**The Tech World Has Adopted GitHub**

In 2017, [GitHub saw](https://octoverse.github.com/):

* 1.5 million organizations using the platform
* 24 million users across 200 countries, from entrepreneurs to open source contributors to company employees
* 25.3 million active repositories
* 47 million pull requests, which means people and organizations are working together

Software engineers, developers, and data scientists at most companies use GitHub daily to house their work, read each other's documentation, and collaborate across teams and organizations.

Recruiters, hiring managers, and senior engineers search through GitHub for potential job candidates. Your GitHub profile - activity, repos, commits, documentation - provides evidence that you're a skilled engineer.

*Udacity graduate Ryan Waite was*[*hired*](https://blog.udacity.com/2016/03/student-success-ryan-waite-goes-to-nasa-and-beyond.html)*based on the strength of his GitHub profile.*

**No Resubmission Required**

Unlike other Nanodegree projects, you submit to a Career Service once to get feedback and do not need to meet specifications to continue on in your program. We highly encourage you to take advantage of this guidance; most Alumni who report jobs and other opportunities (such as collaboration) attribute their success to networking.

***Career Review Requirement***

*Your Nanodegree program was designed to ensure your long-term success in the field, and to pursue a successful career you must showcase the skills you’ve learned to employers effectively.****Therefore, this is a requirement for graduation, unless you opt-out.***

**Opting Out**

If improving your GitHub profile does not currently align with your Nanodegree goals, **you may opt-out of this graduation requirement**.

*If you would like to opt-out, please click*[*here*](https://forms.udacity.com/forms/career-opt-out)*.*

**Let's Get Started**

Submit your GitHub profile and receive in-depth and honest feedback from a Career Reviewer. They'll ensure you're presenting your best self to the community.

[GET FEEDBACK](https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/52/submit-link)

**Resources**

We recommend you review these resources to ensure your profile is ready for feedback.

1. [Rubric](https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/52/view). *Your project will be reviewed by a Udacity Career Reviewer against this rubric.*
2. [Checklist](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a9AKnNyqfGgdQV5ohPCN5H9ntnEUhMptWMwVBWURCN0/pub?embedded=true). *Based on the project rubric, this is a handy checklist on GitHub best practices.*
3. [Career Resource Center](https://career-resource-center.udacity.com/linkedin-github-profiles). *Find additional tips and guides on developing your GitHub Profile.*

If you'd like more guidance, continue on to the lesson to learn more about GitHub best practices on commit style, forking and starring, READMEs, and more!