

# Contributing Code to Ergo

As in the case of any successful consortium, the usefulness and robustness of Ergo's open source platform depends on the contributions of researchers and developers from across the communities Ergo's platform is intended to serve. There are many different ways to contribute to Ergo, such as by providing source code, data, documentation, testing, or web or user interface design, among others.

## Code Contribution Process & Terms of the Ergo Contributors License Agreement

The following document guides you through the Ergo code contribution process and informs you about what end user permissions you grant by providing one or more copies of your code to the Ergo project. It is essential to understand that the Ergo project does not provide its own dedicated software public license but uses the [Mozilla Public License, Version 2.0](#), which is widely known and accepted. If you don't want to contribute under the [Mozilla 2.0 license](#), please contact [ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu](mailto:ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu) and discuss your case. We are strongly interested in your work and ideas and may be able to consider another possibility to contribute.

### Step 1: Getting your Account

The first step is to obtain an account on the opensource Ergo project. After your account has been granted you are a free member of the Ergo project. To do this, do the following:

- Go to <http://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu> and sign up for an account. You need to indicate your username in the Ergo Contributors License Agreement.

### Step 2: Preparing

- Review the [Mozilla Public License, Version 2.0](#) and the [Ergo Contributors License Agreement](#)
  - Understand the [Contributors License Agreement](#) and the Public License ([Mozilla Public License, Version 2.0](#)). Ergo does not issue and maintain a dedicated Ergo License. Your code will be published under the terms of the [Mozilla Public License, Version 2.0](#).
- Review [Ergo Code Policy](#)
  - This policy entails the requirements for your code. Please review your code and make sure that appropriate requirements are met.

### Step 3: Decision

After you have reviewed the [Mozilla 2.0 license](#) and the [Ergo code policy](#), you need to decide if you want to contribute your code in alignment with the Ergo requirements or if you want to provide your code in another way. If you do not agree to the code policy and / or the [Mozilla 2.0 license](#) then please contact [ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu](mailto:ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu) to discuss your case. We are strongly interested in your concerns.

If you decide to become an Ergo contributor and you accept the [Code Policy](#) and the [Contributors License Agreement](#) then follow the next steps.

- Print and sign the [Contributors License Agreement](#)
- If you have any questions or need support with your decision making, contact [ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu](mailto:ergo-dev@ncsa.illinois.edu).

Send the signed sheet to

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Upon receipt, your documents will be processed immediately and you will receive a confirmation by email. This process step has only to be done once.

### Step 4: Contribute your code

- Please find the step by step description [here](#).

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