Contributing

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We're really happy to get bug fixes and contributions to Stanford CoreNLP.

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Therefore, we can accept contributions on any of the following terms:

\* If your contribution is a bug fix of 6 lines or less of new code, we will accept it on the basis that both you and us regard the contribution as de minimis, and not requiring further hassle.

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You should do development against our master branch. The project's source code is in utf-8 character encoding. You should make sure that all unit tests still pass. (In general, you will not be able to run our integration tests, since they rely on resources in our filesystem.)