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## Optimize Your GitHub Profile



#### **HISTORY**



Thank you for submitting your profile. You have done a great job setting up your GitHub profile. There are a few issues which need to be addressed. I strongly suggest that you go through my comments in each section and incorporate the suggestions in your profile.

Keep up the great work. Good luck:)

#### General

- Account has at least three projects
- · Account shows knowledge about how to make incremental commits
- The commit graph shows many green squares for the last two weeks (indicating that commits have been pushed regularly)

## Account has at least three projects - 🗸

Excellent! You have a good number of project repositories on your profile. Having many projects on your GitHub profile indicates that you are actively using this space to host your projects. You can also contribute to open source projects that you can find at GitHub Explore or Up for grabs

## Account shows knowledge about how to make incremental commits - $\checkmark$

I can see that you understand how to make incremental commits, however, let me explain why it's important. When you are working on a project you should commit your code more often so that you can have checkpoints to revert to in case something goes bad due to some changes introduced by you. When

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you are committing your code more often, your commit history also gives an overall picture of how you progressed developing that project. This can give some good insights to hiring managers into the way you work and how you tackle problems. This also shows that you are professional and organized in how you work which is an important trait hiring managers are looking for. Here you can learn some best practices for your code commits

# The commit graph shows many green squares for the last two weeks (indicating that commits have been pushed regularly) - 🗶

Your commit graph does not show much activity. In order to meet specifications here, you should keep pushing your commits for next two weeks so that your commit graph shows a consistent activity and a number of green squares. Having a green commit graph shows that you are passionate about coding and actively pursue your passion. This is one of the important things a recruiter is looking for.

#### Personal Profile

- · GitHub username is professional
- Profile picture is a professional image of student
- Profile includes at least one up-to-date links for: 'URL' and/or 'Company' fields and/or 'Contact Email'
- · Profile includes current location

## **Projects**

 Last commit made matches the Udacity Commit Message Style Guide or the student has indicated that they are following another style guide

Looking at your latest commit, I see that you are using a consistent format for your commits which is great, however, I would recommend using Udacity Commit Message Style Guide

Using Udacity Commit Message Style Guide doesn't only make your commit history readable but also help you generate a CHANGELOG by using this script

- · Projects have meaningful names
- · Projects have meaningful descriptions
- Most recent three projects have a completed README

### Most recent three projects have a completed README - 🗶

Readme files are missing details for some of the project repositories. Please make sure to include readme files which answer the questions like Why did you build this? What does it do? Did you encounter any bugs that another can learn from? Would you like help with your code? What did it look like when ran? And on, and on, and on.

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Picture your average recruiter. Limited to no technical background, under a large demand and skimming hundreds of resumes. If you only show them code, you run the risk of being skimmed over for taking too much time to understand. Pull them in. Throw a few photos in there, tell them to check out the corresponding website (if applicable). Describe how you overcame an obstacle and how awesome you are for doing so. Tell them that you're a hard-working programmer, because this might be the only thing they can understand on your GitHub.

So, please make sure to include descriptions and readme files to each of your projects.

Here is a good Readme template that you can use for your project repositories.

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