



Commit Messages 101

A Short Story About The Reading And Writing of Books

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**„Reading good code
is like reading
a good book.“**

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The Recipe of Good Commit Messages



Story

Warm, sunny. Was day.

Silence is utter and complete.

Wizard, staff, travel book.

Touched the ground (staff). Roared.

Find monster despite veil.

Got away. Unrealistic, unharmed.

Recovered staff, straightening, turning the threat.

A Wizard's Tale

It was a warm and sunny day.

Only the utter and complete silence seemed off.

The Wizard carefully put his staff down and opened his travel book.

The moment his staff touch the ground, a roar resounded from behind.

Obviously, the monster had found him despite his magical veil.

Getting away completely unharmed seemed unrealistic.

He recovered his staff, straightened himself and turned to face the threat.



Denis Kyorov

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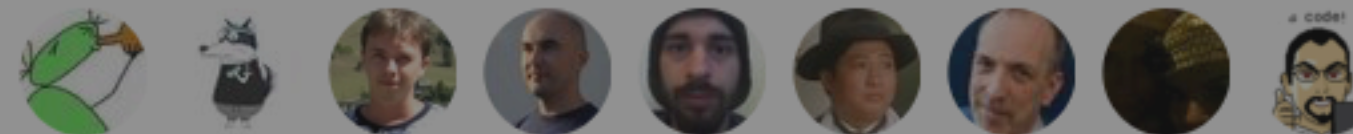


commit message : "some fixes"

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Style



Content



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Chapter 1

**Separate subject
from body
with a blank line**

Chapter 2

**Limit the
subject line to
50 characters**

Chapter 3

**Capitalise
the subject line**

Chapter 4

**Do not end
the subject line
with a period**

Chapter 5

**Use the
imperative mood
in the subject line**

Chapter 6

**Wrap the body
at 72 characters**

Chapter 7

**Use the body
to explain
what and why
vs. how**

Summarise changes in around 50 characters or less

More detailed explanatory text, if necessary. Wrap it to about 72 characters or so. In some contexts, the first line is treated as the subject of the commit and the rest of the text as the body. The blank line separating the summary from the body is critical (unless you omit the body entirely); various tools like 'log', 'shortlog' and 'rebase' can get confused if you run the two together.

Explain the problem that this commit is solving. Focus on why you are making this change as opposed to how (the code explains that). Are there side effects or other unintuitive consequences of this change? Here's the place to explain them.

Further paragraphs come after blank lines.

- Bullet points are okay, too
- Typically a hyphen or asterisk is used for the bullet, preceded by a single space, with blank lines in between, but conventions vary here

If you use an issue tracker, put references to them at the bottom, like this:

Resolves: #123

See also: #456, #789

What you do...

Some bugs fixed

Fixed bugs

Some little changes

Changed a little

Small fixes

Fixes XYZ

F*CK! Had to revert!

What you **SHOULD** do...

- (Applying this commit will) Fix some of our most crucial bugs
- (Applying this commit will) Fix bug caused by user input on empty page
- (Applying this commit will) Adjust some parts of the new layout
- (Applying this commit will) Change the layout a bit
- (Applying this commit will) Fix smaller issues (see #301)
- (Applying this commit will) Fix a rare (and evil) `NullPointerException`
- (Applying this commit will) Revert changes due to unexpected behaviour

Real world examples
when things went *sideways*

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Version History

9.56.3

Bug fixes

17h ago

9.56.2

Bug fixes

1d ago

9.56.0

Bug fixes

2d ago

9.55.0

Bug fixes

1w ago

9.54.0

Bug fixes

2w ago

9.53.3

Bug fixes

3w ago

9.53.2

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3w ago

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9.53.0

Bug fixes

3w ago

9.52.2

Bug fixes

4w ago

9.52.0

Bug fixes

4w ago

9.51.0

Bug fixes

1mo ago

9.49.2

Bug fixes

2mo ago

9.49.0

Bug fixes

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Thank you for using <AppName>! We're always working hard to make the app faster and better than ever. Update to the most recent version to get the best experience of <AppName>.

Love the app? Rate us! Your feedback helps us to continuously improve <AppName>.

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