Gists and Wikis

What Are Gists?

Now that we have a good understanding of repositories, we can review gists. Similarly to repositories, gists are a simplified way to share code snippets with others.

Key Features of Gists:

Every gist is a Git repository, which you can fork and clone.

Gists can be made either *public* or *secret*.
- Public gists are displayed publicly where people can browse new ones as they're created. Public gists are also searchable.
- Secret gists aren't searchable, but they aren't entirely private. If you send the URL of a secret gist to a friend, they'll be able to see it.

To learn more about gists, see the linked article "[Creating Gists](#)."

What Are Wikis?

Every repository on GitHub.com comes equipped with a section for hosting documentation, called a ***wiki***. You can use your repository's wiki to share long-form content about your project, such as how to use it, how you designed it, or its core principles. While a README file quickly tells what your project can do, you can use a wiki to provide additional documentation.

Access to Wikis:
- If your repository is private, only people who have at least read access to your repository will have access to your wiki.