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GitHub Issues	GitLab Issues	Issue tracking with labels & milestones
GitHub Pull Requests	GitLab Merge Requests (MRs)	Code review, discussions, approvals
GitHub Actions	GitLab CI/CD	Built-in CI/CD with <code>.gitlab-ci.yml</code>
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