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GitHub Reviews

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Overview

When submitting a Pull Request (PR) on GitHub (or most Git Providers), you can request a review to take place.

In the review, other developers and/or members of your team can propose/request changes, ask for clarity in certain areas, discuss certain files, and eventually (hopefully!) approve the PR.

Once the PR has been approved, it is then able to be merged to another branch, usually `develop` or `main`.

Requesting a Review

You request a review when submitting a PR. All you need to do is use the `Reviewers` section on the right hand side:

Reviewers

No reviews

Assignees

No one—assign yourself

Labels

None yet

Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

This will request a review from the person you choose from the dropdown. Please note that the person you would like to review your PR must be a collaborator on the GitHub project.

Reviewing a PR

If someone has requested a review from you, this will show up in the `Pull Requests` section, under the repository on GitHub:

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bob-crutchley / notes

Watch 1Unstar 8Fork 18

<> CodeIssues 266Pull requests 14ActionsProjects 2SecurityInsights

Once you have clicked on the correct PR, you will see that your review has been requested. You can click the **Add your review** button to start:

bob-crutchley requested your review on this pull request.

Add your review

Making Comments

If you want to make a comment on a line in a file, you just use the blue **+** sign on the left hand side (it will appear as you hover over the **+** sign):

18 +
19 + <!--TOC_END-->
20 + ## Overview
21 + A build is a result of an execution of a project (job) in Jenkins.
22 + Builds for projects can be seen on the 'Build History' section of the project dashboard:
23 +
24 + ![Build History](https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/06Et4v1n-eC5_Dq67LiI-pct1crrXtrKypg6AyVgY_gkfoU3jWxxykNH0JNen6BTmWSZlu1GnhPurrJYCB0QapCzrQ5cK4hcs1MQ1GIH5c19Mz0d3At_BgIUdcysyxa0Qos7AoUPyWGUqtxLi-BIZdaqdKMbXdkUqNDCW7y8I8cEwSfIMf_3_00sMQUiCAq8J0vPx1PM9FNqtl8h0BTeLBDHed5WrXi00Hq811lflcd85rbI0xP5XA1dbHet_-

Making a Suggestion in Your Comment

In the popup box, you can make a general comment if you wish or you can use the highlighted button to insert a suggestion:

21 + A build is a result of an execution of a project (job) in Jenkins.

WritePreview

Insert a suggestion <cmd-g>

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Leave a comment

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

CancelAdd single commentStart a review

This will paste the line you are commenting on into the comment box, so you can explicitly state any changes you think would be beneficial.

The first time you do this, you will have the option to click on **Start review**, which will begin tracking any changes you make (including the one you just made).

From then on, when you make a comment/suggestion, the **Start review** button will be replaced with a button saying **Add Review Comment**:

21 + A build is a result of an execution of a project (job) in Jenkins.

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```suggestion  
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```

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Editing and Deleting Comments

You can edit or delete any comments or suggestions you make:

21 + A build is a result of an execution of a project (job) in Jenkins.

jordan-grindrodCollaboratorPending

Suggested change ⓘ

21 - A build is a result of an execution of a project (job) in Jenkins.
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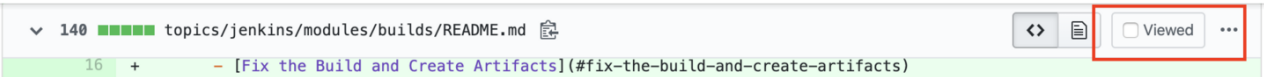
EditDelete

Commit suggestionAdd suggestion to batch

Reply...

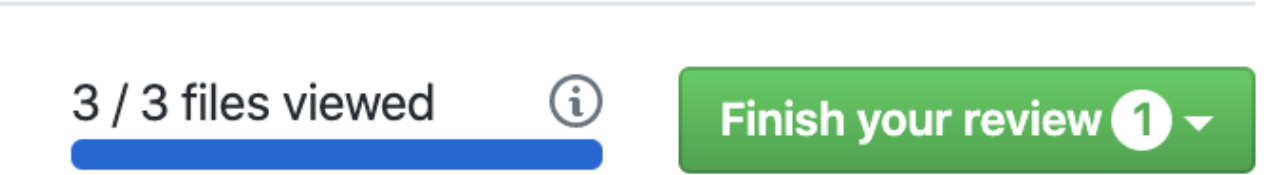
Keeping Track of Reviewed Files

And, following good practice, you should check **viewed** when you are done reviewing a file:



Finishing the Review

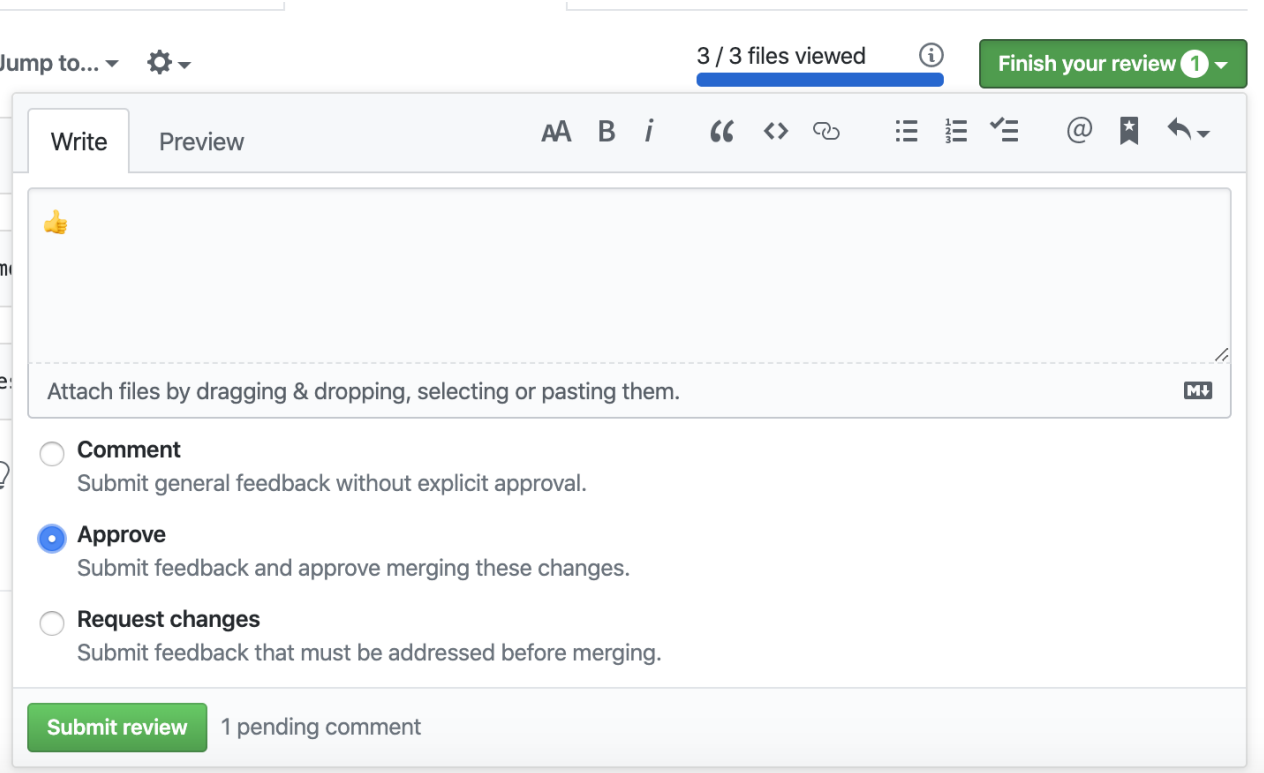
When you have viewed all files, you can click on **Finish your review**:



This will bring up a comment box where you can choose to:

- Make a comment without approval - this is usually asking for clarity around something
- Approve the review - the changes can then be merged into **develop** or **main**
- Request changes - this stops a merge from happening before the changes you've requested have been made

Once you have made your choice, you can go ahead and click **Submit review**, which will finish the review process and notify the person who requested the review that the review has been completed:



Good Practice

It is always good practice to not only look over any files in a review, but also to **test** any code in there.

If there is code in the file, try to run it on your machine and make sure that:

- It runs correctly
- It follows best practices
- It is efficient
- Any instructions given are clear.

Tutorial

NB. This task works much better with somebody else. If you really want to do it individually, you will need to make another GitHub account...

1. Create a Pull Request, similar to how you will have done in the **Pull Requests** module, to merge a feature change from a **feature** branch into the **main** branch (ideally, you will make something that requires changing - for example, some broken code)

2. Add a Reviewer to the PR
3. Have the other person/other account do the same thing on their GitHub (requesting a review from you)
4. Start the review, making sure to test the new feature(s)
5. Make some comments for the other person/account
6. Either approve the review, or request changes
7. Complete the review
8. Complete the merge once your own PR has ben reviewed and approved by the other person/account

Exercises

There are no exercises for this module.