## If you have a question or need any help...

Please use [the mailing list](http://groups.google.com/group/mybatis-user) instead of creating issues on the tracker. Thank you!

## Reporting a bug

- Create a new issue on [the tracker](https://github.com/mybatis/mybatis-3/issues).

- The best way to report a bug is to create a failing test case. Please see the [Contributing code](CONTRIBUTING.md#contributing-code) section.

## Proposing a new feature

- It is a good idea to discuss your changes on [the mailing list](http://groups.google.com/group/mybatis-user) to get feedback from the community.

- If you have a patch with unit tests, send a pull request. Please see the [Contributing code](CONTRIBUTING.md#contributing-code) section.

## Improving documentation

- Documentations are placed under [src/site](https://github.com/mybatis/mybatis-3/tree/master/src/site) directory in [the xdoc format](http://maven.apache.org/doxia/references/xdoc-format.html), so it is basically the same as creating a patch to contribute documentation changes. Please see the [Contributing code](CONTRIBUTING.md#contributing-code) section.

## Contributing code

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### How to send your modifications as a pull request

The best way to submit a patch is to send a pull request.

Here are the steps of a typical workflow.

1. Fork the repository on GitHub.

2. Clone your fork to your local machine.

3. Create a topic branch with a descriptive name.

4. Make changes with unit tests in the topic branch.

5. Push commits to your fork on GitHub.

6. Send a [pull request](https://help.github.com/articles/using-pull-requests).

For steps 1 to 3, please read [this GitHub help](https://help.github.com/articles/fork-a-repo) if you are not familiar with these operations.

Step 4 and 5 are basic [git](http://git-scm.com/) operations. Please see the [online documentation](http://git-scm.com/documentation) for its usage.

For how to write a unit test, please see the [unit test](Unit-Test) page.