### **MCI project** First Milestone Report

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Project Title:		

Project LS1

AI-Driven Warehouse Packing and Visualization Solutions

Milestone 1	Activities		Planned Outputs	Achieved Outputs
Restate the milestone from your Draft plan.	Restate the key activities from your draft plan.		Restate the planned outputs from your draft work plan.	Outline the actual outputs compared to what was projected (or type "same as planned")
	Project Plan	Create project timeline	Gantt chart with key milestones	Delivered comprehensive Sprint Plan (timeline) Week 3. Successfully broke down activities and outputs Milestone 1- focused schedule. [ref1, Appendix-Section1]
		Establish team structure	Team roles and responsibilities document	Completed the draft roles and responsibilities document in Week 5 assignment. Finalized with clear assignment of each role to specific team members in Week 6. [ref2, Appendix-Section2]
		Develop a communication strategy	Communication plan	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
		Gather client requirements	Product Requirements Document (PRD)	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
	Requirements	Map user flows	User journey diagram	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
Establish project	Analysis	Create user stories	User story with acceptance criteria	Same as planned [ref4, Appendix-Section3]
fundamentals (through planning,	Technical plan	Select technology stack	Technology stack documentation	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
requirements gathering, technical		Design system architecture	System architecture diagram	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
		Define API endpoints	API design document	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
design, and basic UI development)		Create database schema	Database schema design	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
development)	Development	Set up dev environment and build the main application layout	Basic UI framework implementation	Same as planned [ref5, GitHub Repository/dev-frontend; ref6, Appendix-Section4]
		Develop login/sign-up interface	Functional login/registration UI	Same as planned [ref6, Appendix-Section4]
		Define API contracts	API specification document	6 APIs in total: 1 API completed; 4 APIs reviewing and expected week 8 completed; 1 API planned week 9. [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]
		Configure database connections	Working database connection	Database setup completed with the User table created; remaining tables for items, tasks, containers, and related data will be added upon API implementation completion.
	Testing Plan	Identify key features for testing	Feature testing checklist	Same as planned [ref3, GitHub Repository/main]

 $Git Hub\ Repository: \underline{https://github.cs.adelaide.edu.au/MCI-Project-2025/LS1}$ 

#### Team reflection on progress

Provide some comments below regarding the completion of this milestone specifically around:

- 1. How is the project progressing?
- 2. Are there any differences between projected and actual outputs/outcomes?

### 1. Project Progress

All project phases are **progressing on schedule**, with significant advancements in planning, requirements analysis, and both front-end and back-end development.

### **Project Planning**

We implemented a structured a *sprint plan* in Week 3 that identified key activities. Then we drafted a detailed *Gantt chart* with detailed activates in Week 5 (see Appendix 1, Figures 1-2). This plan helped us to be able to stay focused and monitor progress effectively on a weekly basis. In addition, we planned weekly team meetings on Fridays, and bi-weekly client meetings to ensure synchronization of information and transparency of progress. In weeks 5-6, we formalized our team structure with clear divisions for front-end, back-end, and project management responsibilities. This organization enhances team cooperation, task authorization and overall responsibility.

#### **Requirements Analysis**

Our requirements phase produced a comprehensive *Product Requirements Document (PRD)* that thoroughly documents customer requirements. We also designed user *journey diagrams* to clearly illustrate the core interactions for both manager and worker roles. Additionally, we created *user stories* with clear acceptance criteria and documented them in the backlog list. These efforts provided clear direction and basis for the design and implementation phases.

### **Technical Development**

The **front-end** development has completed several critical components, including the user login and registration interfaces, role-based access control logic, the main interface layout for both manager and worker dashboard and implement the 3D/2D visualization using three.js (see Appendix 4, Figures 5-9), which has laid a good foundation for the subsequent task operation functions. At the same time, team members proactively developed *feature testing checklists* during UI implementation, which will serve as the framework for our comprehensive testing strategy in the next sprint. We also completed the deployment of Docker containers and Nginx service configuration, and wrote a deployment document, initially establishing a deployment process applicable to this project.

On the **back-end**, we implemented the Flask framework in the dev-backend branch and began building out the main files within the /backend directory. The login API is now fully operational and documented. We have also successfully connected to the database and set up and tested the User table. We are also halfway to completing the Docker and virtual environment and making for easier testing and deployment. All development efforts remain on target according to the project timeline, with integration tasks scheduled for completion by the end of the current sprint.

### 2. Differences

#### **Project Planning Adjustments**

Project planning is proceeding on schedule for most tasks with only one notable change. We postponed team role assignments from Week 5 to Week 6 due to unclear

requirements (see Appendix 2, Figure 3). This delay allowed us to ultimately assign roles based on team members' technical backgrounds, which improved our team structure and resulted in better execution efficiency and cooperation.

### **Back-End Development Gaps**

The key difference in back-end development is the number of completed **APIs**. We planned six key APIs to be completed and reviewed by this sprint, but only completed one (the *login API*). The other five APIs are still in progress or under review. Regarding **database** development, we have only completed the User table. The remaining tables for items, tasks, containers, and related data are pending and will be added upon completion of their respective API implementations. Despite these gaps, the core back-end structure is now properly organized, and we expect to complete all remaining APIs and database tables by the end of the sprint.

### Team reflection on managing problems

Have you encountered any problems to date? If so, how have you managed them?

### **Task Allocation Challenges**

Initially, we faced insufficient team interaction resulting in uneven task distribution. Two members were overcontributing while others showed limited engagement. After supervisor intervention, all members accepted responsibility for specific modules. When workload imbalances became apparent, we implemented self-assessment of task difficulty and time estimates. Team members with heavier workloads requested help, while those with lighter workloads provided support.

#### **Task Progress Issues**

Despite exceeding initial overall progress expectations, several key deliverables were delayed. The Docker platform was completed two weeks behind schedule, and the API specification document missed its agreed deadline. To resolve these issues, we implemented GitHub backlog Kanban boards to visualize workflow bottlenecks (see Appendix 5, Figure 10) and increased communication in our development chat. As a result, we successfully achieved all major milestones including technical design, platform layout, and key user interfaces.

#### **Version Control Problems**

We addressed specific workflow inconsistencies during development:

- 1. A team member bypassed the pull request workflow and merged directly to the main branch during Worker Dashboard development, increasing potential conflicts and complicating code tracking. We resolved this by implementing mandatory PR-based submission with formal code reviews (see Appendix 6, Figures 11-12).
- 2. During registration page development, a team member did not reference existing login components and requirements, creating inconsistencies. The team lead identified these issues during PR review, provided feedback, and the member reorganized the page to maintain unified style and functionality.

Overall, effective communication and collaboration have enabled the team to overcome these challenges while maintaining better-than-expected progress.

Supervisor assessment	Please, rate your team (1) effort, (2) project progress and (3) their self-reflection for milestone 1 Rating scale 1-10 as per standard marking scheme, ie 5 is a Pass and 7 is a credit. Add some comments to explain your rating
Effort:	
Progress:	
Reflection:	

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## **Section 1 Project Plan**

# **MCI Project - LS1 Timeline**

Sprint 1 Week 3-4

Sprint 2 Week 5-6 (17/3 - 30/3)(31/3 - 13/4)

Sprint 3 Week 7-8 (28/4 - 11/5)

Sprint 4 Week 9-10 (12/5 - 25/5)

Sprint 5 Week 11-12 (26/5 - 8/6)

Sprint 6 Week 13-14 (9/6 - 22/6)

### **Project Plan**

#### **Deliverables**

- · Project Demo/Flowchart
- · User's Story
- Product Requirements Document (PRD)
- Project Planning
- Communication Plan
- Pitch Presentation (week 4)

### **Technical Design**

#### **Deliverables**

- Tech Stack Selection
- Technical Docs
- Architecture Doc
- · Database/API Define
- Team Roles and Responsibilities Document
- Business Case (week 5)

#### **Deliverables**

- · Front-End Dev
  - · Set up FE dev-env
  - · Basic UI framework and components design

**Development** 

- · Log in/Register UI
- Manager/Worker dashboard
- · 3D/2D Visualisation implement
- · Back-End Dev
  - · Set up Docker env
  - · Database schema design
  - API specification Document
  - · Set up database
- Milestone Report (week 8)

## **Development**

- **Deliverables**  Front-End Dev
  - · API review, hooks define
  - · Backend integration
  - · Feature testing checklist
  - · Visualisation UI optimize
- Back-End Dev
- · Frontend integration
- Al placement algorithm integration
- · Visualisation module integration
- Alpha Version
- Testing Plan (week 10)

### **Test & Review**

- User Acceptance Test
- Bug Fix
- User Experience Improvement

**Deliverables** 

- · Beta Release
- · Final Demo Test

Feedback Collection

## **Final Launch**

- **Deliverables** Product release
- Reflection
- Final Software Demo (week 13)
- Final Report (week 14)

Week 7

Establish Project Fundamentals (planning, technical design and basic UI implementation ) Milestone 2

Week 10

Build and integrate all core functionality and interactions across the platform

Launch

Week 14

Deliver the final optimized product and all required assignments

Figure 1 MCI Project - LS1 Timeline

### **MCI Project - LS1 Gantt Chart (Milestone 1)**

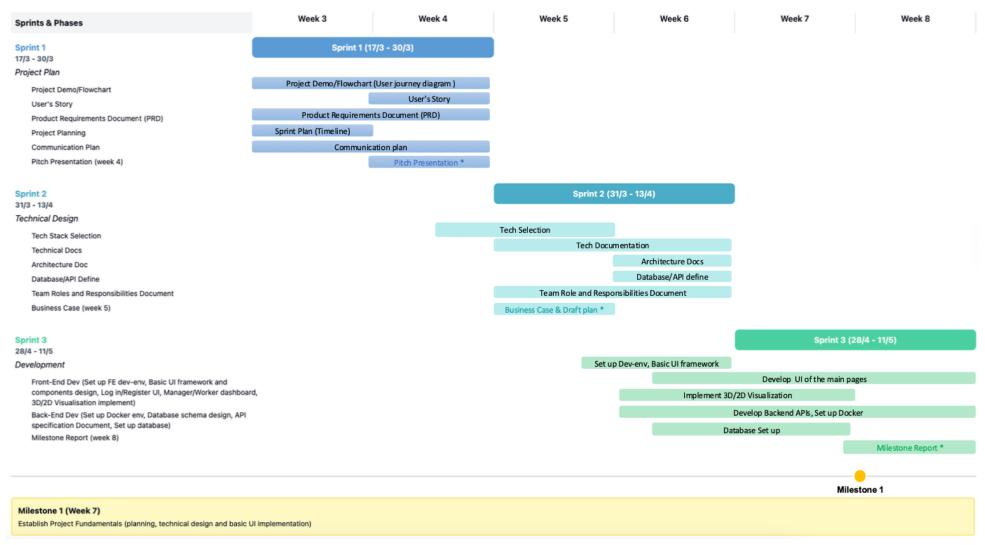


Figure 2 MCI Project - LS1 Gantt Chart (Milestone 1)

# **Section 2 Team Organization**

### Team Organization V1.0

#### Internal Roles

Role	Responsibilities	Assignment Approach
Project Coordinator	Meeting facilitation, risk management, progress reporting, team coordination	Shared/Rotating weekly among all members
Requirements Analyst	Requirement gathering, feature specification, user story and acceptance criteria definition	Collaborative effort by all team members
Full-Stack Developer	Frontend UI implementation, backend API development, database design, integration testing	All team members contribute based on current project needs
3D/2D Visualization Specialist	Implementation of warehouse visualization components, algorithm output rendering, and interactive display features	Team members with relevant expertise

#### **External Stakeholders**

Role	Responsibilities	Entity
Algorithm Specialist	Development of optimization algorithms, performance tuning, and integration support	External Developer
Supervisor	Technical guidance, project evaluation, and client communication facilitation	Course Instructor
Client	Business requirements definition, feedback on deliverables, final acceptance	Client Representative

### Team Organization V2.0

#### Internal Roles

Role	Responsibilities	Assigned Student
Project Coordinator	Meeting facilitation, risk management, progress reporting, team coordination	Shared/Rotating weekly among all members
Requirements Analyst	Requirement gathering, feature specification, user story and acceptance criteria definition	Collaborative effort by all team members
Front End Developer	UI implementation, backend integration, user experience design	Ruxin Ma (Lead) Shiyu Zhao Jiahui Huang
Back End Developer	API development, database design, integration with frontend/algorithms/visualization	Feinan Guo (Lead) Xuran Chen Jiabao Ye
3D/2D Visualization Specialist	Warehouse visualization components, algorithm output rendering, interactive display features	Jiahui Huang

#### **External Stakeholders**

Role	Responsibilities	Person
Algorithm Specialist	Optimization algorithm development, backend integration support	Jiabao Ye
Supervisor	Technical guidance, project evaluation, and client communication facilitation	Lia Song (Course Instructor)
Client	Business requirements definition, feedback on deliverables, final acceptance	Dr. Liu (Client Representative)

## **Section 3 Users' Story**

https://github.cs.adelaide.edu.au/orgs/MCI-Project-2025/projects/21/views/1

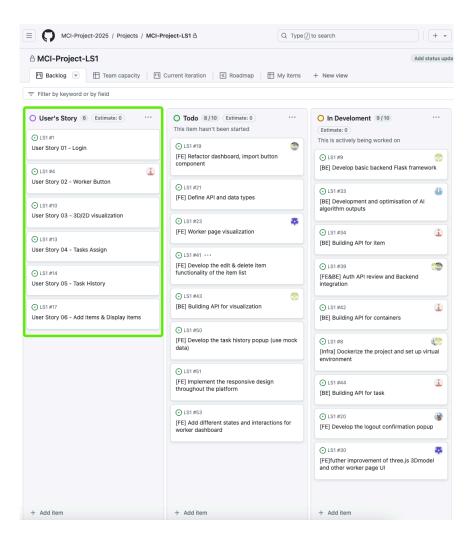


Figure 4 Screenshot of User's story

## **Section 4 User Interfaces of the Platform**



## **Warehouse System**

### **Welcome Back!**

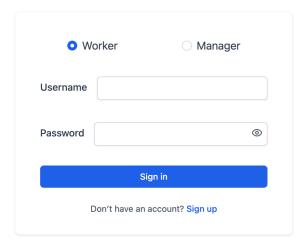


Figure 5 Login Page User Interface



# **Warehouse System**

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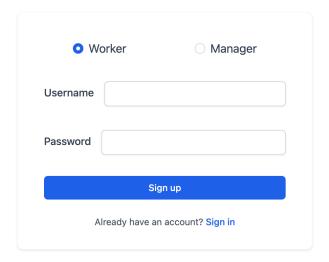


Figure 6 Register Page User Interface

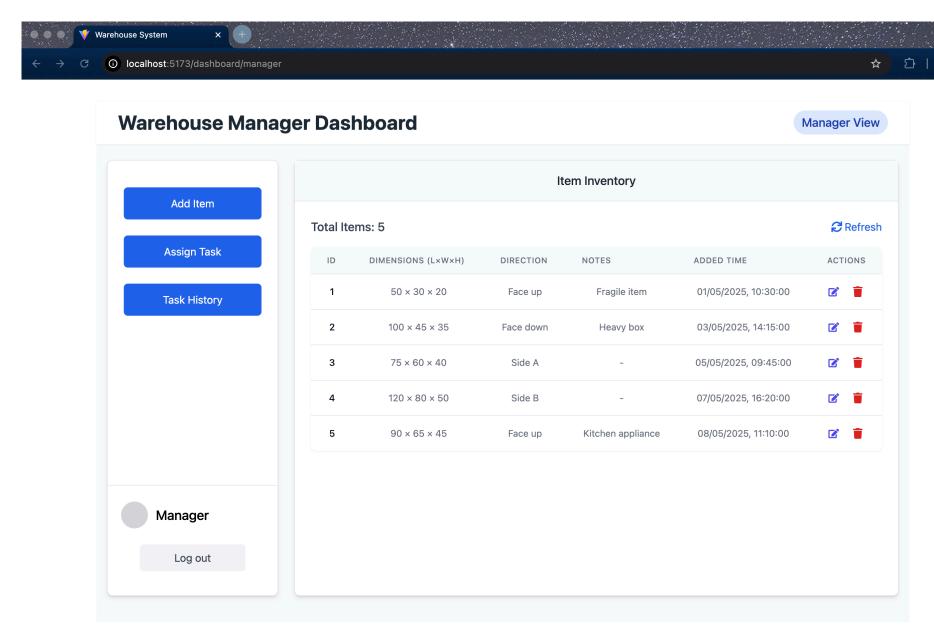


Figure 7 Manager Dashboard Page User Interface

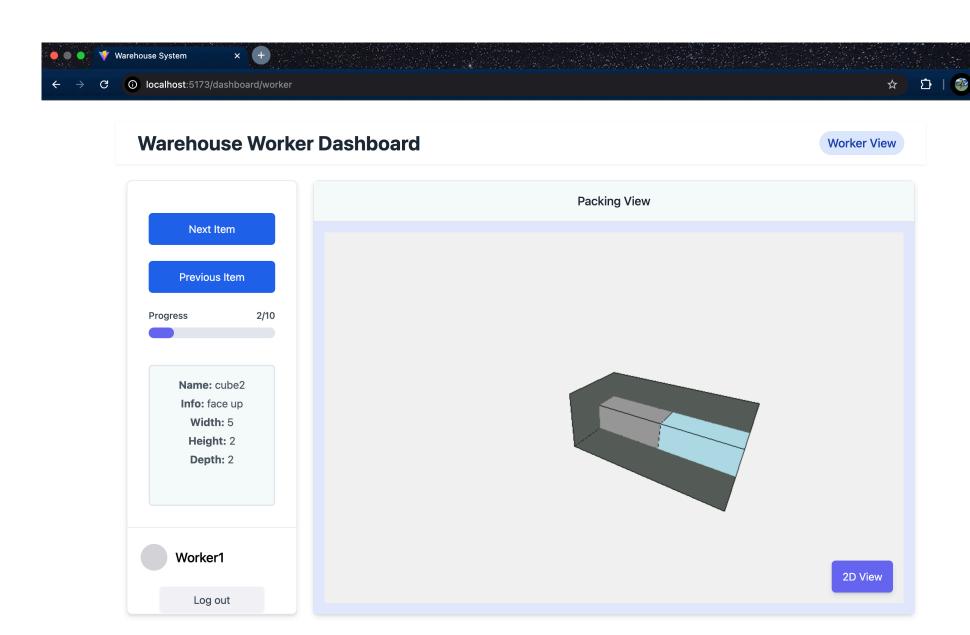


Figure 8 Manager Dashboard Page User Interface

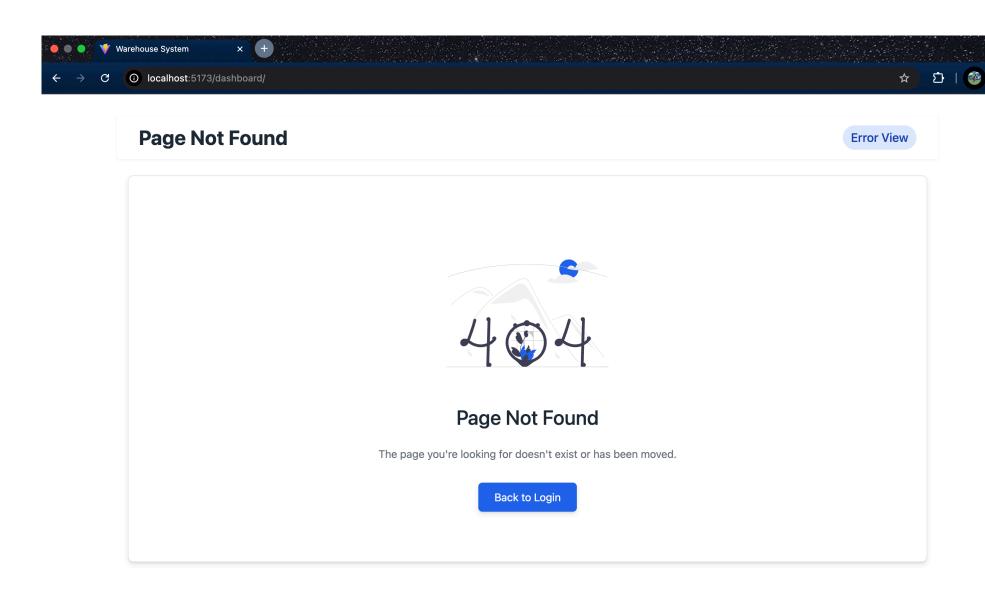


Figure 9 Not Found Page User Interface

## **Section 5 Project Backlog**

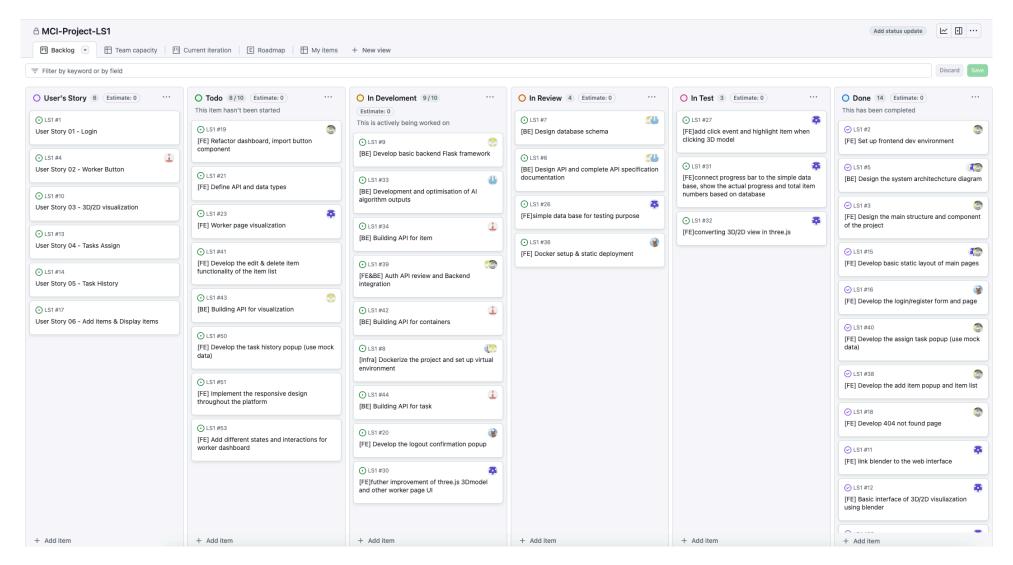


Figure 10 Progress Track and Project Management

## **Section 6 GitHub Pull Request**

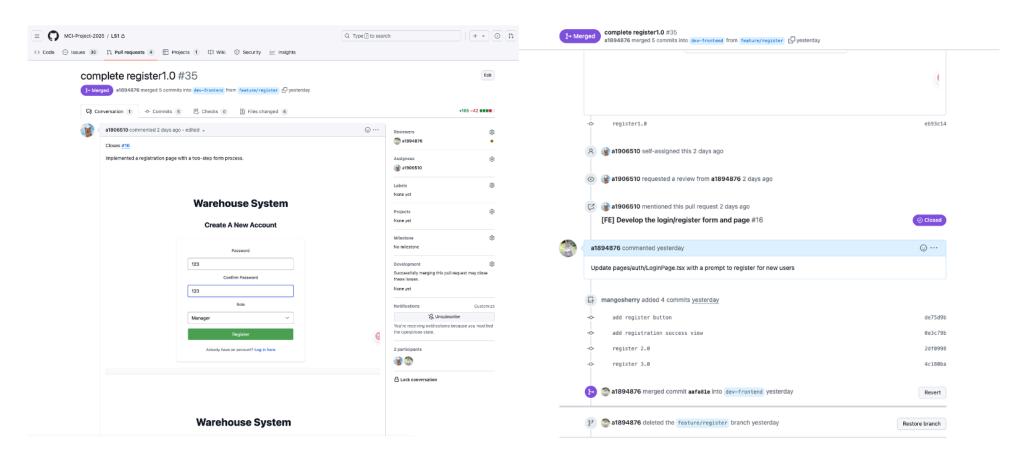


Figure 11 Version Control and Code Review (PR Example 1)

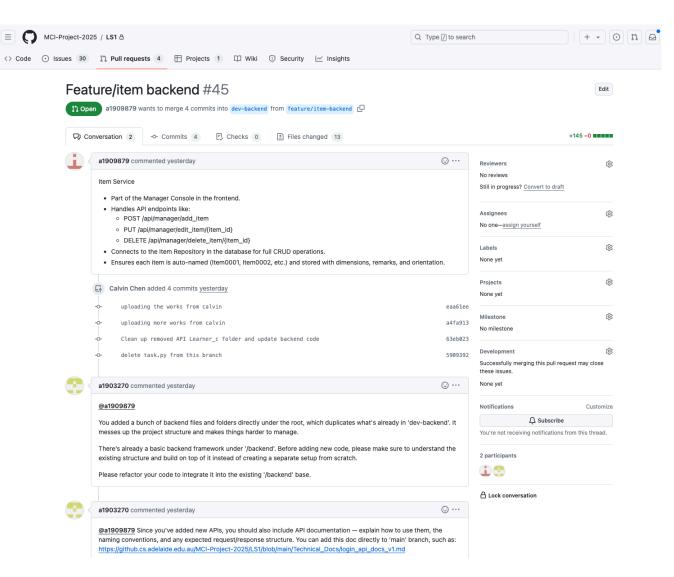


Figure 12 Version Control and Code Review (PR Example 1)