

Create a Pull Request

A **pull request** is a request to the *original* or *source repository's* maintainer to include changes in their project that you made in your fork of their project. You are requesting that they *pull* in changes you've made.

Let's get a high-level overview of what this entails and then we'll dig into the details.

Let's walk through the steps to issue a pull request of our own! If you've been following along then you've forked Lam's [travel plans repository](#) to your own account, and you've made one or two additional commits to your forked version.

In the previous lesson, I created a topic branch called `include-richards-destinations`, added a few commits to it, and pushed that branch to GitHub. Remember that when you're creating a good pull request you want to have changes on a branch that's sole reason to exist is for these changes. Remember the name for these types of branches?...topic branches!

We're about to create a pull request (how exciting!), so let's make sure we've both got the same setup. Please answer the following:

Task List

- I have forked lam's project <https://github.com/udacity/course-collaboration-travel-plans>
- I have created a topic branch with descriptive name
- I have made at least one commit on my branch
- I have pushed my changes back to my fork

You just created a pull request! Congratulations! 🎉

As you can see, it's actually not too difficult to create a pull request. When I was first learning Git, GitHub, and how to collaborate, I was extremely nervous about making commits, and working with remote repos, but *especially* submitting a pull request to another developer's project! As long as you following the steps we covered in the previous section on:

- reviewing the project's CONTRIBUTING.md file
- checking out the project's existing issues
- talking with the project maintainer

...your pull request is sure to be included!

Recap

A pull request is a *request* for the source repository to pull in your commits and merge them with their project. To create a pull request, a couple of things need to happen:

- you must *fork* the source repository
- clone your fork down to your machine
- make some commits (ideally on a topic branch!)
- push the commits back to *your fork*
- create a new pull request and choose the branch that has your new commits