Contributing as a community member

The landing page of the contributing part of the community section - every way a community member can contribute to Exponential, what each needs, the copyright assignment (CLA) for kernel code, how review works, and...

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"Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the development of new features and bugfixes for Exponential 6" (`README.md`, "How to contribute new features and bugfixes into Exponential"). Contributions are not only code: reports, translations, documentation, tests and shared extensions all count.

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What each kind of contribution needs

Contribution	GitHub account	Code skills	Signed CLA
A bug report or an idea	Yes	No	No

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A confirmation of someone else's bug	Yes	No	No
A typo fix on a help page	Yes	No	Sign it anyway before a merge into the kernel repository; see The CLA explained
A translation of the interface or the help	Yes	No	As for any change to the kernel repository
A code fix or feature in the kernel	Yes	Yes	Yes, before the merge
An extension you publish yourself	Only for GitHub	Yes	No
An answer in the forums	A Share account	No	No

The kernel repository is `se7enxweb/exponential`: "`kernel/`, `lib/`, `bin/`, `design/`, `settings/`, `doc/`, the extensions shipped inside it, and everything else in this repository" (`CONTRIBUTING.md`, "Copyright assignment (CLA)").

The rules that apply to all

- **Licenses.** Code is GPL version 2 or later; documentation is GNU FDL 1.3 or later. What you contribute is published under the same license (`CONTRIBUTING.md`, "Licensing"; Free documentation).
- **The code of conduct** applies to every contribution, including AI-assisted ones (The code of conduct).
- **No secrets or personal data** in issues, pull requests, examples or screenshots.
- **Security problems are private** (`SECURITY.md`).
- **Some bugs are negative features.** Behavior that is deliberate or open to interpretation, and that other sites depend on, changes only with a clear justification, preferably as an option rather than a new default, and often after several rounds of review (Negative features).

Related pages

- Community: start here
- Ways to support Exponential
- Contribute to the project
- Develop with Git
- Free documentation: this page is free to copy, translate and improve under the GNU FDL 1.3.

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