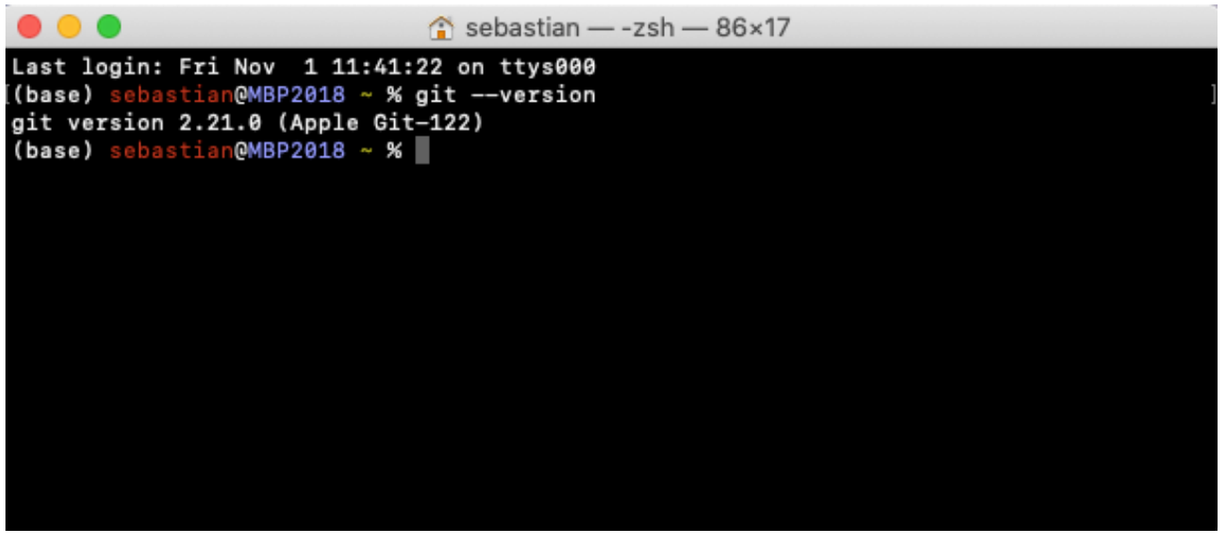
Contributing to Open Source Projects

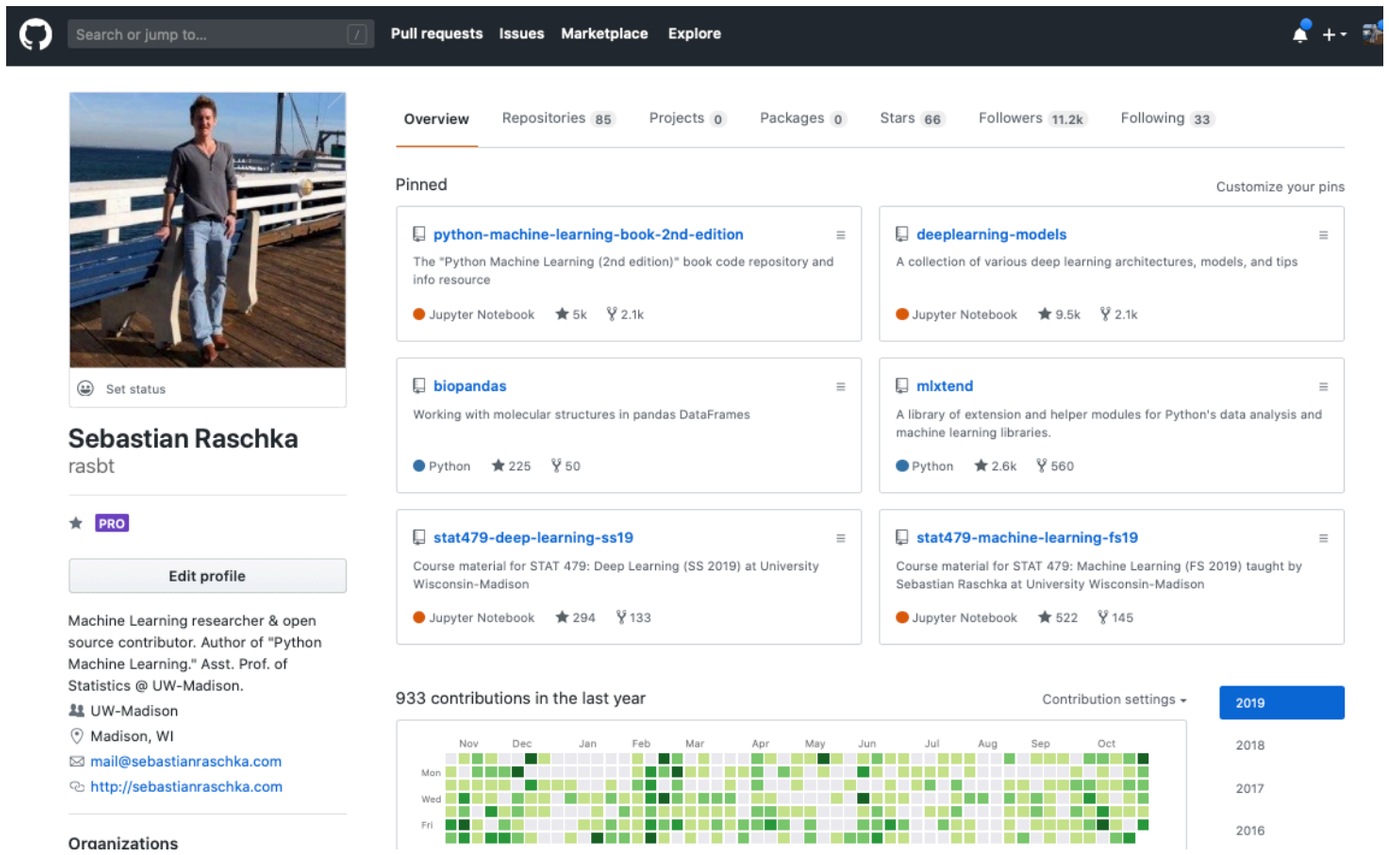
(like scikit-learn, mlxtend, etc.)

First Step: Familiarize yourself with Git & GitHub

Git vs. GitHub

Git is a software tool

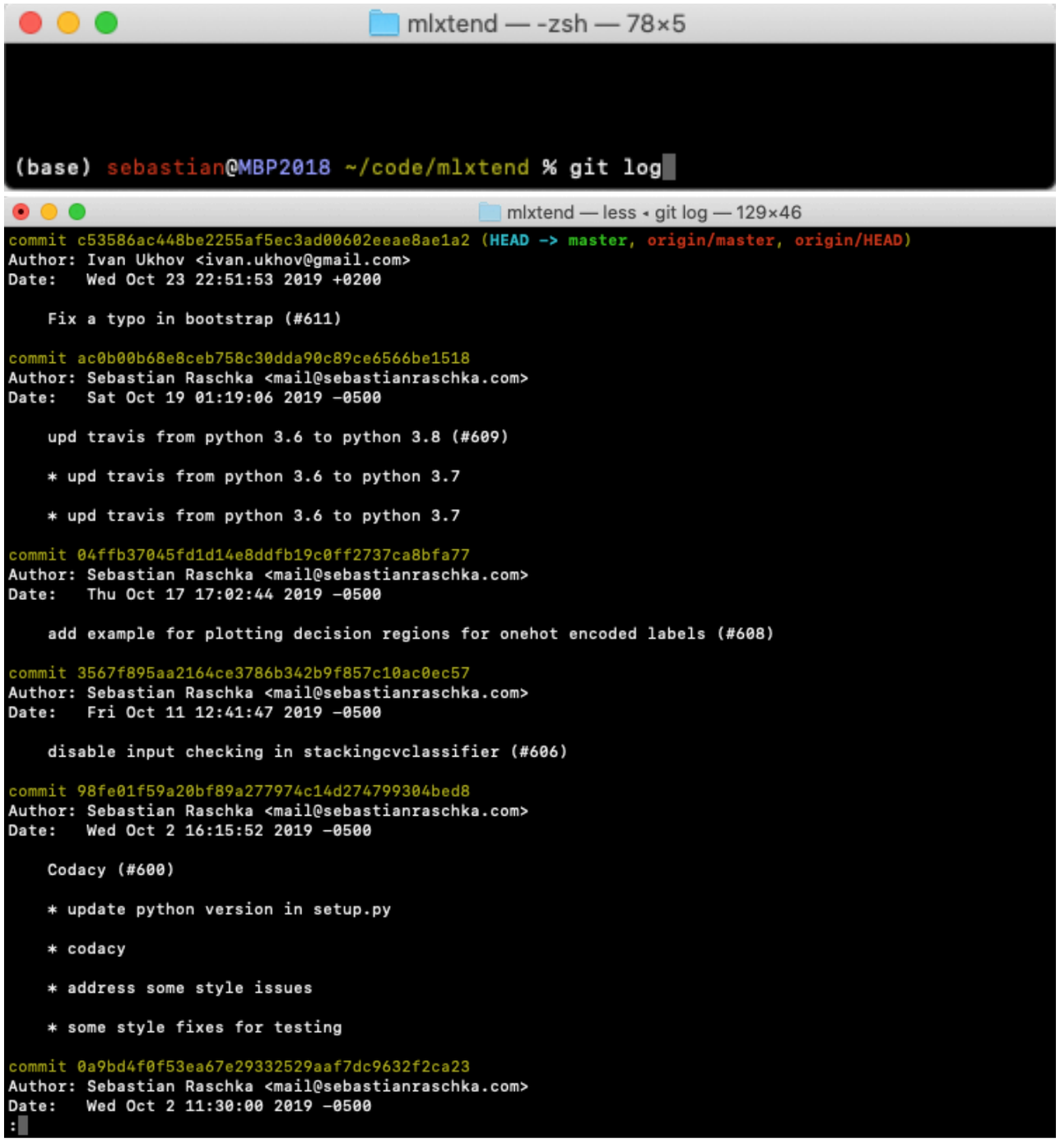




GitHub is a (web) platform for hosting "Git" projects

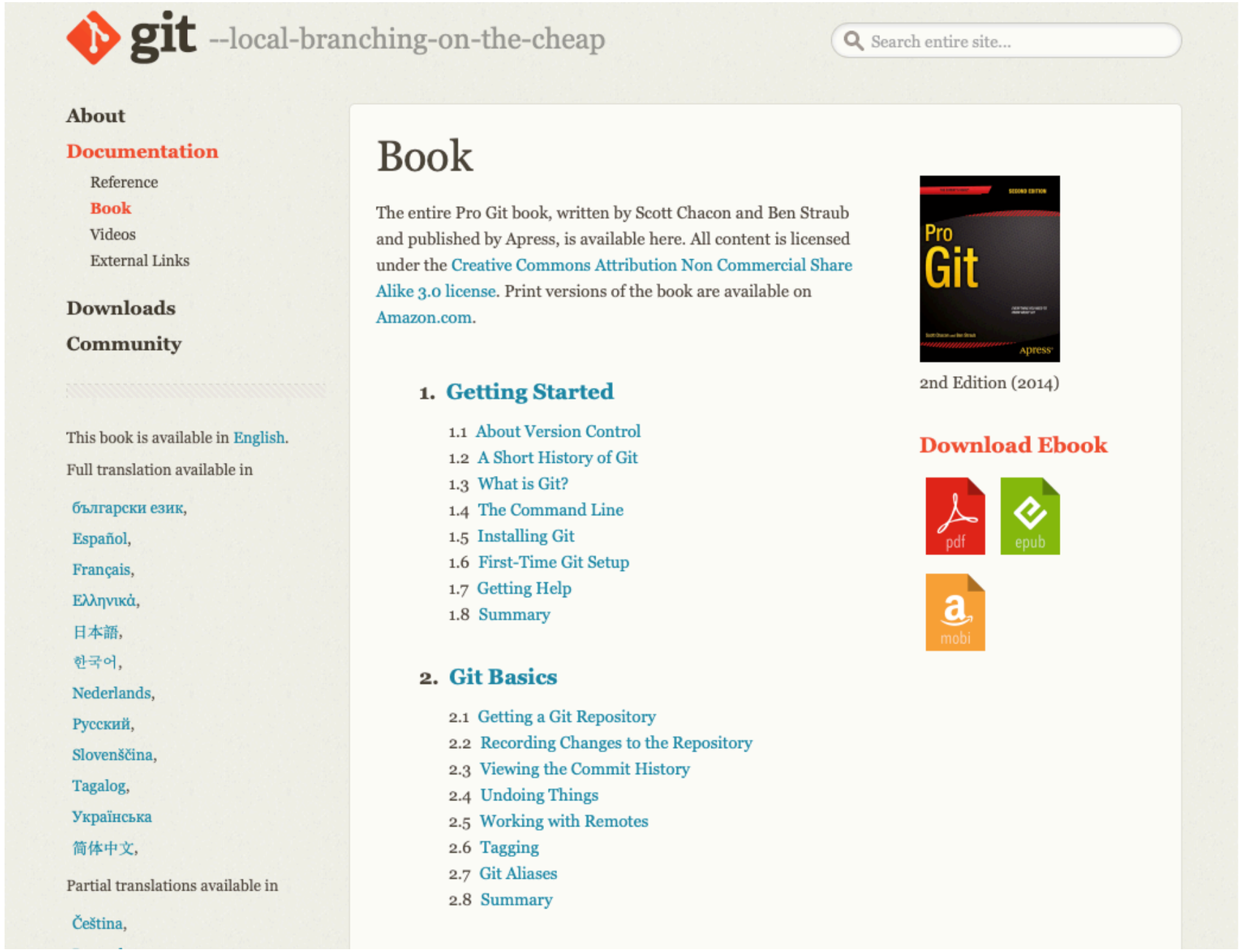
Git

- A version control system for software development
- Let's you keep track of changes in your code base



Git

- Moreover, it's great for collaborative code development
- I.e., it's great for managing software development that involves multiple people
- A great learning resource is the free "Git" book at https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2



Additional Git Resources

1) What is Git | What is GitHub | Git Tutorial | GitHub Tutorial | Devops Tutorial | Edureka
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuB1Id2Wxak

2) Understanding branches in Git
https://blog.thoughtram.io/git/rebase-book/2015/02/10/understanding-branches-in-git.html

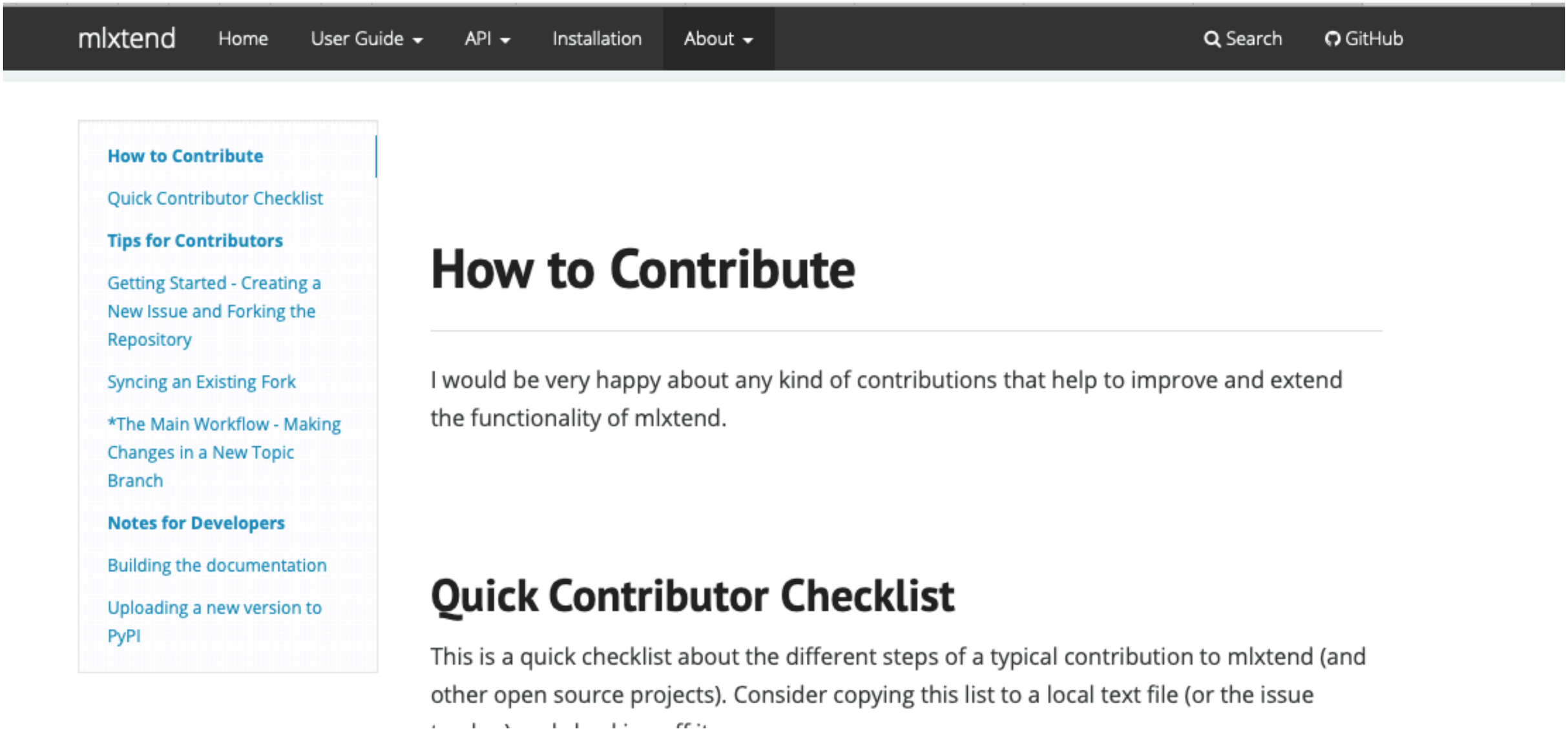
3) .1 Git Branching - What a Branch Is
https://git-scm.com/book/en/v1/Git-Branching-What-a-Branch-Is

4) Forking Workflow
https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/comparing-workflows/forking-workflow

Basic Workflow for (most) Open Source Projects

Step 0: Read the Contributor Guidelines

http://rasbt.github.io/mlxtend/CONTRIBUTING/



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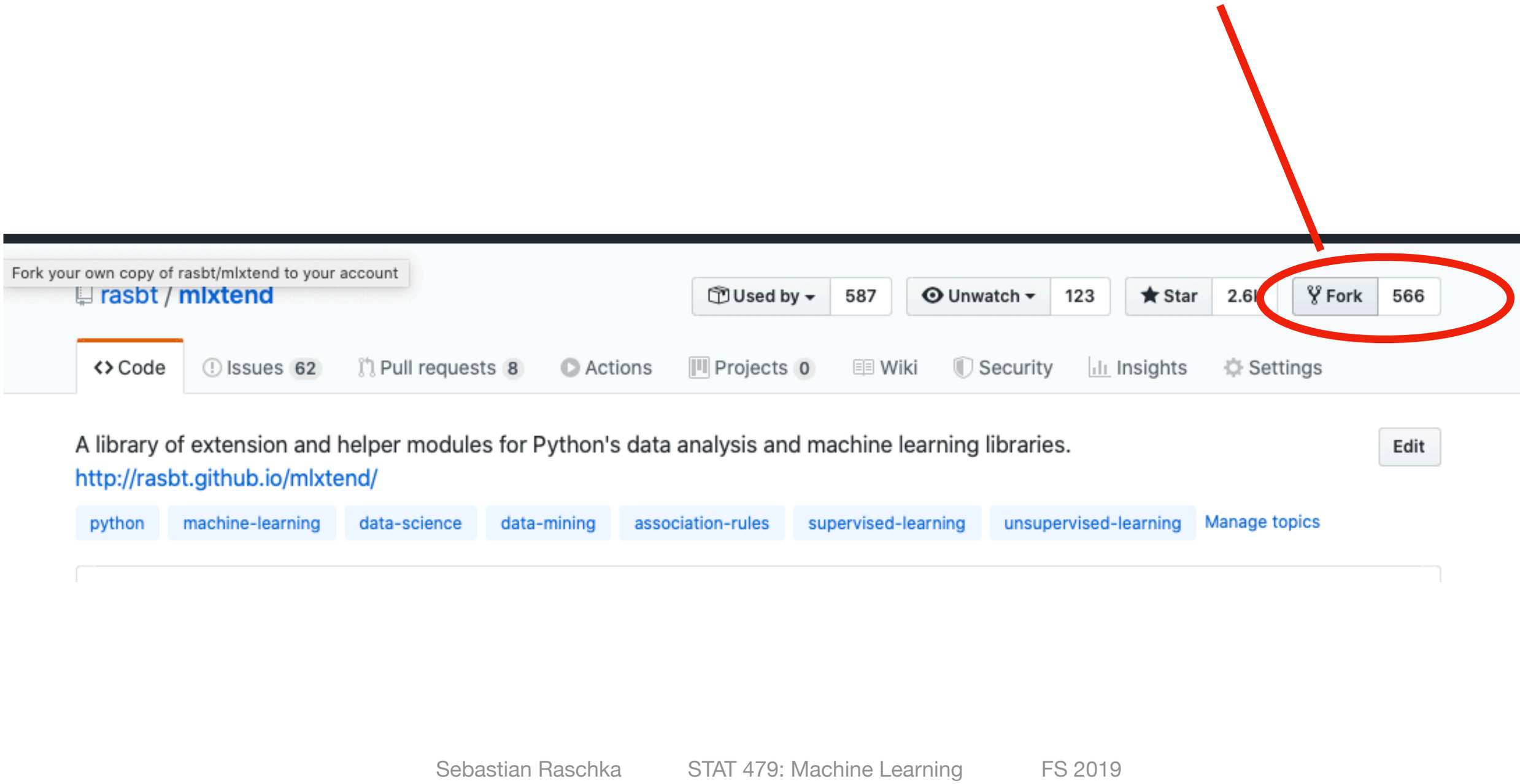
First, you have to fork the repository to your user account on GitHub. For this, go to the main repository website and click on "Fork"



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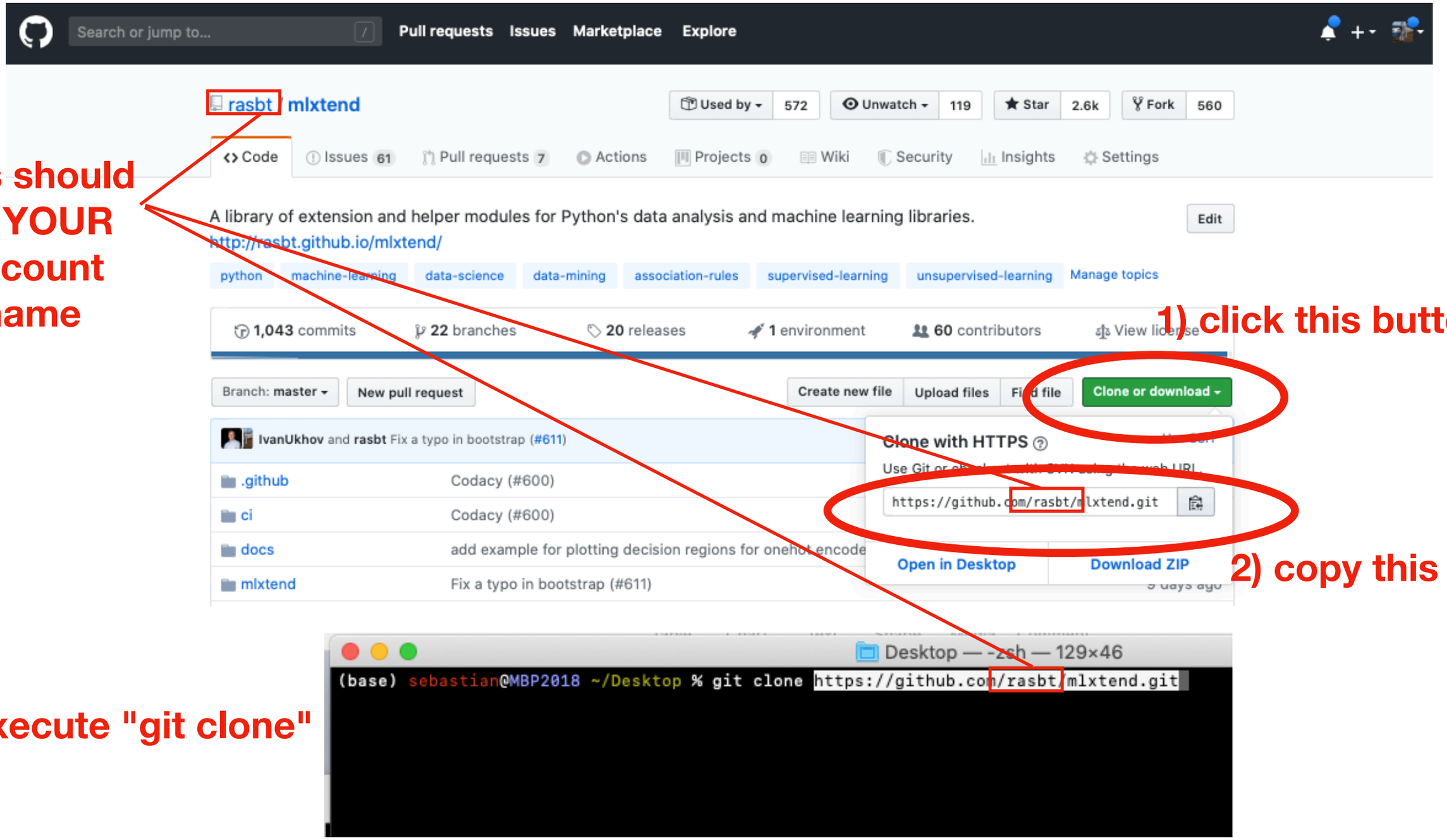
Next, go to your GitHub account and open the forked repository there, then ...

This should be YOUR account name



3) execute "git clone"

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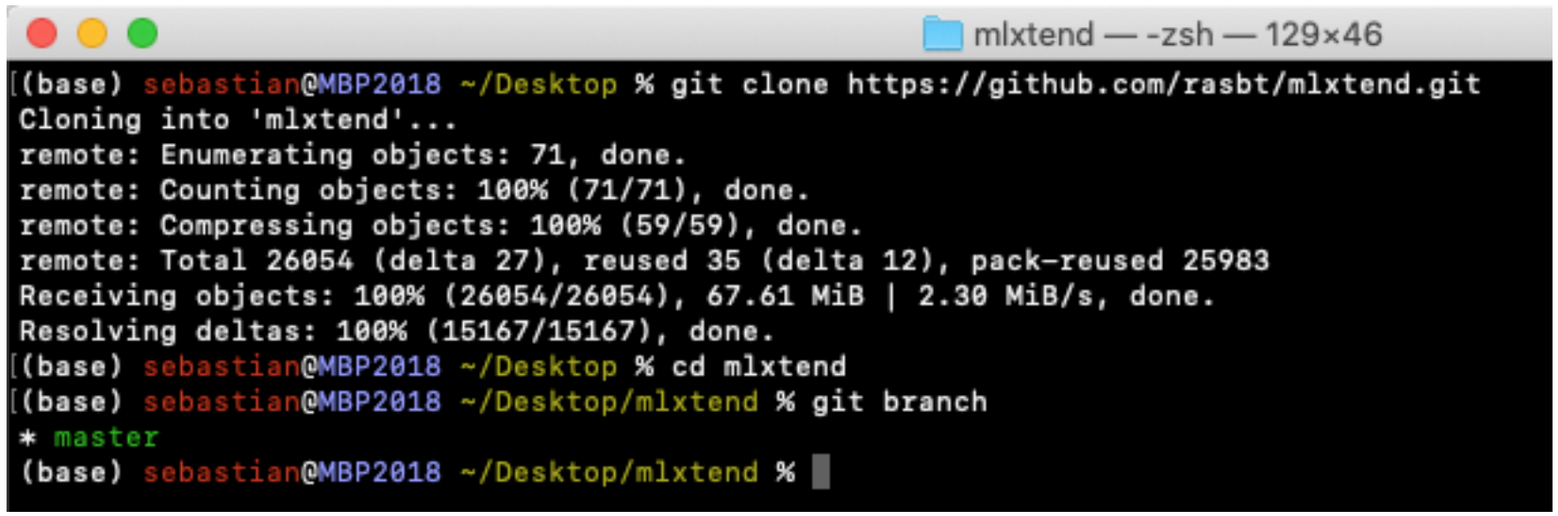

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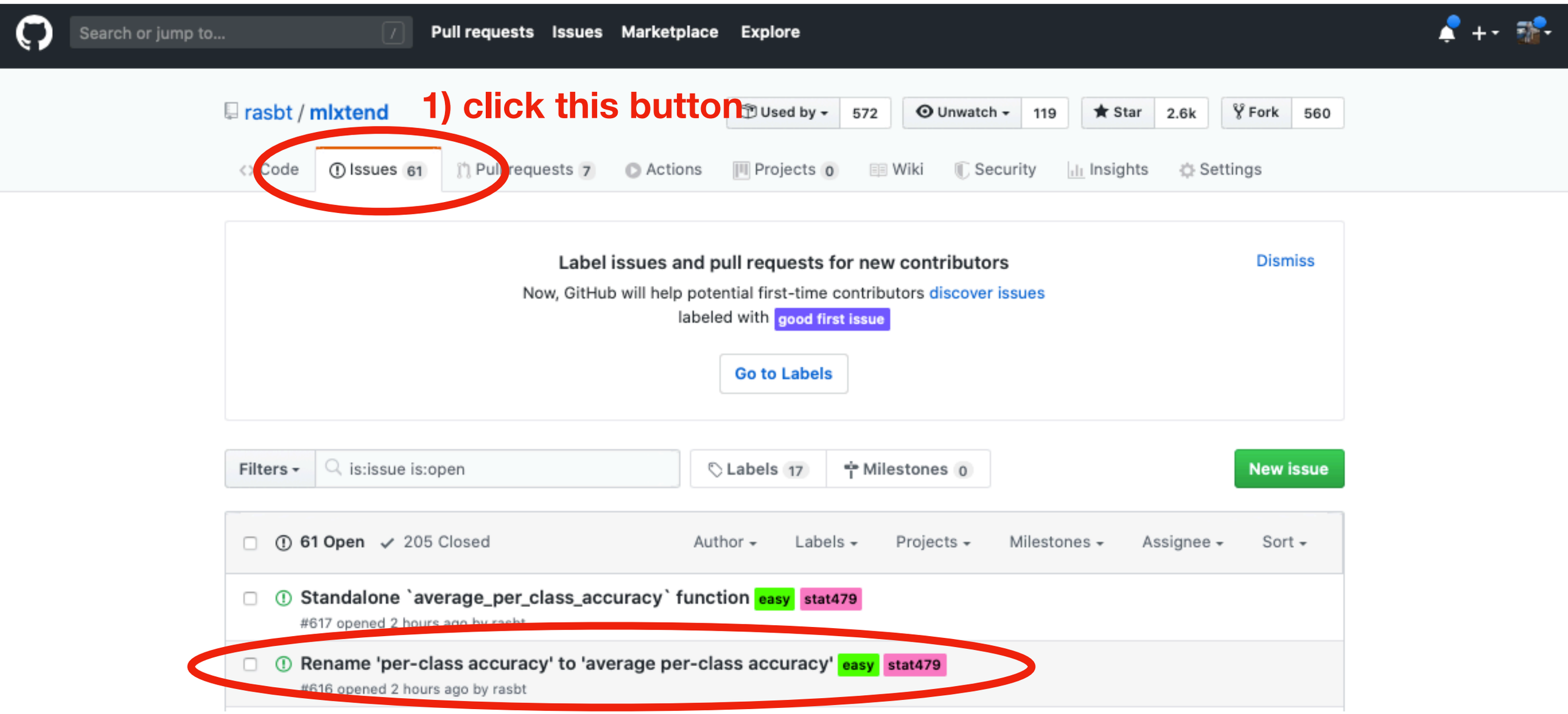

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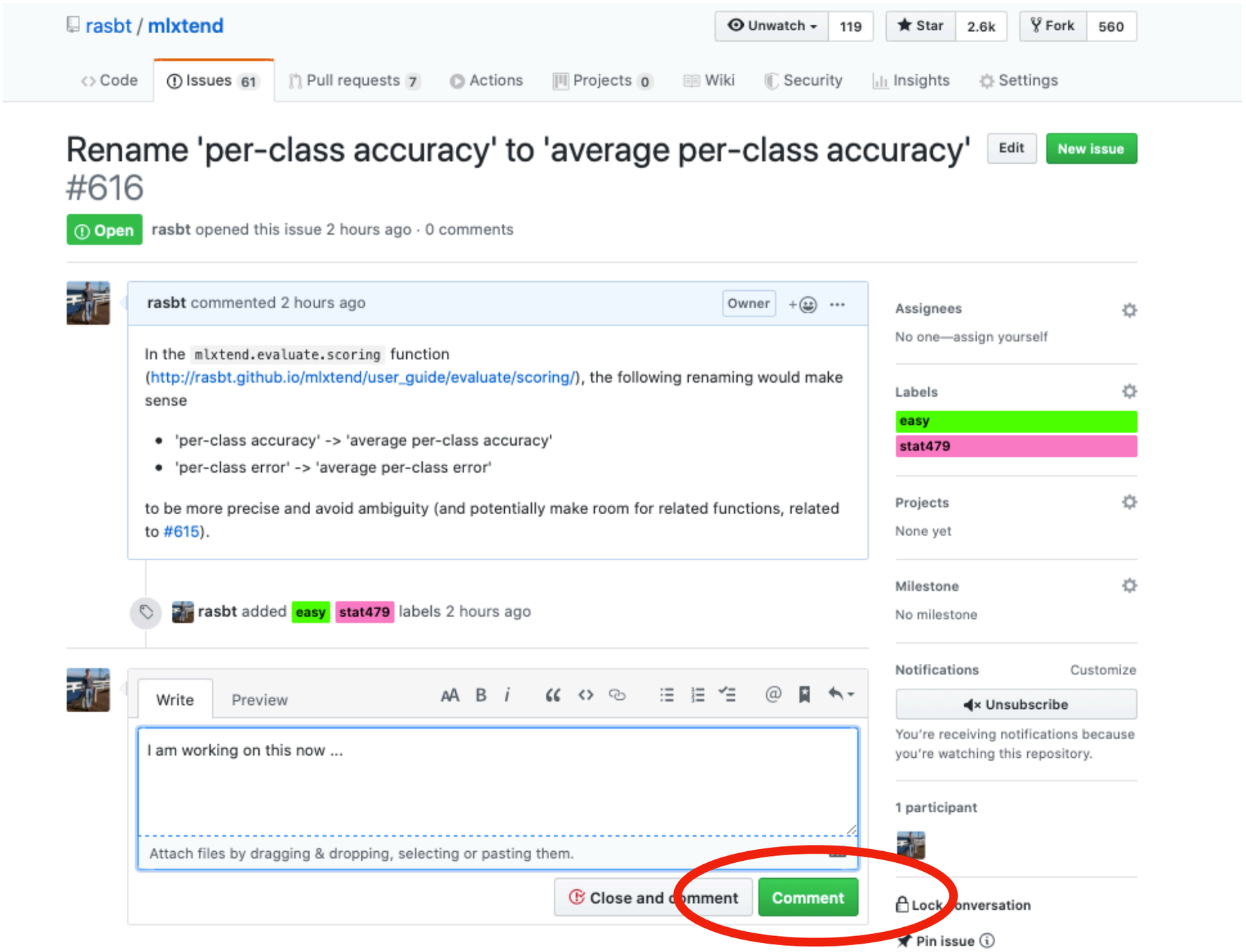
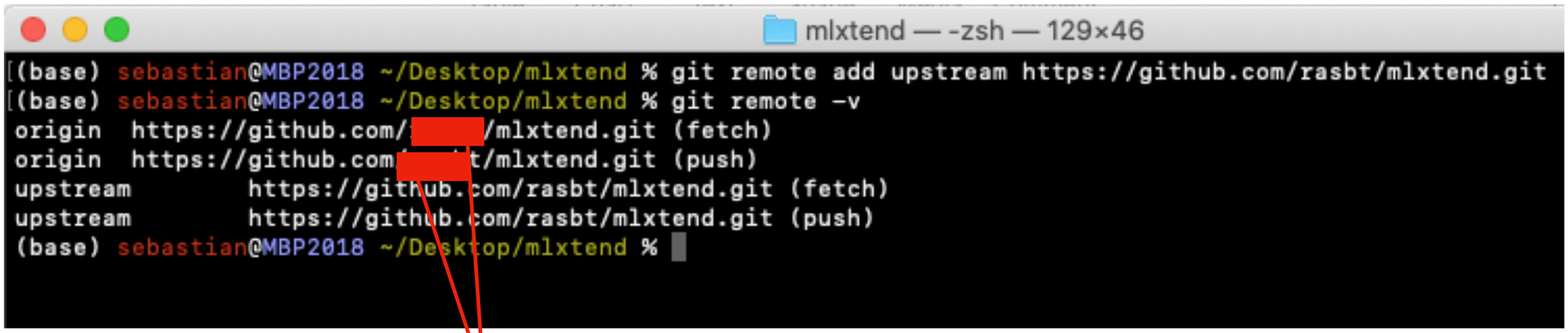


3) add a comment to discuss the plan with the maintainer before working on it

Step 3: Keep Everything in Sync

- **It's a good idea to periodically check that everything in your cloned directory is in sync with the original project on GitHub.**

- **For this, you have to setup an "upstream" link to the original repository (you only have to do it once after you cloned the repository!)**



Step 3: Keep Everything in Sync

1) Before starting working on a new feature, fetch changes from the original repo

```
mlxtend — -zsh — 129×46
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git remote add upstream https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend.git
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git remote -v
origin  https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend.git (fetch)
origin  https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend.git (push)
upstream        https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend.git (fetch)
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(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git fetch upstream
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2) Then merge the changes with the master branch

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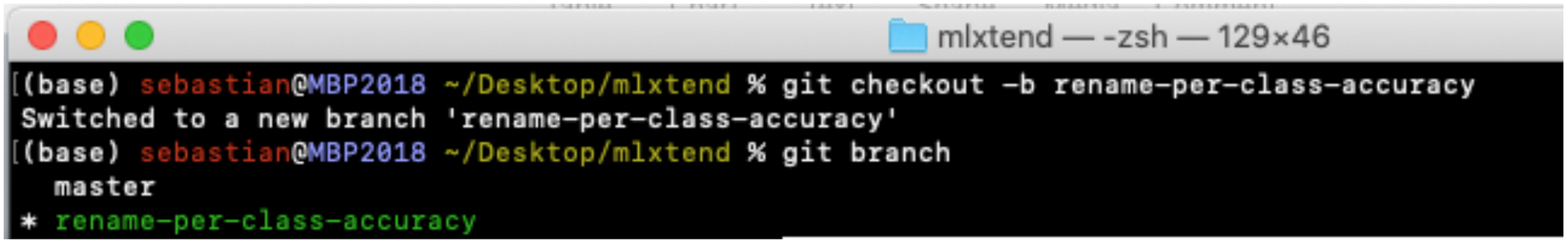
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git fetch upstream
From https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend
 * [new branch]        adaline-docs           -> upstream/adaline-docs
 * [new branch]        categorical-decision   -> upstream/categorical-decision
 * [new branch]        codacy                 -> upstream/codacy
 * [new branch]        docfix                 -> upstream/docfix
 * [new branch]        drop-proba             -> upstream/drop-proba
 * [new branch]        fix-feat-imp           -> upstream/fix-feat-imp
 * [new branch]        fixed-features         -> upstream/fixed-features
 * [new branch]        gh-pages               -> upstream/gh-pages
 * [new branch]        grid-support-feat-sele -> upstream/grid-support-feat-sele
 * [new branch]        heatmap                -> upstream/heatmap
 * [new branch]        ldaloadings            -> upstream/ldaloadings
 * [new branch]        master                 -> upstream/master
 * [new branch]        mnist                  -> upstream/mnist
 * [new branch]        pca-ddof               -> upstream/pca-ddof
 * [new branch]        pca-svd                -> upstream/pca-svd
 * [new branch]        py37                   -> upstream/py37
 * [new branch]        readme-links           -> upstream/readme-links
 * [new branch]        sclf-warn              -> upstream/sclf-warn
 * [new branch]        setup                  -> upstream/setup
 * [new branch]        stacking-dtype         -> upstream/stacking-dtype
 * [new branch]        v0.17.0                -> upstream/v0.17.0
 * [new branch]        verbose-apriori        -> upstream/verbose-apriori
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git merge upstream/master
Already up to date.
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend %
```

if there are any changes listed, i.e., if it does not say "Already up to date," you have then have to also execute

`git merge upstream/master`

Step 4: Make a New Feature Branch

- Now, create a new feature branch, which will be the branch where you will work on the new feature you are planning to implement or issue you are going to fix
- Then, execute "git branch" to ensure that you are on the correct branch now



Step 5: Start Coding

- **You can start working on the feature/issue now**

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mlxtend — -zsh — 129×46
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % ls
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LICENSE-CC-BY.txt README.md         docs              mlxtend           paper.md          setup.cfg
(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % code mlxtend/evaluate/scoring.py
```

scoring.py

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```
    scores = []
    for l in unique_labels:
        scores.append(func(np.where(true != l, 1, 0),
                           np.where(pred != l, 1, 0)))
    return float(sum(scores)) / len(scores)


def scoring(y_target, y_predicted, metric='error',
            positive_label=1, unique_labels='auto'):
    """Compute a scoring metric for supervised learning.

    Parameters
    ------------
    y_target : array-like, shape=[n_values]
        True class labels or target values.
    y_predicted : array-like, shape=[n_values]
        Predicted class labels or target values.
    metric : str (default: 'error')
        Performance metric:
        'accuracy': (TP + TN)/(FP + FN + TP + TN) = 1-ERR\n
        'average per-class accuracy': Average per-class accuracy\n
        'average per-class error':  Average per-class error\n
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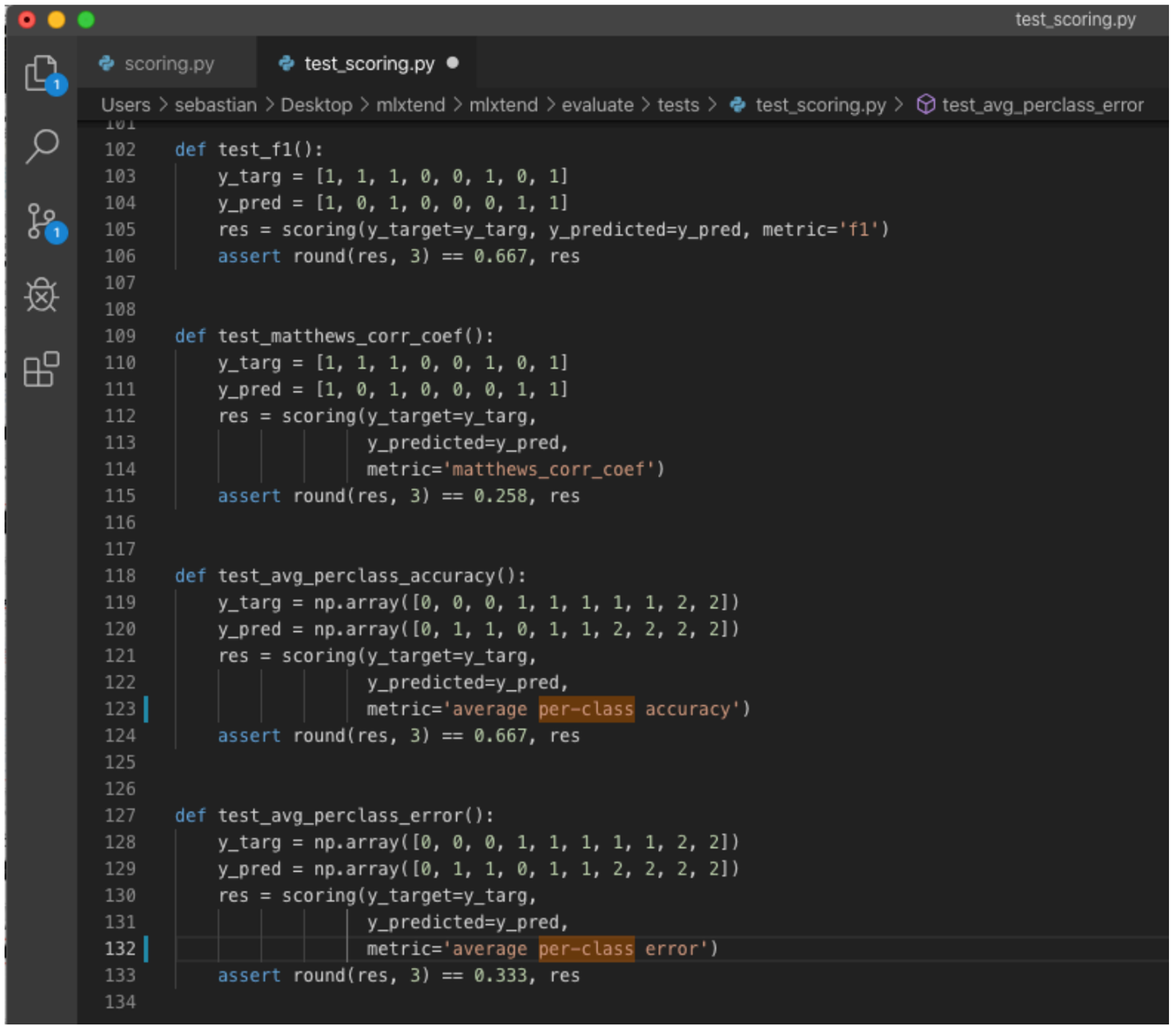
Step 6: Code Testing

- **After developing the new code, also add or modify the test functions**



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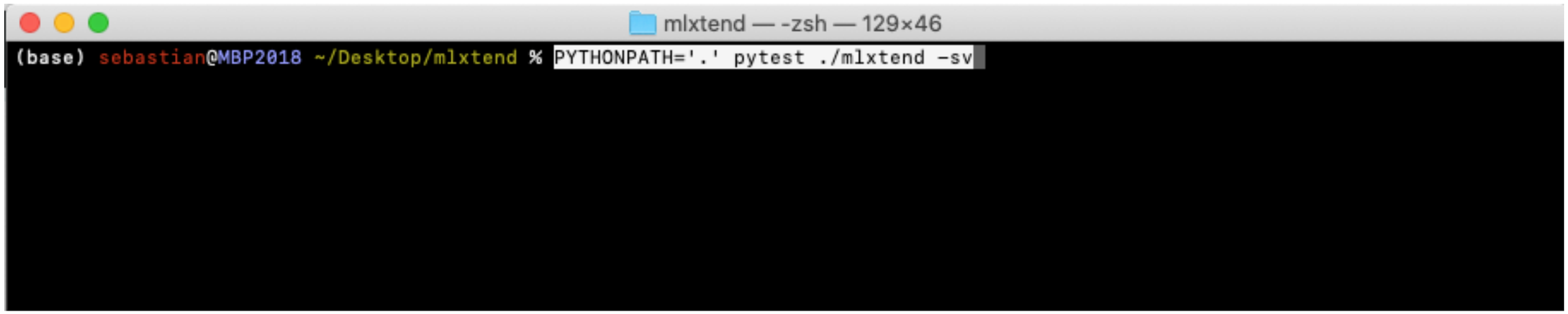
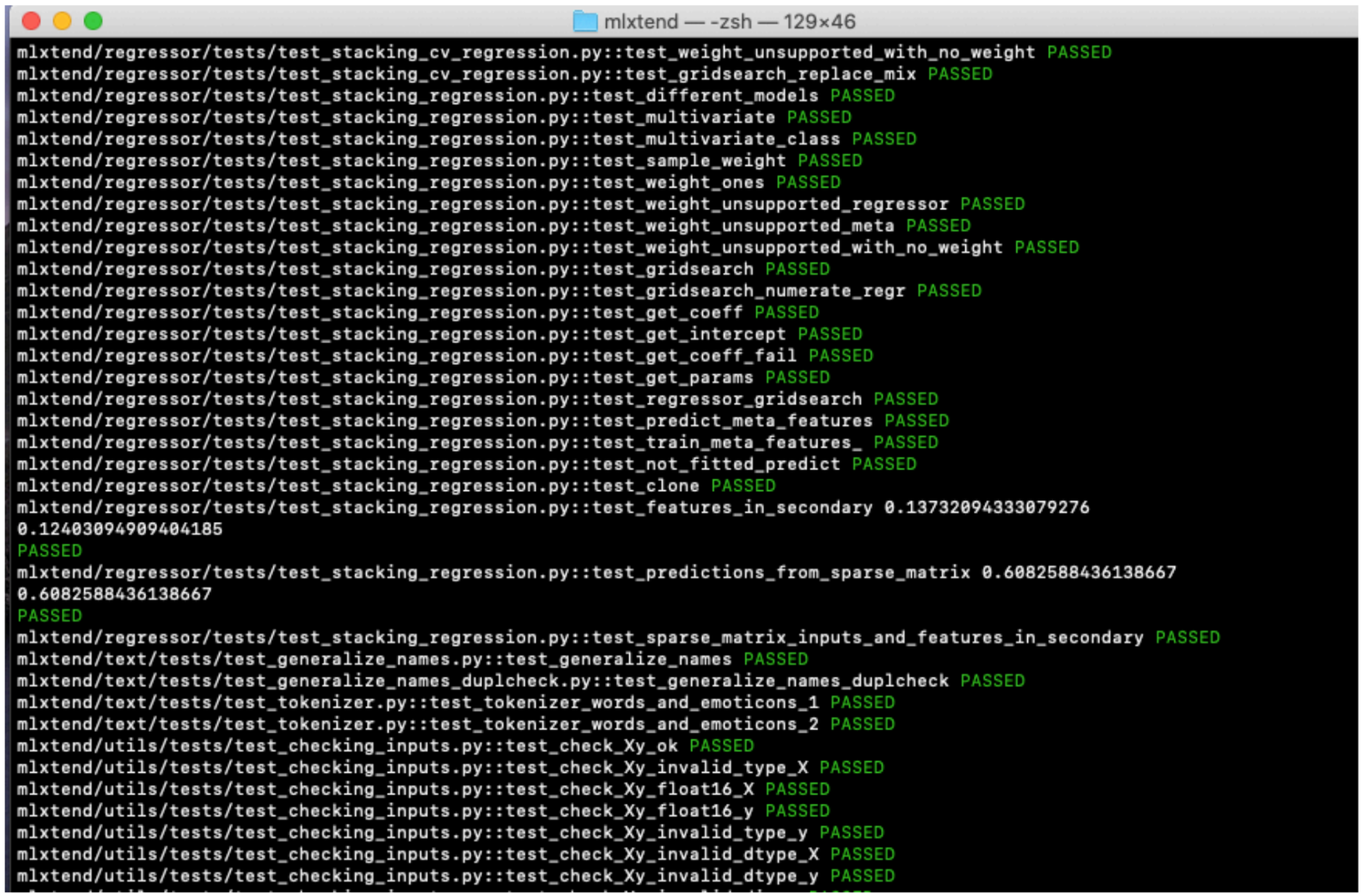
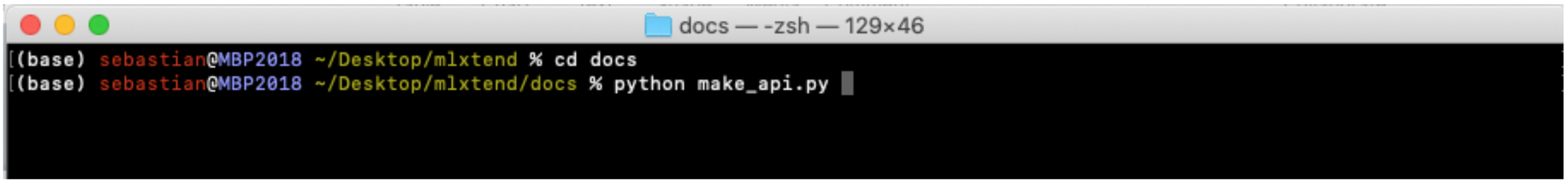
- **Then, test your code locally to make sure that your changes didn't break the existing code base**





Step 7: Update the Documentation

- **Run the python make_api.py file to update the general code documentation (this is mlxtend-specific)**



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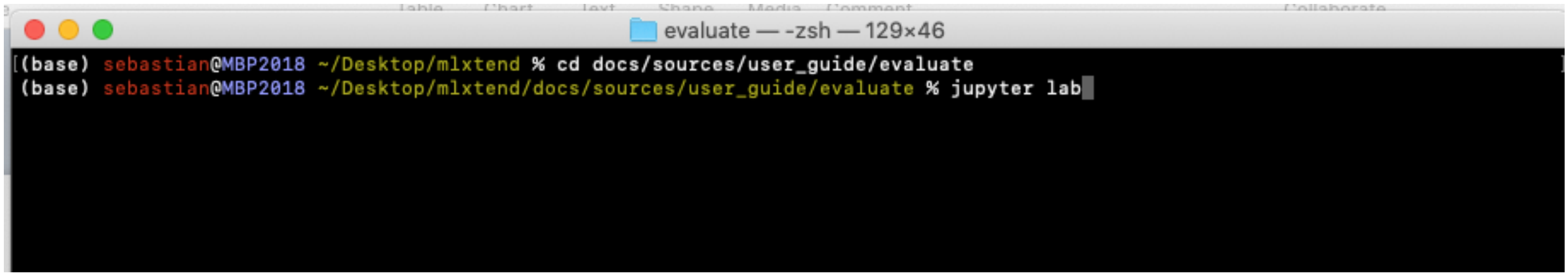
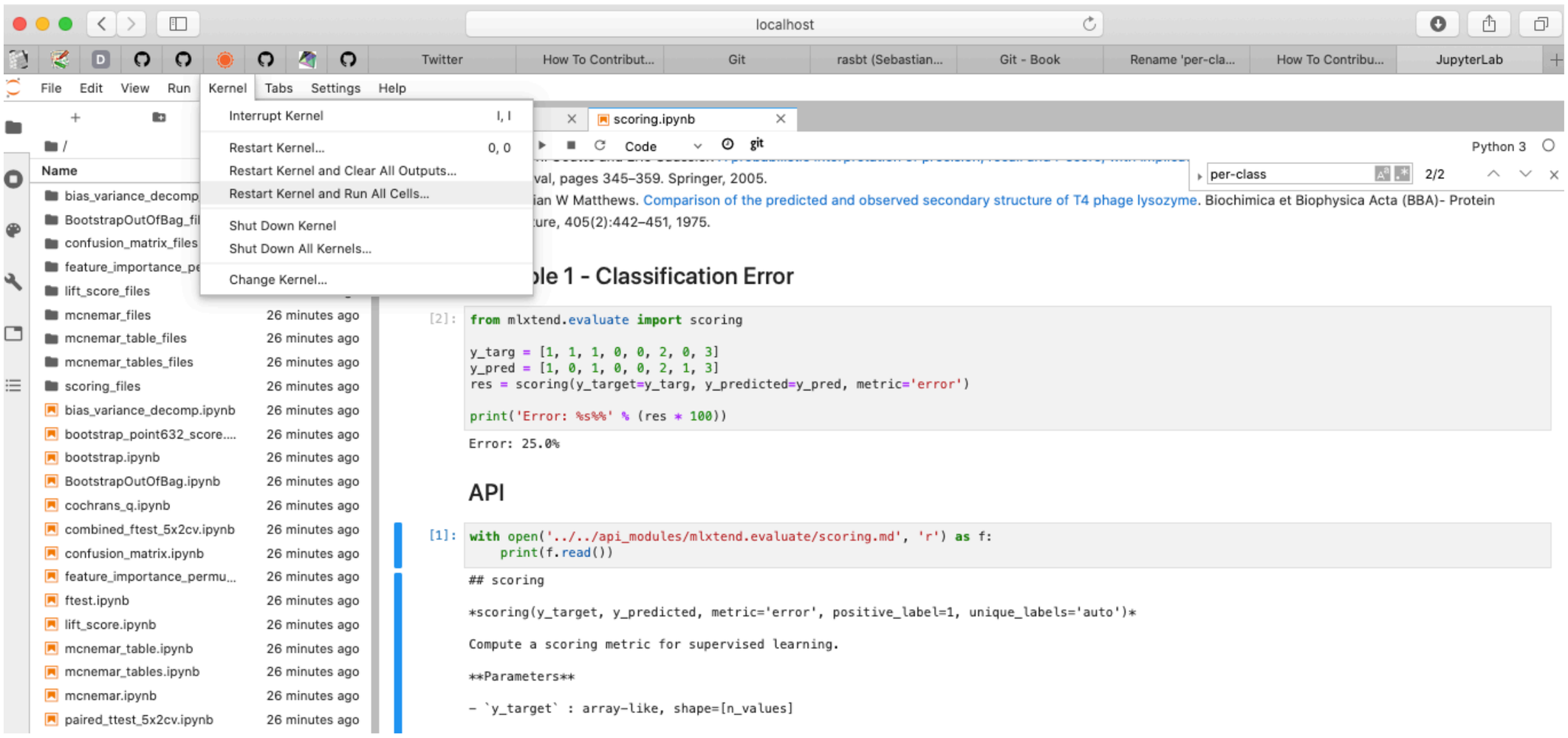
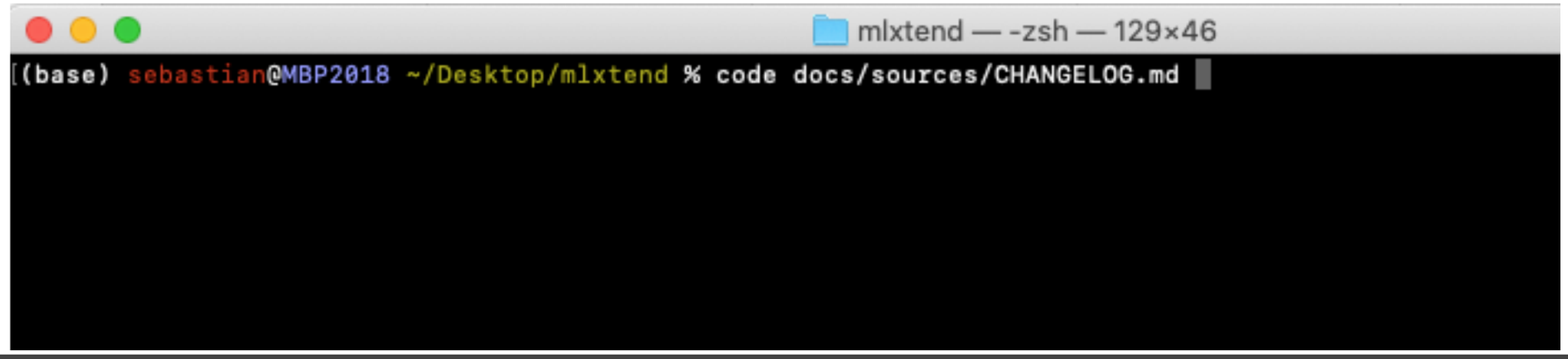
- **Next, update the documentation on the Jupyter notebook (this is mlxtend-specific)**





Step 8: Make a Changelog Entry



CHANGELOG.md

scoring.py | test_scoring.py | CHANGELOG.md

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```
1   # Release Notes
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5   The CHANGELOG for the current development version is available at
6   [https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend/blob/master/docs/sources/CHANGELOG.md](https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend/blob/master/docs/sources/CHANGELOG.md).
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8   ---
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10  ### Version 0.18.0 (TBD)
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12  ##### Downloads
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14  - [Source code (zip)](https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend/archive/v0.18.0.zip)
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16  - [Source code (tar.gz)](https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend/archive/v0.18.0.tar.gz)
17
18  ##### New Features
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20  - The `SequentialFeatureSelector` now supports using pre-specified feature sets via the `fixed_features` parameter. ([#578](https://github.com/rasbt/mlxtend/pull/578))
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22  ##### Changes
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24  - Changed `'per-class accuracy'` and `'per-class error'` to `average 'per-class accuracy'` and `average 'per-class error'`, respectively, to improve clarity.
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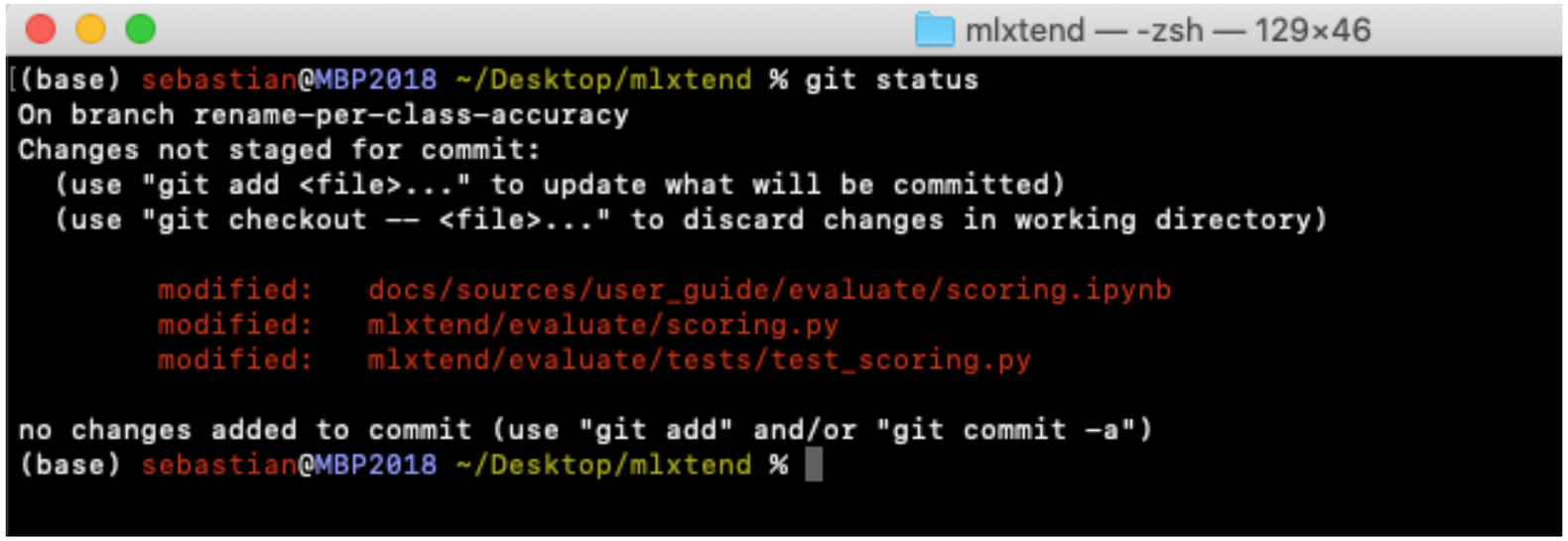
```

Step 9: Upload your Changes

- Use "git status" to see what files you have changes



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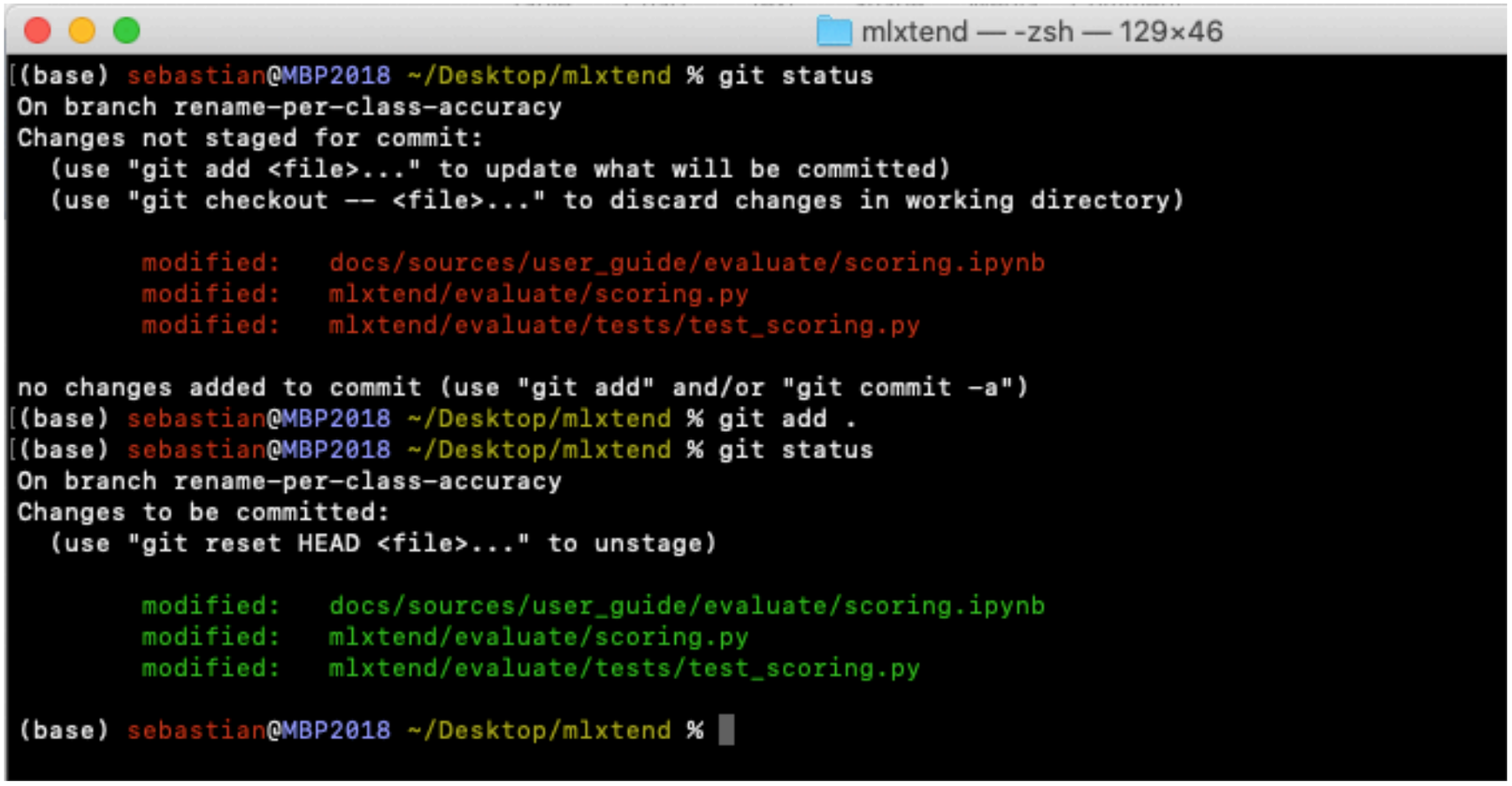
- Then add the files you want to upload via "git add filename"
- If the "git status" list does not include any files that you don't want to upload, you can also execute "git add ." to stage all files for uploading all files



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- After marking the files you want to upload via "git add", you can now use "git commit -m 'your message'" to make a entry in the GitHub history

```
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[(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git status
On branch rename-per-class-accuracy
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   docs/sources/user_guide/evaluate/scoring.ipynb
        modified:   mlxtend/evaluate/scoring.py
        modified:   mlxtend/evaluate/tests/test_scoring.py

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
[(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git add .
[(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git status
On branch rename-per-class-accuracy
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)

        modified:   docs/sources/user_guide/evaluate/scoring.ipynb
        modified:   mlxtend/evaluate/scoring.py
        modified:   mlxtend/evaluate/tests/test_scoring.py

(base) sebastian@MBP2018 ~/Desktop/mlxtend % git commit -m 'rename "per-class accuracy" to "average per-class accuracy"'
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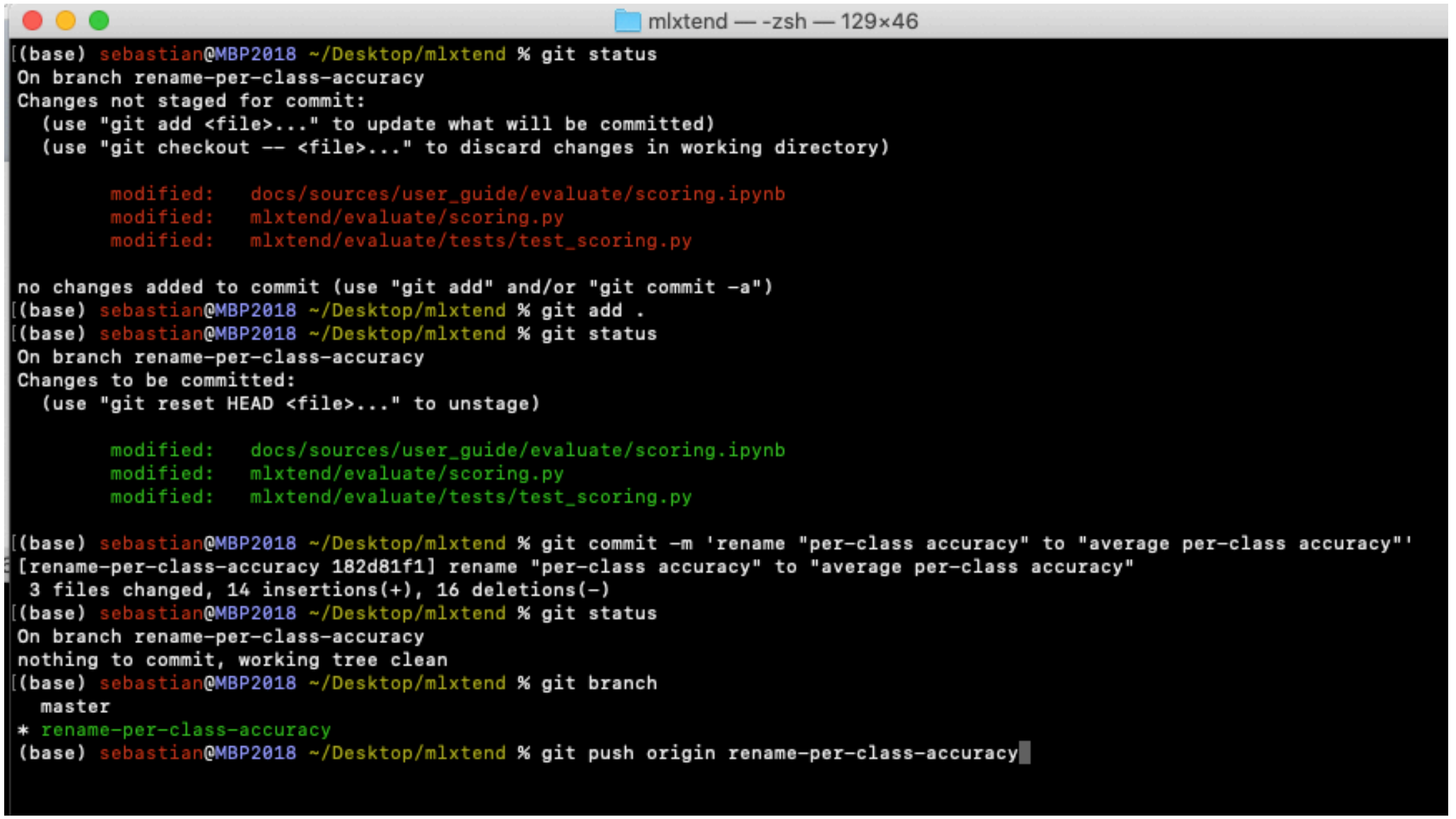
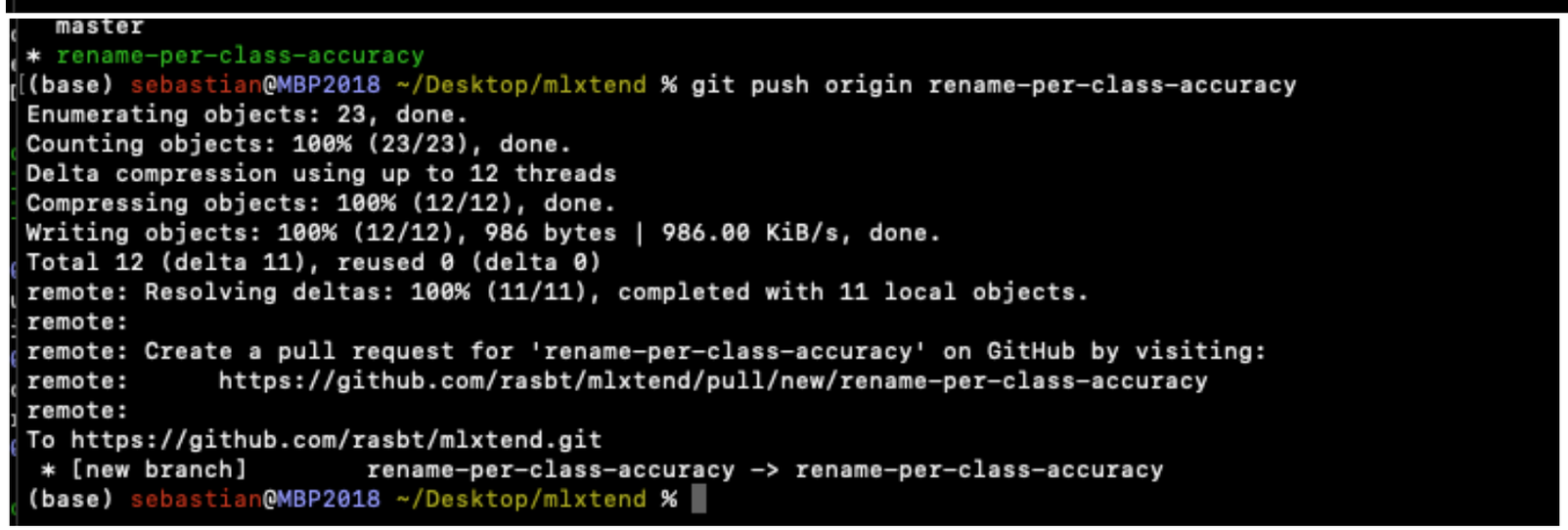
- **Push your changes to the server**





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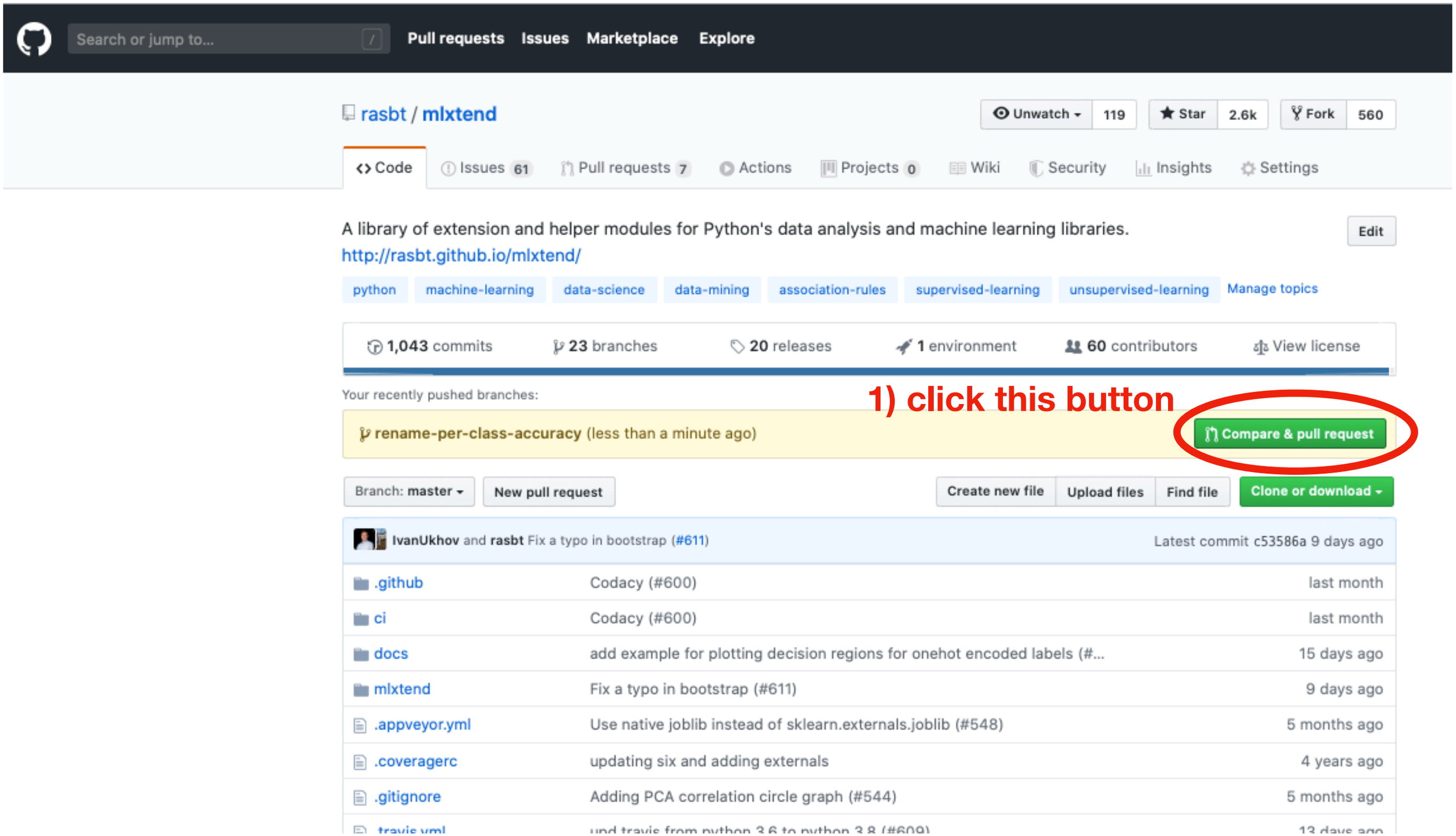

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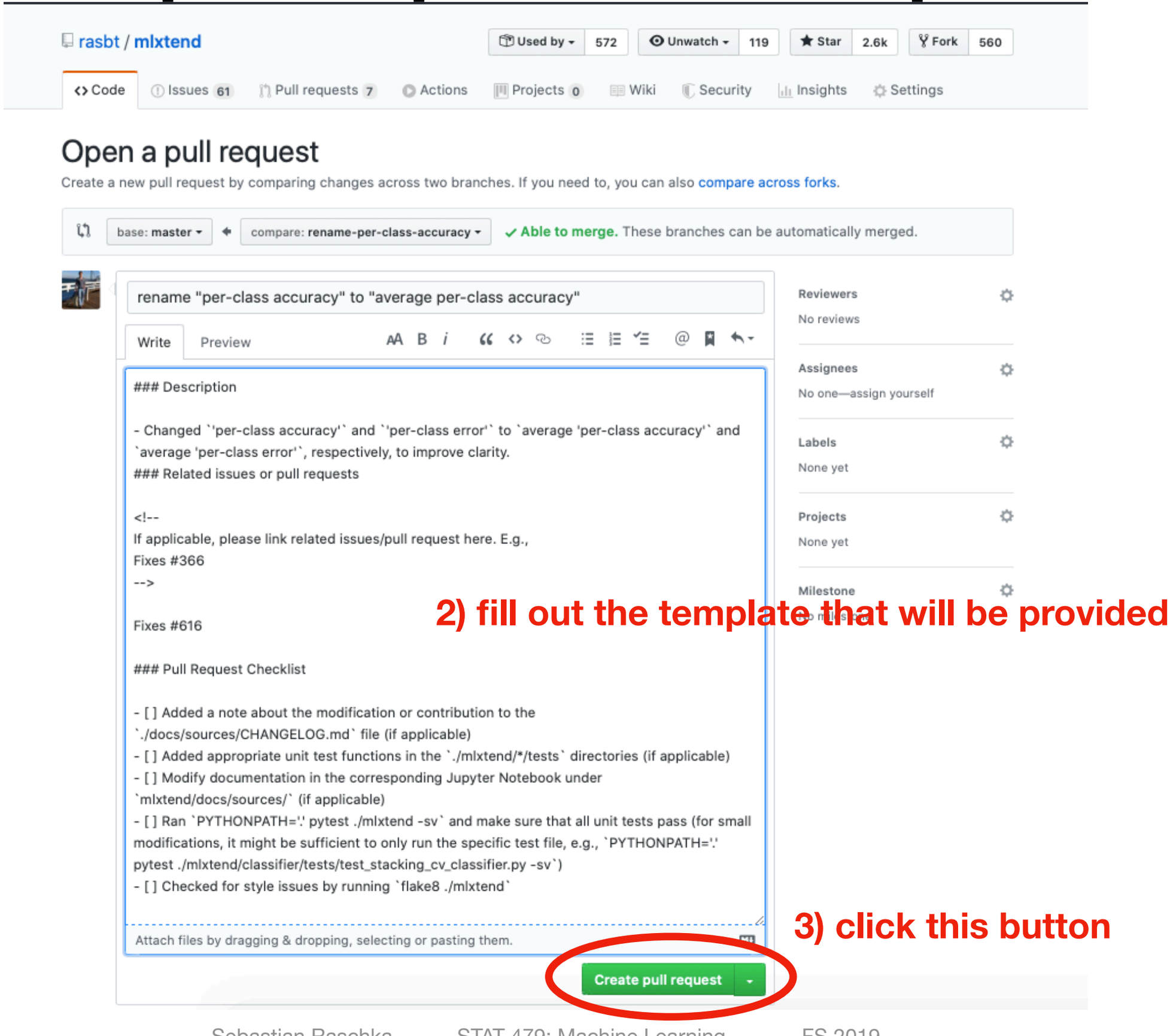

2) fill out the template that will be provided

3) click this button

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4) check off these items

5) check the automated unit test results later