Iterator Helpers update

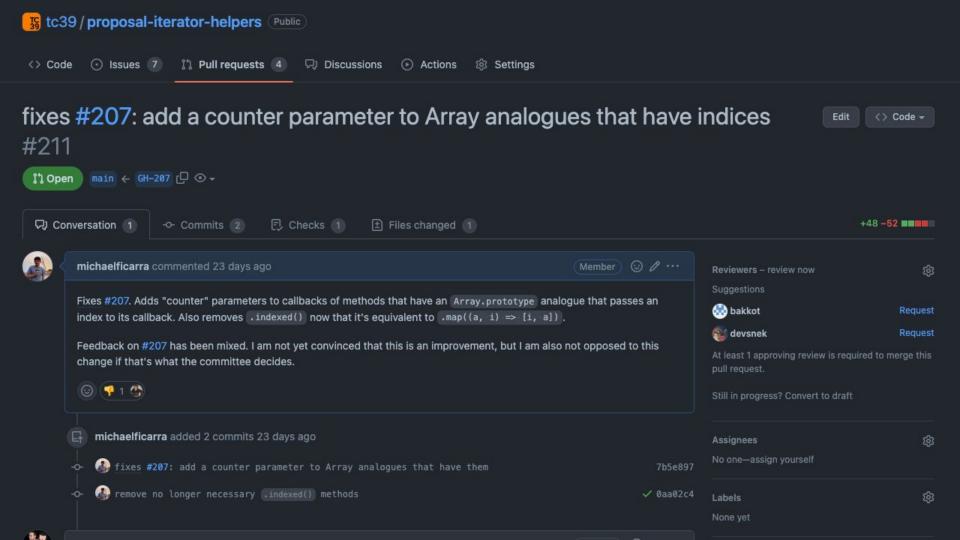
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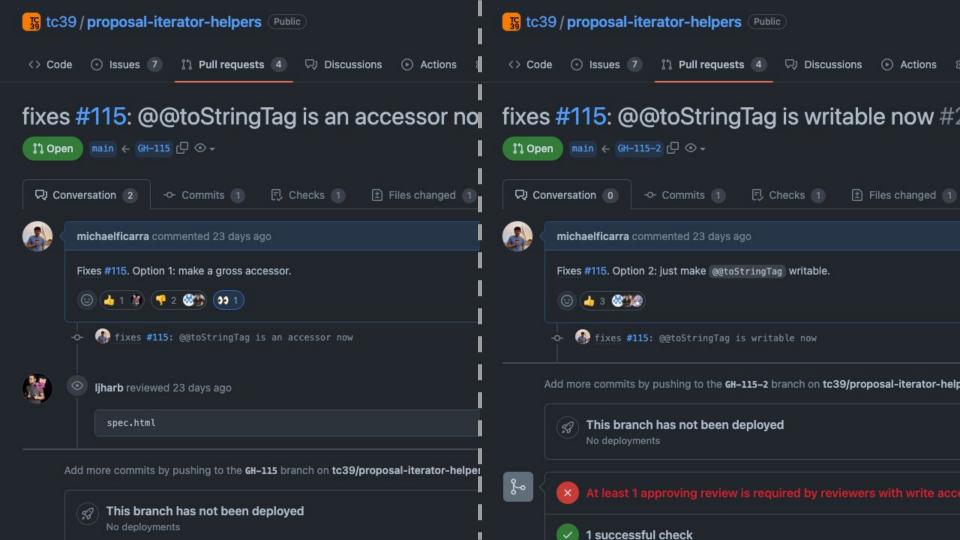
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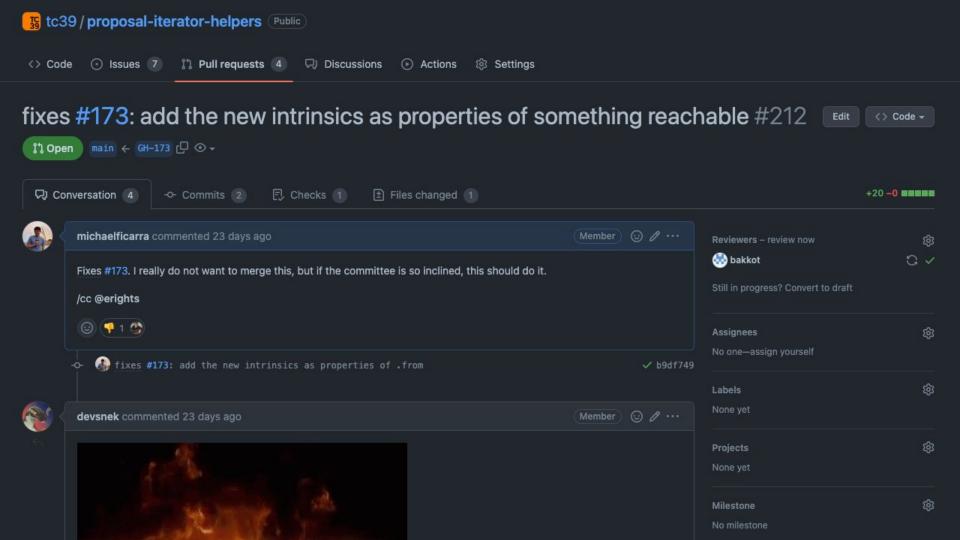
aside: how I would like to receive feedback today

resolutions to previously discussed topics







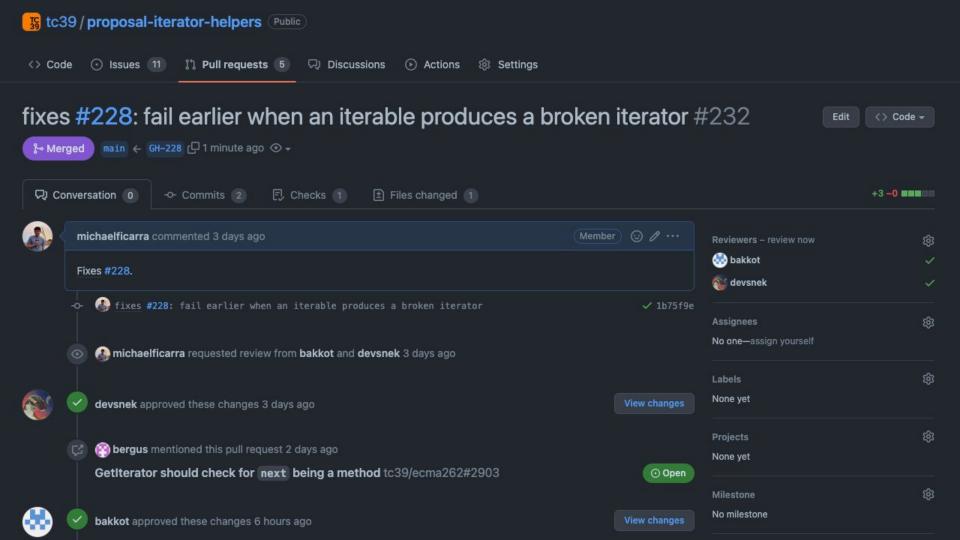


proposal summary (assuming all 3 PRs are accepted)

- Iterator()
- Iterator.from(O)
 - $\circ \qquad . \underline{WrapForValidIteratorPrototype}$
- <u>Iterator.HelperPrototype</u>
- Iterator.prototype
 - constructor
 - .map(<u>mapperWithCounter</u>)
 - .filter(<u>predicateWithCounter</u>)
 - o .take(limit)
 - .drop(limit)
 - o .flatMap(<u>mapperWithCounter</u>)
 - .reduce(<u>reducerWithCounter</u> [, initialValue])
 - o .toArray()
 - o .forEach(effectWithCounter)
 - o .some(<u>predicateWithCounter</u>)
 - .every(<u>predicateWithCounter</u>)
 - o .find(<u>predicateWithCounter</u>)
 - o [@@toStringTag]
 - o <u>.toAsync()</u>

- AsyncIterator()
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other noteworthy changes



new open questions

forEach return value (#217)

- currently: undefined
- possibly: "value" from IteratorResult object when its "done" is true
- argument in favour:
 - final values are useful; that's why the generator protocol has them
- argument against:
 - not part of the Iteration subset of the protocol used by for-of/for-await-of
 - already decided earlier that Iterator helpers do not preserve the full generator protocol
 - while technically part of the Iteration protocol, this value is not observable using existing facilities

should flatMap flatten iterables or iterators? (#229)

- currently: .flatMap calls GetIterator on the result of the passed callback
- possibly: assume the result is already an iterator
- argument in favour:
 - X.prototype.flatMap flattens Xs
 - o doesn't currently work with manually implemented iterators that are not also iterable
- argument against:
 - convenient for callbacks that already produce iterables
- considerations:
 - o maybe accept both? (see open PR <u>#233</u>)
 - should Iterator.from and AsyncIterator.from be aligned with this logic?
 - what does async flatMap do when a sync iterator is returned?
 - are primitives (including strings!) iterable if they have a Symbol.iterator or should they fail?
 - what will we do about Tuples when they land?

allow interleaved next/return on produced async iterators (#223)

- in manual async iterators
 - you can call .return while .next is waiting on an async operation
 - o so you can trigger cleanup/cancellation before the async operation to completes
- since .map has its own internal queue of calls to .next/.return
 - o it never calls .return on the underlying iterator while it's waiting on .next
 - o so map limits the above use case as specified today
- also applies to many other async iterator helpers

Due to significant new design questions, no stage 3 today.

Hopefully next meeting.