# Software Design for Data Science

**Team Collaboration** 

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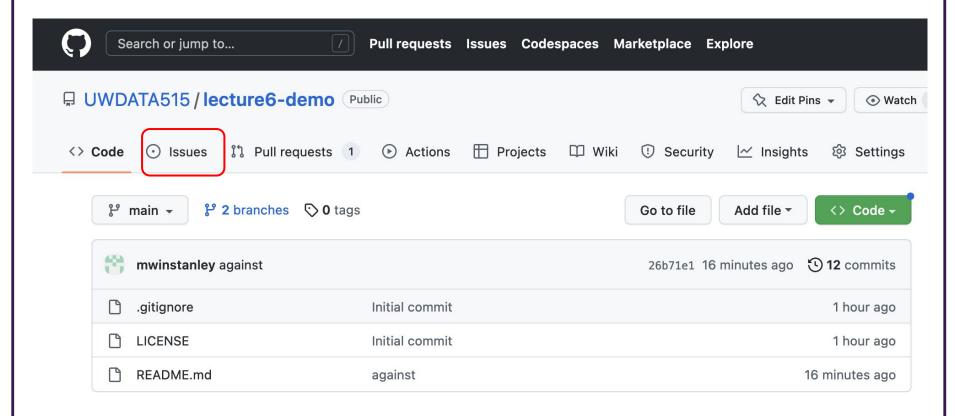


## **Standups**

- What is a standup?
  - 1-2 minutes per person
- Why standups?
  - Communicate status and actions within and between teams.
- What do I say in a standup?
  - Progress you've made since the last standup
    - How it compares with the plan
    - If behind plan, how to compensate to make plan end date
  - Deliverables for next period
  - Challenges to making next deliverables
    - Technology uncertainties and blockers
    - Team issues

-UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON-**Standups** In class!

#### **GitHub Issues**



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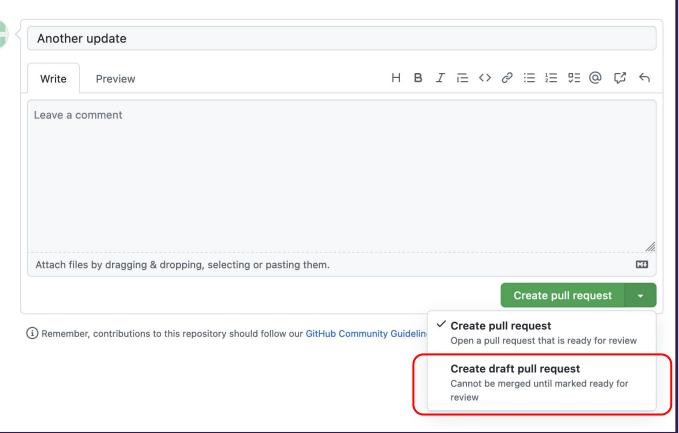
- Good way to keep track of
  - Milestones
  - Tasks
  - o Bugs
- If you link to an issue in a PR, it will auto-link the two
- Use it if you like!

## **GitHub Pull Requests**

- Pull Request = "PR"
  - Yeah, it's a confusing name: "hey repo owners, please PULL my change into main"
- What's in the description of a PR?
  - Background
    - Describe what change you are making
    - Describe how that change affects the application
  - Test plan
    - How did you test the code?
    - Include specific commands that you ran, and the output
- ALWAYS!
- Only push directly to main in a true emergency (not in this class!)

## Good option: draft pull requests

If you're not fully ready to submit it for code review



### **Code Reviews**

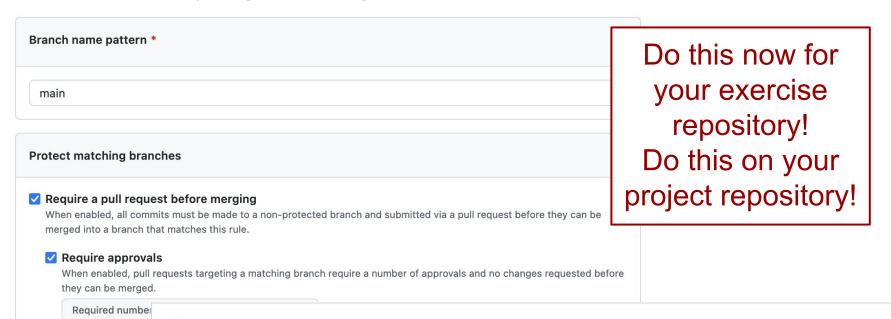
- What is code review?
  - Someone looks at, comments on, and approves a PR NOT one person
- Why code review?
  - To find bugs
  - To improve code quality
- What do you comment on in a code review?
  - Bugs or missing pieces
  - Style
    - Choice of variable and function names
    - Code readability
  - If the PR doesn't have a test plan
  - How to improve reuse and efficiency
  - How to use existing Python packages

#### **Branch Protection**

- Protect main against accidents!
- Require pull requests and code reviews
- Common in the real world

#### **Branch Protection**

GitHub Repository Page > Settings > Branches > Add branch protection rule



The above settings will apply to administrators and custom roles with the "bypass branch protections" permission.

Do not allow bypassing the above settings

## **Communication strategies**

- Use a chat mechanism for informal, quick communication
  - Email doesn't really work
  - Slack
  - Microsoft Teams
  - Discord
  - Google Chat
- Don't hesitate to hop on a Zoom to follow-up
- Documentation as communication
  - Code documentation
  - Pull request description

## Pair programming

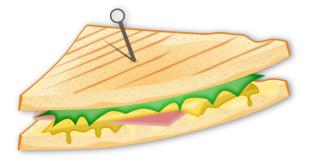
- Two people, one keyboard
- Fewer mistakes with more eyes
- Learning for both people

Consider trying it for difficult tasks!

- Swap who has hands on keyboard at least every 30 minutes
- Keep talking

#### Fast feedback

- Quick responses to communication
  - Code reviews
  - Emails
  - Chat
- Constructive criticism
  - Consider (gently) giving teammates feedback
  - Make observations, not generalization
  - Sandwich approach
  - Listen to the response!
  - Don't wait until the survey at the end of the quarter!



# **Collaboration Summary**

- Standups
- GitHub issues
- Pull requests
- Code reviews
- Chat
- Pair programming
- Fast feedback