However, before doing so, please read the

[submission guidelines][3].

[2]: https://github.com/squidfunk/mkdocs-material/issues

[3]: #submission-guidelines

### Missing a feature?

You can request a new feature by submitting an issue to our GitHub Repository.

If you would like to implement a new feature, please submit an issue with a

proposal for your work first, to be sure that it is of use for everyone, as

the Material for MkDocs is highly opinionated. Please consider what kind of

change it is:

\* For a \*\*major feature\*\*, first open an issue and outline your proposal so

that it can be discussed. This will also allow us to better coordinate our

efforts, prevent duplication of work, and help you to craft the change so

that it is successfully accepted into the project.

\* \*\*Small features and bugs\*\* can be crafted and directly submitted as a Pull

Request. However, there is no guarantee that your feature will make it into

the `master`, as it's always a matter of opinion whether if benefits the

overall functionality of the project.

## Submission guidelines

### Submitting an issue

Before you submit an issue, please search the issue tracker, maybe an issue for

your problem already exists and the discussion might inform you of workarounds

readily available.

We want to fix all the issues as soon as possible, but before fixing a bug we

need to reproduce and confirm it. In order to reproduce bugs we will

systematically ask you to provide a minimal reproduction scenario using the

custom issue template. Please stick to the issue template.

Unfortunately we are not able to investigate / fix bugs without a minimal

reproduction scenario, so if we don't hear back from you we may close the issue.

### Submitting a Pull Request (PR)

Search GitHub for an open or closed PR that relates to your submission. You

don't want to duplicate effort. If you do not find a related issue or PR,

go ahead.

1. \*\*Development\*\*: Fork the project, set up the [development environment][4],

make your changes in a separate git branch and add descriptive messages to

your commits.

2. \*\*Build\*\*: Before submitting a pull requests, [build the theme][5]. This is

a mandatory requirement for your PR to get accepted, as the theme should at

all times be installable through GitHub.

3. \*\*Pull Request\*\*: After building the theme, commit the compiled output, push

your branch to GitHub and send a PR to `mkdocs-material:master`. If we

suggest changes, make the required updates, rebase your branch and push the

changes to your GitHub repository, which will automatically update your PR.

After your PR is merged, you can safely delete your branch and pull the changes

from the main (upstream) repository.

[4]: https://squidfunk.github.io/mkdocs-material/customization/#environment-setup

[5]: https://squidfunk.github.io/mkdocs-material/customization/#build-process