

Getting Involved in Development

Getting the code for the web application

Source code for the VIVO project is available on GitHub. The code is split into two repositories: <https://github.com/vivo-project/Vitro> is the home of Vitro and <https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO> holds the VIVO code. For information on the difference between VIVO and Vitro, see [VIVO/Vitro Architecture](#).

Getting the code for the Harvester

The source code for Harvester is at <https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO-Harvester>.

Participating in mail lists and weekly calls

VIVO has weekly [development calls](#) that are open for participation; implementation and ontology calls happen biweekly.

[Mailing Lists](#) and their archives are useful sources of feedback, especially if you are stuck on any issue – everyone has been there at one point or another.

Standards for Code

We're still in the process of formalizing our expectations for code. Start with the [Sun \(Oracle\) Code Conventions for Java](#), and you will be on the right track.

Here are with some tips about [writing to the log](#) and [writing exceptions to the log](#).

Submitting a Patch

Core developers can commit code directly to the VIVO repositories. Other developers can fork the repository, make changes on a branch, then submit a pull request on the main VIVO repository. See [Contributing code with a fork, branches, and pull requests](#).

Should my patch be applied to the trunk? A branch? Where do tags come into the picture? Learn about how we use [Trunk, Branches and Tags](#).