

### 3.6.5 Update Your README File

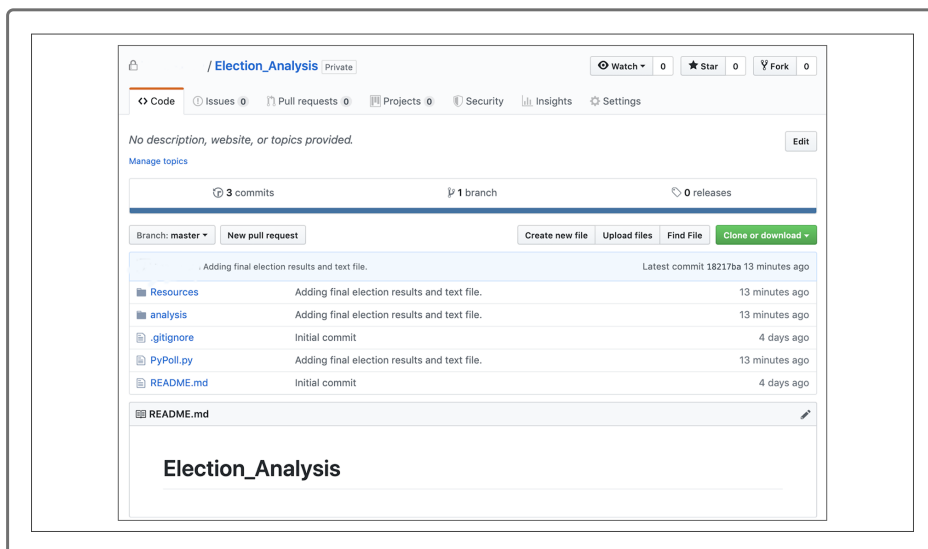
**Since** you did a great job on the election audit, Tom and Seth are going to share your GitHub repository with others on the team to showcase your code and results. This would be a good time to update your `README.md` file on GitHub with a description of your work and the results of the analysis.

Updating your GitHub repository `README.md` file is important because it allows you to explain the purpose of your repository and summarize key findings in your analysis. An `.md` file is a **markdown file**, the standard text file that GitHub uses.

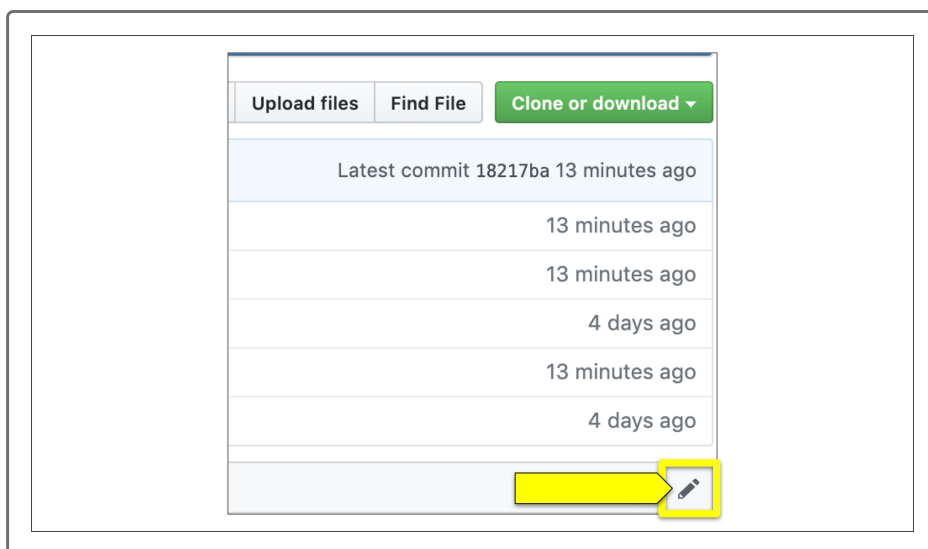
#### NOTE

We can edit a markdown file in GitHub directly or use VS Code. Here, we'll be using GitHub to better illustrate the changes that occur when editing a markdown file.

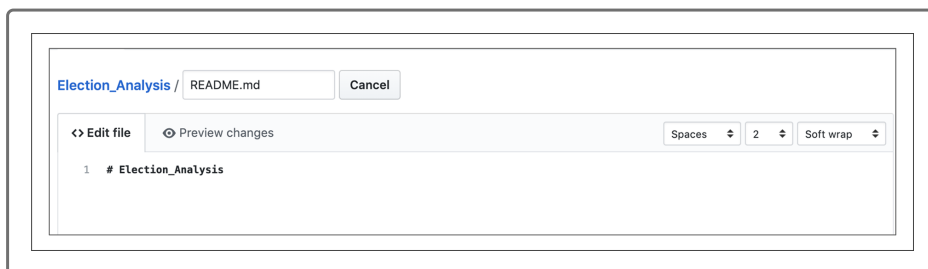
After you push up all of your edited files and folders to your GitHub repository, your repository should look something like this:



To update the `README.md` file, click the icon that looks like a pencil on the right-hand side.



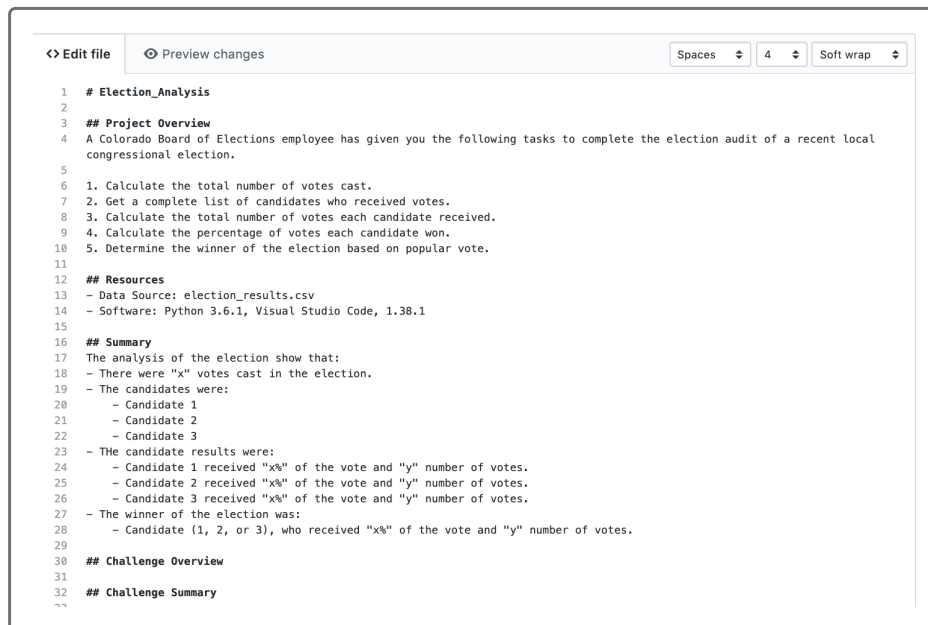
The screen should now look like this:



Now we can edit the `README.md` file. It's a best practice to provide at least a project overview, a list of resources and software—including the version of

the software you used—and a summary of the findings. The following screenshot shows an example of a descriptive `README.md` file.

Note that you will need to provide the specific details for the election audit summary.

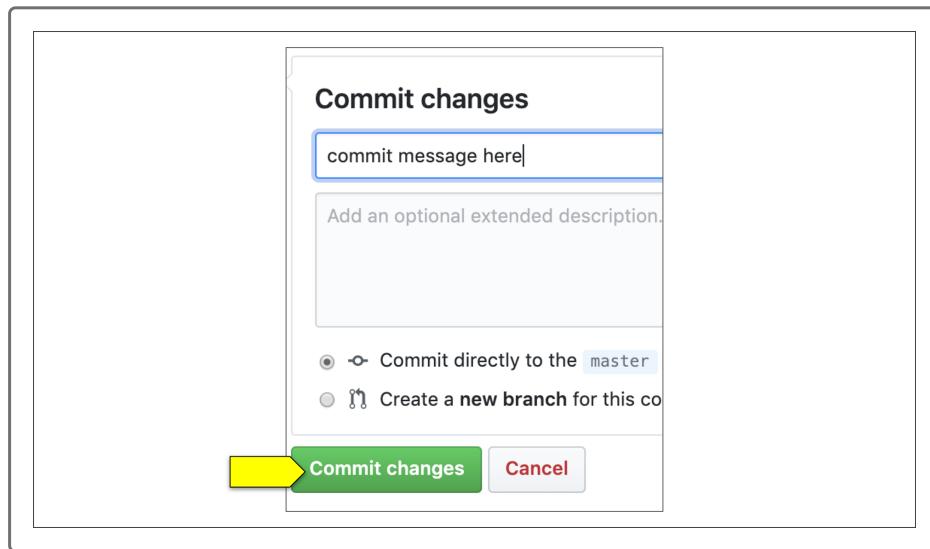


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3 ## Project Overview
4 A Colorado Board of Elections employee has given you the following tasks to complete the election audit of a recent local
  congressional election.
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6 1. Calculate the total number of votes cast.
7 2. Get a complete list of candidates who received votes.
8 3. Calculate the total number of votes each candidate received.
9 4. Calculate the percentage of votes each candidate won.
10 5. Determine the winner of the election based on popular vote.
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12 ## Resources
13 - Data Source: election_results.csv
14 - Software: Python 3.6.1, Visual Studio Code, 1.38.1
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21   - Candidate 2
22   - Candidate 3
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28   - Candidate (1, 2, or 3), who received "x%" of the vote and "y" number of votes.
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30 ## Challenge Overview
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32 ## Challenge Summary
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## NOTE

You will submit your completed Challenge using a GitHub URL. Be sure to provide a description of the Challenge. When you're done, add a description of your key findings.

When you are finished editing the README, scroll down to the bottom of the page and write a commit message below the "Commit changes" header, in the field that says "commit message here." This is the same message you would type when using the `git commit -m` command. After adding the message, press the green "Commit changes" button to commit the changes to your repository.



The screenshot shows the GitHub 'Commit changes' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Commit changes'. Below the title bar is a text input field containing 'commit message here'. Below that is a larger text area with the placeholder text 'Add an optional extended description.'. Below the text area are two radio button options: the first is selected and labeled 'Commit directly to the master', and the second is labeled 'Create a new branch for this commit'. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: a green 'Commit changes' button and a grey 'Cancel' button. A yellow arrow points to the 'Commit changes' button.

When the changes have been committed, refresh the GitHub repository homepage. You should see the changes made to the README file. To see the changes on your README file in your repository folder on your computer, navigate to your folder, type `git pull`, and then press Enter.

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## Election\_Analysis

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### Project Overview

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3. Calculate the total number of votes each candidate received.
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5. Determine the winner of the election based on popular vote.

### Resources

- Data Source: election\_results.csv
- Software: Python 3.6.1, Visual Studio Code, 1.38.1

### Summary

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### Challenge Overview

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### Challenge Summary

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## NOTE

For more information, see the [GitHub documentation on basic writing and formatting syntax](https://help.github.com/en/articles/basic-writing-and-formatting-syntax) [\\_\(https://help.github.com/en/articles/basic-writing-and-formatting-syntax\)\\_](https://help.github.com/en/articles/basic-writing-and-formatting-syntax).