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# CODE REVIEW: FOR ME & YOU

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# WHAT IS CODE REVIEW?

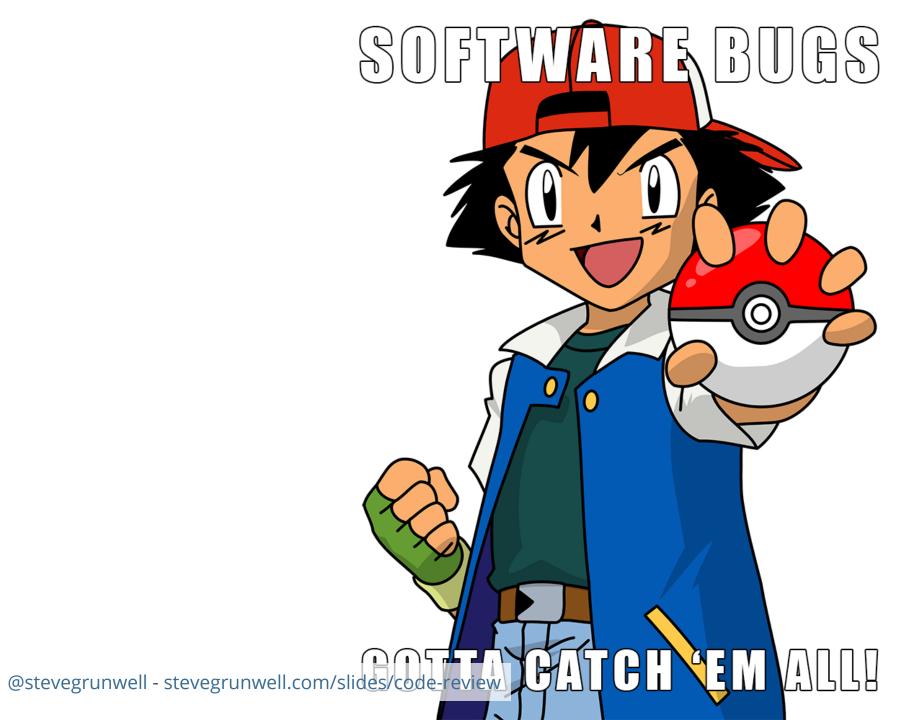
## **FORMAL CODE REVIEW**

- An official part of your development workflow
- Development > Code Review > Merge
- Pair programming
- "Bug sweeps"

## **INFORMAL CODE REVIEW**

- Not (just) workflow, but culture
- Ad-hoc check-ins
- "Hey, can you gut-check this?"

# THE VALUE OF CODE REVIEW



### **CATCH BUGS**

- A second set of eyes on the code
- Catches the most egregious errors
  - Easiest to automate away

## **CATCH LARGER ARCHITECTURAL ISSUES**

- Requires more ramp-up
- The first line of defense against technical debt

## REDUCE THE BUS FACTOR™

## noun | bəs fak-tər

How royally screwed your team would be if the one person who understood this darn app were hit by a bus tomorrow.

## **DEVELOPER GROWTH**

- Great way to help junior developers grow
- Great way to help **senior** developers grow

#### WHO SHOULD PERFORM CODE REVIEW?



## THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CODE REVIEW

- Ain't nobody got time for that!
- I reviewed it and can confirm that it is, in fact, code.
- Death by a thousand paper-cuts

The goal of code review is to — as a team — arrive at the best possible solution to a problem.

## **BUILDING A CULTURE OF CODE REVIEW**

- Make code review an integral part of your team's workflow
- Empower every member of your team to request a review
- If it's not important enough to review, it's not important enough to ship





## **CODE REVIEW PRIORITIES**

- 1. Does it work?
- 2. Does it work well?
- 3. Does it meet our standards?

# FACILITATING CODE REVIEWS

## **GITHUB PULL REQUESTS**

- 1. Push new branch
- 2. Open a pull request (PR)
- 3. (Optional) CI pipeline
- 4. Reviewer(s) leave feedback
- 5. Merge!

#### **PUSH YOUR BRANCH**

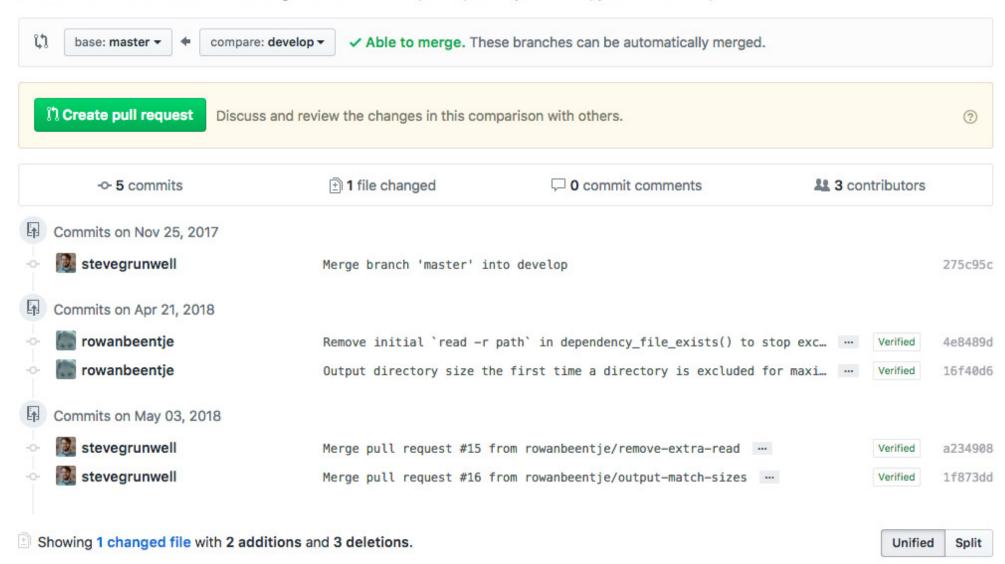
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$ git checkout -b fix/my-bugfix
Switched to a new branch 'fix/my-bugfix'

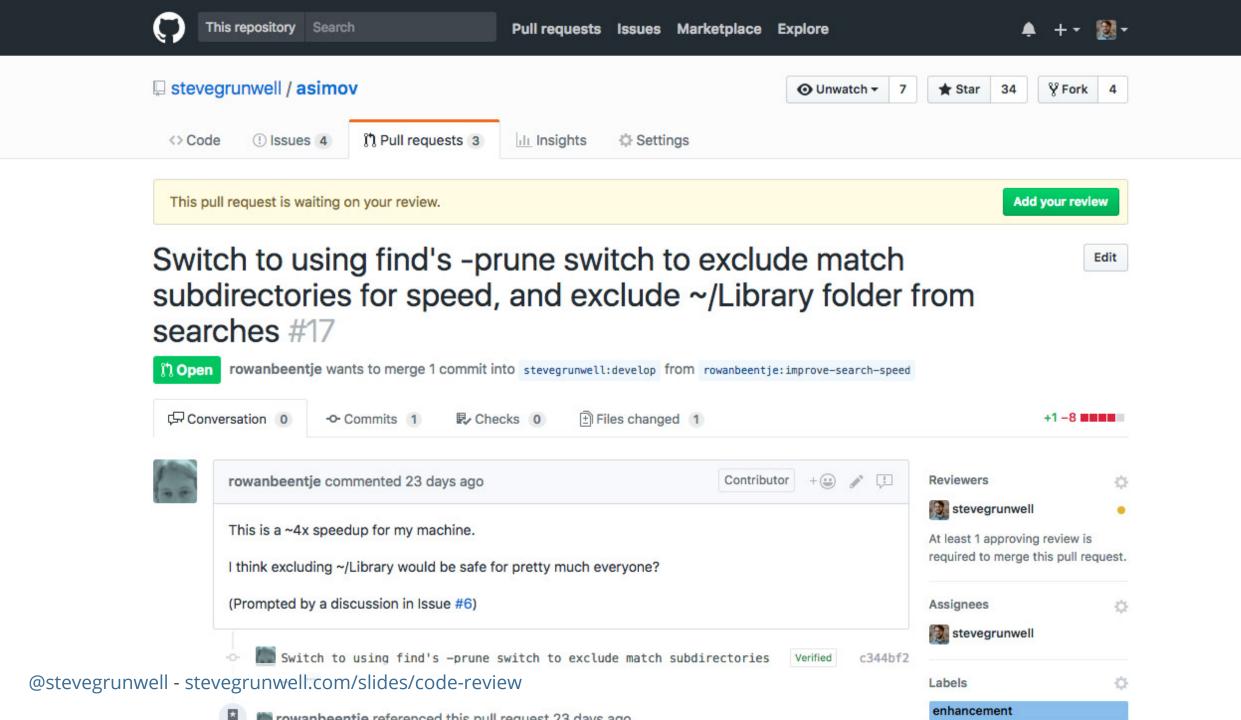
# Make your changes + commit

$ git push -u origin fix/my-bugfix
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#### Comparing changes

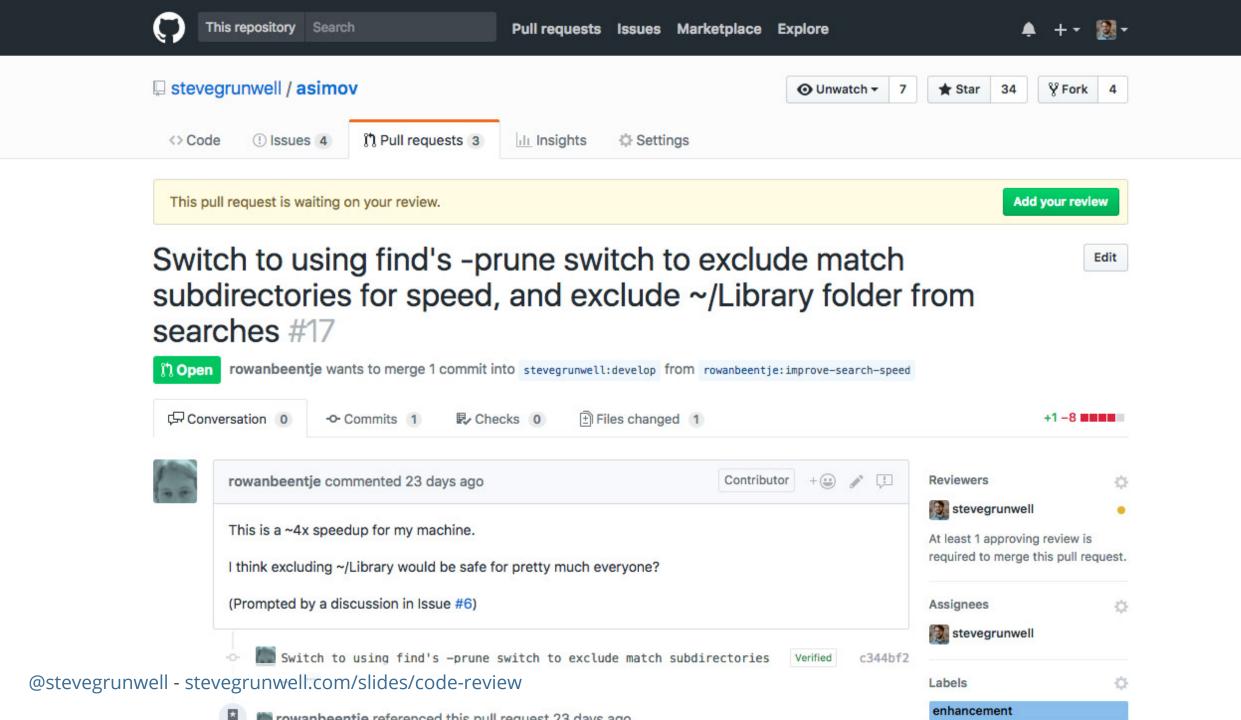
Choose two branches to see what's changed or to start a new pull request. If you need to, you can also compare across forks.

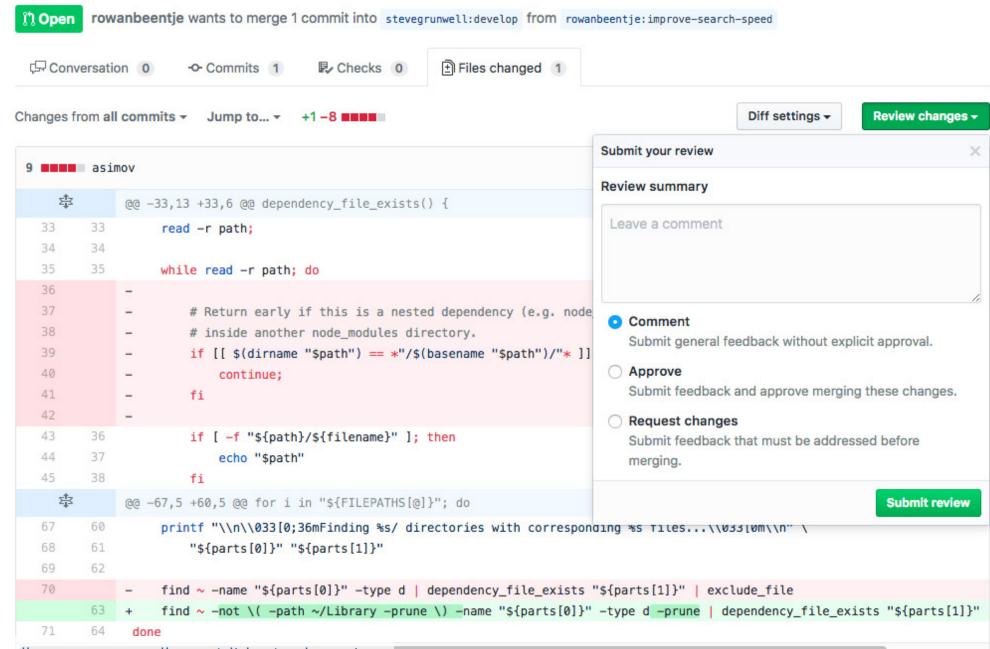


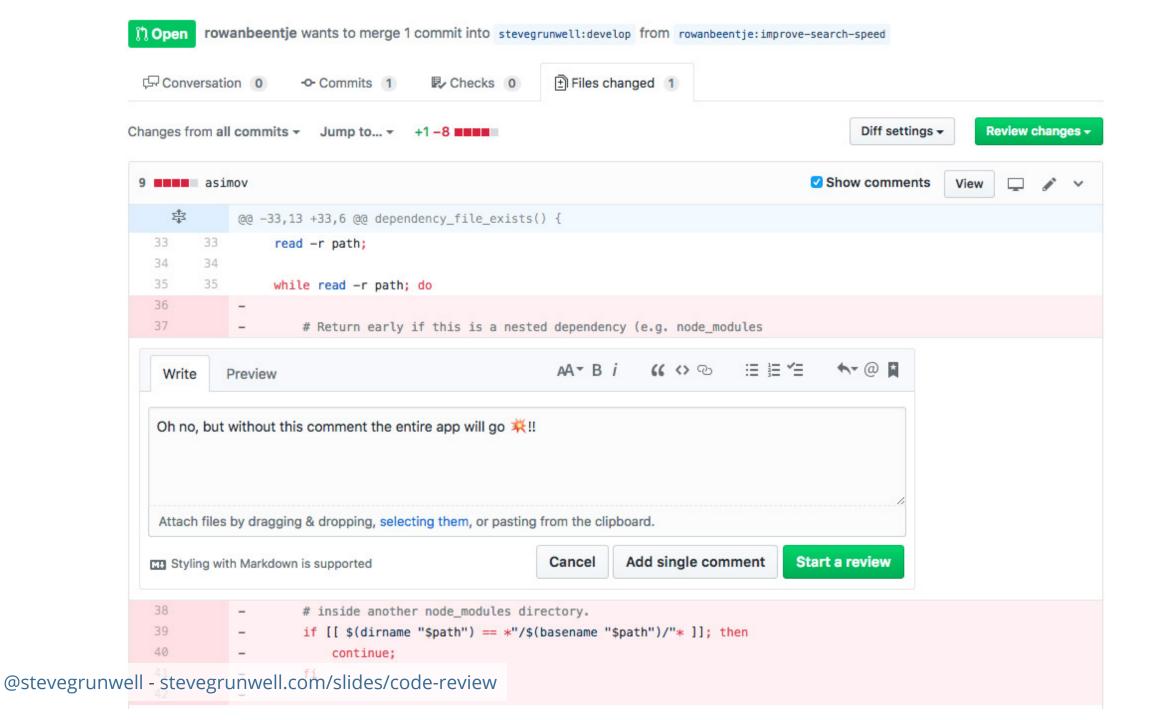


## 3. (OPTIONAL) EXECUTE CI PIPELINE

- Run automated test suites
- Check coding standards
- Calculate code coverage







## OTHER POPULAR TOOLS

- Bitbucket
- GitLab
- Beanstalk
- Phabricator

# PROVIDING FEEDBACK

## BE OBJECTIVE, NOT SUBJECTIVE

- Put aside personal feelings and opinions, and try to provide objective feedback
- Provide resources (where appropriate)
- Ask questions!

## Not so great:

If I were you, I'd move this function into the Widget class so it's not so hard to find.

#### **Better:**

It seems like this function is closely related to the Widget class and not used anywhere else — would it make sense to move it into the class, instead?

## Not so great:

Output should be escaped

#### Better:

The output of this HTML attribute should be escaped via esc\_attr().

## **HIGHLIGHT SUCCESSES**

Celebrate the small victories

Great catch, a lot of people would have missed that condition!

Where did you learn about this function? It's super useful!

You've really come a long way in your use of caching, well done!

This documentation is excellent, @stevegrunwell - stevegrunwell.com/slides/code-review thank you!

# **ADVICE FROM THE TRENCHES**

## **PRACTICE ATOMIC COMMITS**

- Make each commit as small and focused as possible
- Commits are cheap, go wild!

## **ATOMIC COMMITS**

\$ git commit -m "Checking in today's work before happy hour! #YOLO"



#### **ATOMIC PRS**

- PRs should be as small + focused as possible
- Smaller PRs = shorter feedback loop

## **GITHUB TAGS: BLOCKED**

This PR introduces X feature.

Fixes #17, blocked by #42.

# **WIP: WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Convention for "this might not be fully-ready for review"
- Opportunity to have discussions and on-going reviews
- Keep notes related to a specific branch

#### **CODING STANDARDS**

- Determine coding standards at the beginning of the project
  - WordPress v PSR-2 v. PEAR v. \\\_(`ソ)\_/
- Determine what gets reviewed
- Above all else, be consistent!

#### .EDITORCONFIG

- Standard for file encoding, whitespace, line endings, and more
- Defaults available for most popular standards
- editorconfig.org

#### **ESLINT**

- Automatically check whitespace, formatting, naming schemes, etc.
- Also great for catching common security + performance issues
- eslint.org

#### PHP\_CODESNIFFER

- Tokenizes and analyzes code against coding standards
- Standards are defined in phpcs.xml or phpcs.xml.dist

# STATIC CODE ANALYSIS

- Examine the code without running it
- Detect areas that are overly-complex or missing tests
- Great addition, but not a replacement!

# .GITIGNORE

A versioned file that excludes files from the repo

```
# Exclude these files from the repo:
node_modules/
vendor/
*.log
*.sql
```

#### **GIT HOOKS**

- Enable you to execute scripts throughout the Git lifecycle
- Not stored within the repo!
- Analyze code before committing, perform actions ahead of a git push

# **REVIEW DOCUMENTATION**

- Treat inline documentation as code
- Reduces "Doc Rot"
- Out-of-date docs? No merge for you!

# **AUDIT THE WHITELIST**

If an app isn't working right but all the tests pass, the first place you should look are the areas where test coverage has been ignored.

# **THANK YOU!**

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