

INTRODUCTION

This document is step-by-step instructions on how to enter a new meet into OpenPowerlifting using a browser in Microsoft Windows and Web IDE. (The Web IDE is an advanced editor with commit staging. You can use the Web IDE to make changes to multiple files directly from the GitLab UI.)

These instructions assume that you have the data files completed and ready to be uploaded to your project from a local or Cloud directory. There are four (4) files that can be uploaded, three (3) of which are mandatory. The four files are:

- entries.csv
 - **MANDATORY** file
 - For format and requirements, see
<https://gitlab.com/openpowerlifting/opl-data/-/blob/main/docs/data-readme.md>)
- meet.csv
 - **MANDATORY** file
 - For format and requirements, see
<https://gitlab.com/openpowerlifting/opl-data/-/blob/main/docs/results-format.md>
- URL
 - **MANDATORY** file
 - Copy the URL at which the original data can be found
 - Save as a text file with NO file extension
- original.csv
 - Optional file
 - The original data from the federation

NOTE - The names of these files must be **EXACTLY** (all lowercase except for "URL") as shown above.

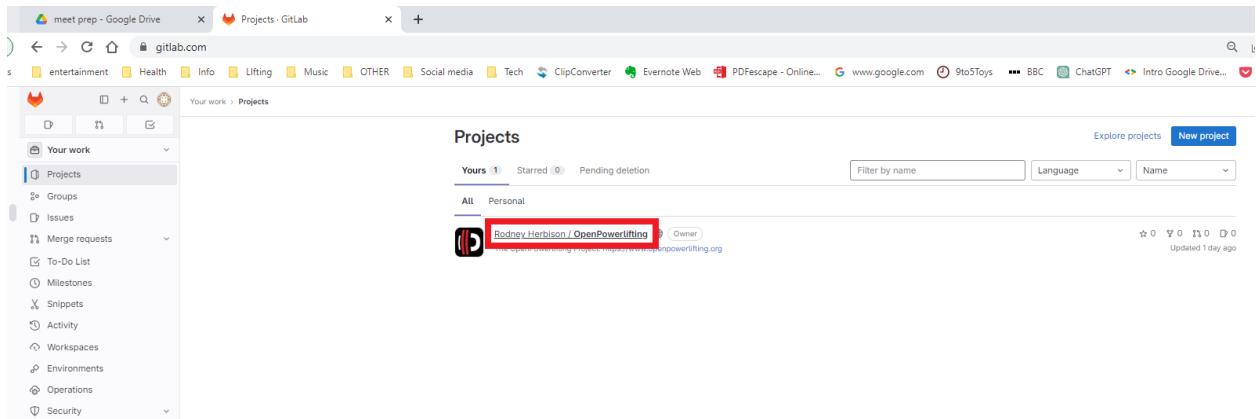
Once you have the entries.csv and meet.csv completed, you can do a quick check for errors, and if needed add the meet placing for lifters, by using the OpenPowerlifting Online Checker: "Clippy" Edition at <https://www.openpowerlifting.org/dev>

- If you use Clippy to add the lifter placing, remember to copy and paste the results back to your entries.csv file and save it.

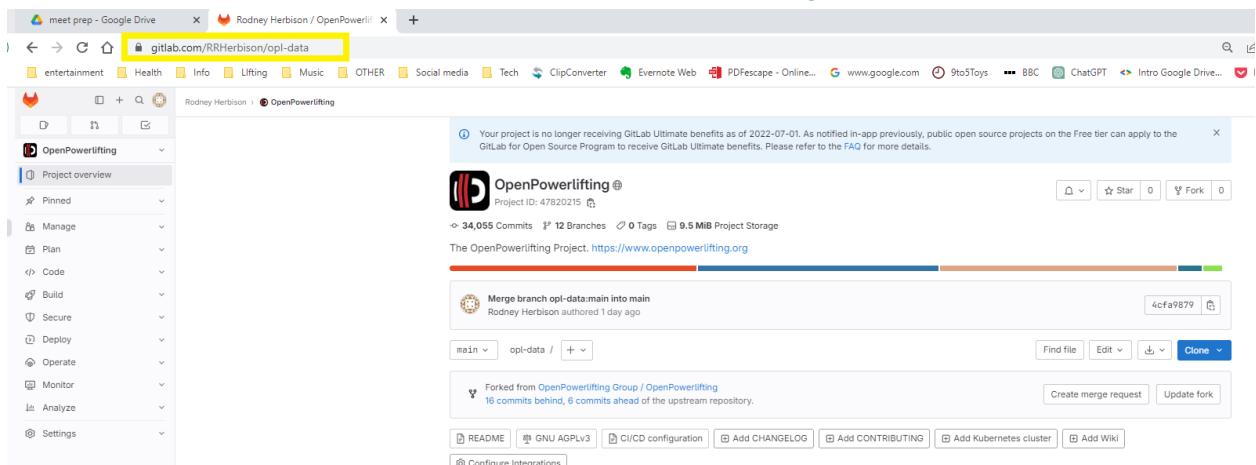
For a glossary of some commonly used terms, [click here](#).

The process:

- Go to https://gitlab.com/users/sign_in
 - Sign in to Gitlab
- To get to my workspace,
 - If signing in for the first time:
 - go to <https://gitlab.com/openpowerlifting/opl-data>
 - Sign-in (top right)
 - If previously signed-in, click on the link to your OpenPowerlifting branch



- Check to ensure that you are on YOUR branch.
 - Make sure the URL is [https://gitlab.com/\(your gitlab username\)/opl-data/](https://gitlab.com/(your gitlab username)/opl-data/)
 - I am RRHerbison, so the URL is <https://gitlab.com/RRHerbison/opl-data/>



- Check to see if the fork is up to date. If not, use the update “Update fork button on the right side ¼ - ½ of the way down the page

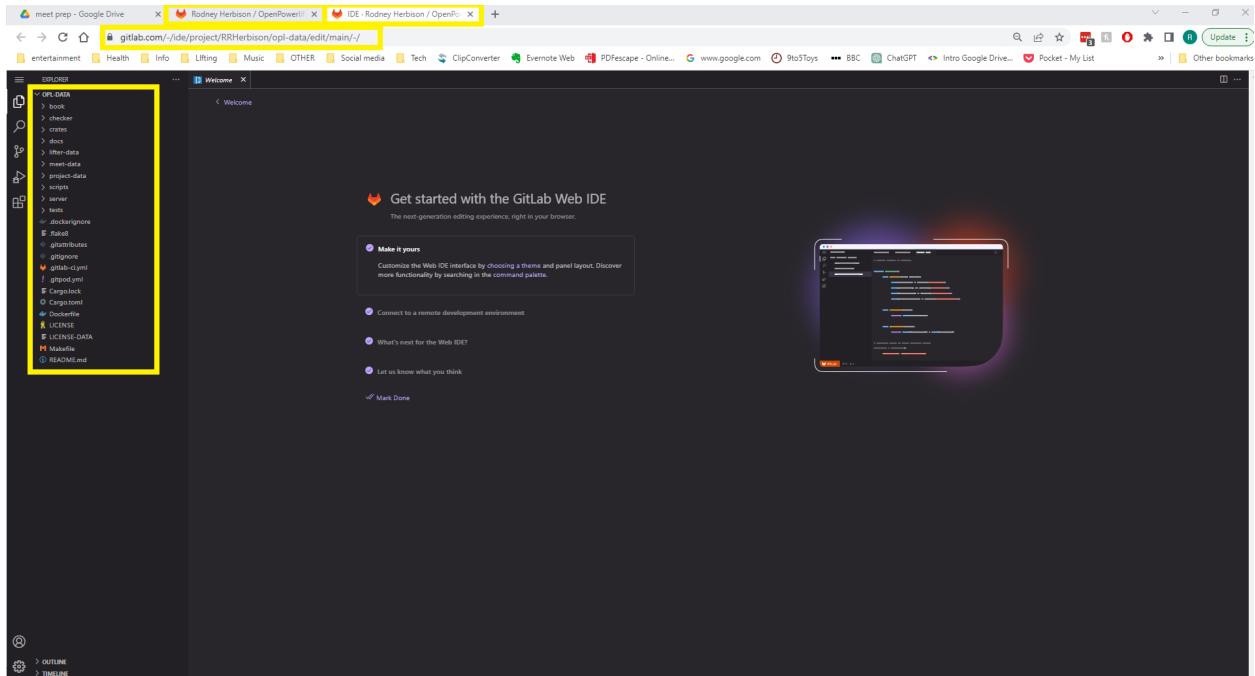
The screenshot shows a GitLab fork page for the project 'OpenPowerlifting'. The main header indicates the project is no longer receiving GitLab Ultimate benefits. Below this, the repository details show 34,055 commits, 12 branches, and 9.5 MB of project storage. A prominent merge request is visible, titled 'Merge branch opl-data:main into main', authored by Rodney Herbison 1 day ago. At the bottom right of the page, there is a red box highlighting the 'Update fork' button.

- Opening fork in WebIDE
 - Select “Edit” then “Web IDE”

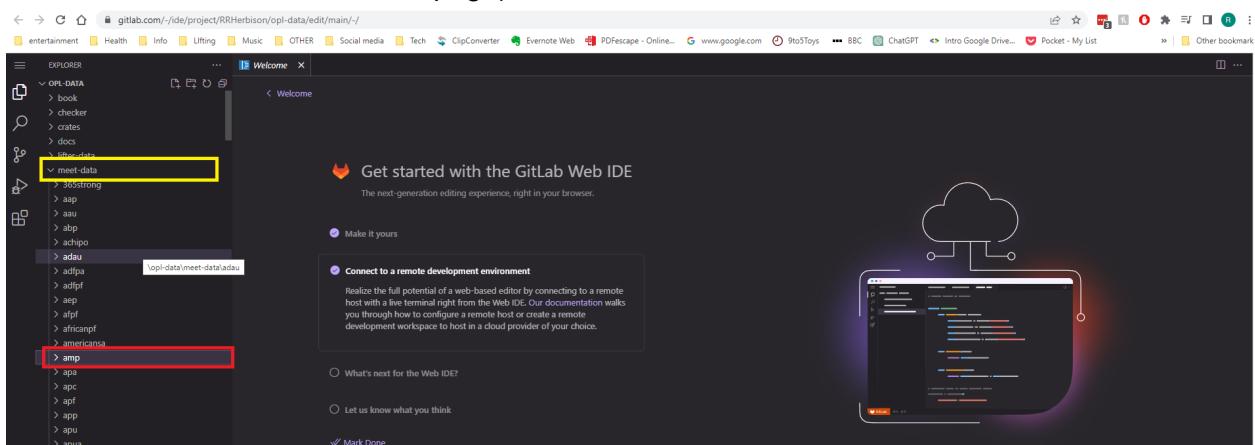
The screenshot shows a GitLab fork page for the project 'OpenPowerlifting'. The 'Edit' menu is open, and the 'Web IDE' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a list of recent commits, including one from Julien Comte 1 hour ago. The 'Edit' menu also includes options for 'Gitpod' and 'Your workspaces'.

Name	Last commit	Time Ago
book	Add 2022 APF Main Street Mayhem	1 hour ago
checker	Update Rust dependencies	
crates	Display Kuwait filters from UAEPA on KPC. Correct OC...	
docs	Add final link	
lifter-data	Link some IGs. Close #16716, #16709, #16704, and #167...	
meet-data	Add DOB for USAPL lifter. Close #16714	3 years ago
project-data	Add a gold IPF logo to OpenIPF desktop. Closes #4540	1 month ago
scripts	Remove unused flair field from compile-sqlite	6 days ago
server	Update maintainership info for NZPF	2 months ago
tests	Fix equipment for Andrew Lim 2, closes #15667	

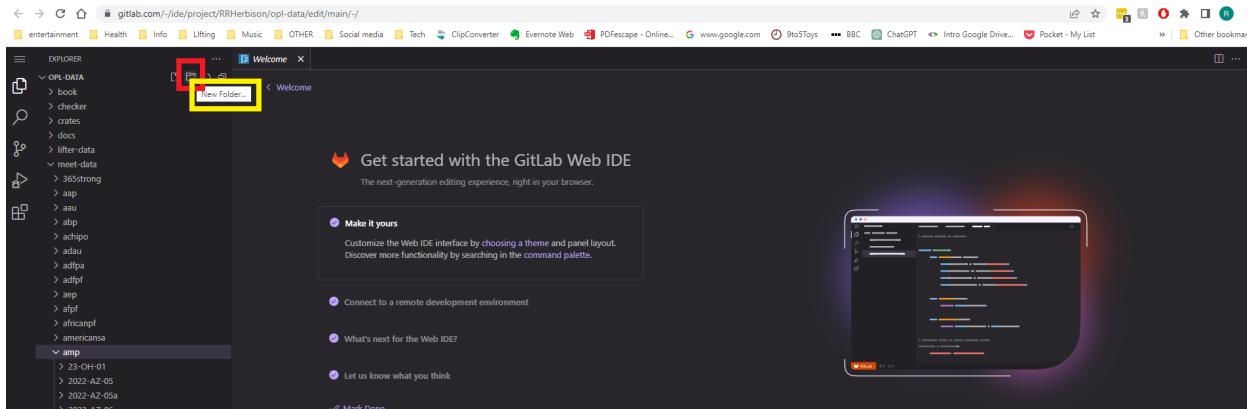
- The initial IDE page:
 - Ensure that you are on your project and not Main by checking the URL. It should have your handle immediately following “ide/project/”
 - It should also have the “OPL-DATA” menu on the left side
 - You will likely have two (2) tabs open
 - Your GitLab branch tab
 - Your IDE page



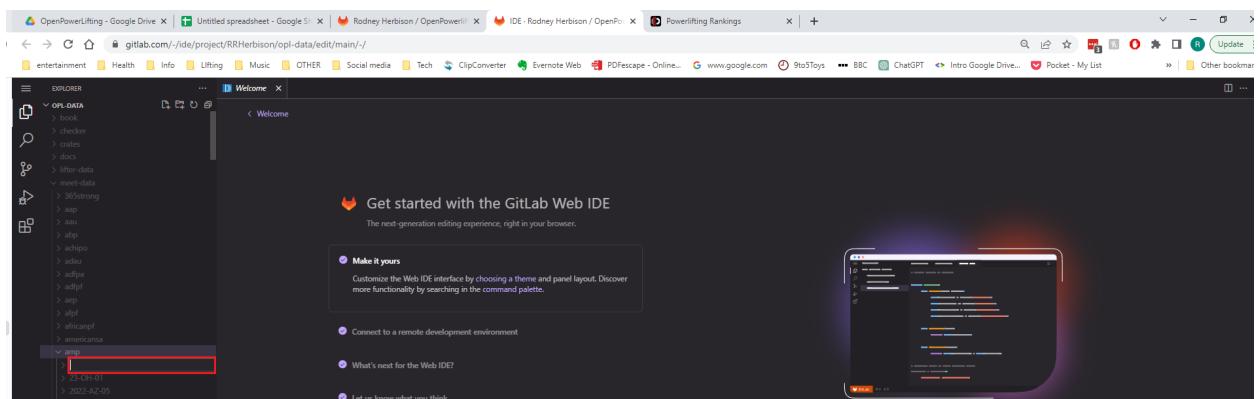
- In the left side menu
 - Select “meet-data”
 - Find the federation you will entering data for and select it
 - For these instructions, I am working with Powerlifting America (AMP) data
 - For a listing of federation acronyms, see <https://www.openpowerlifting.org/> and look for your federation in the pulldown list of federations (on the left side of the page)



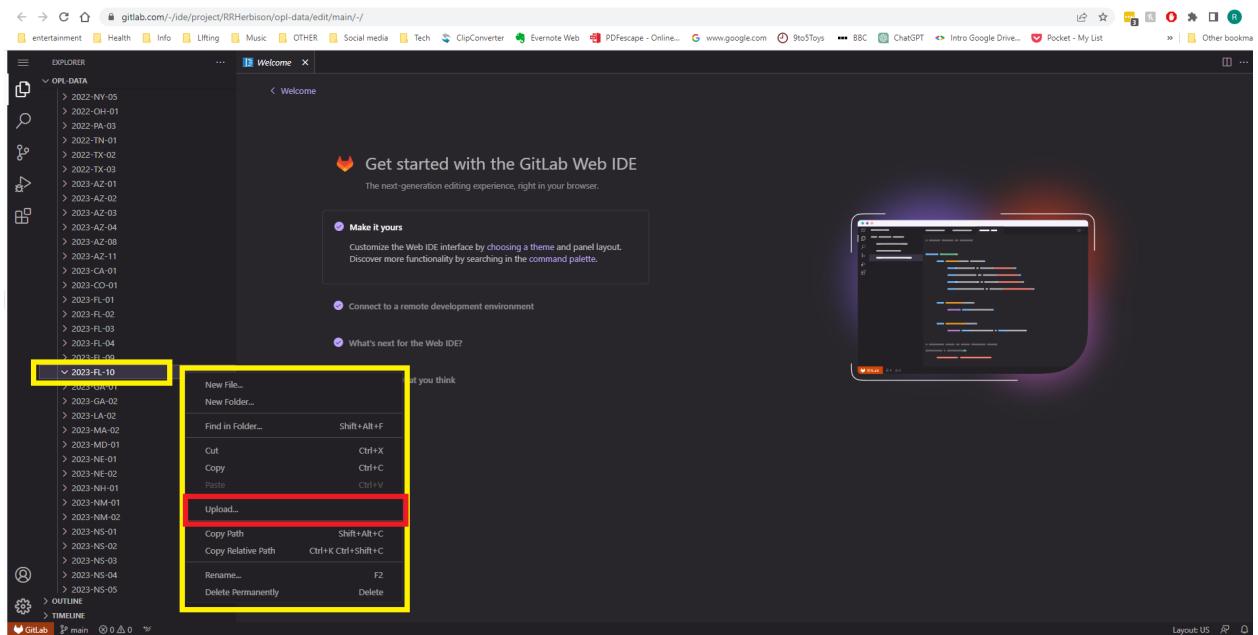
- At the top of the left-side menu, select the New Folder icon



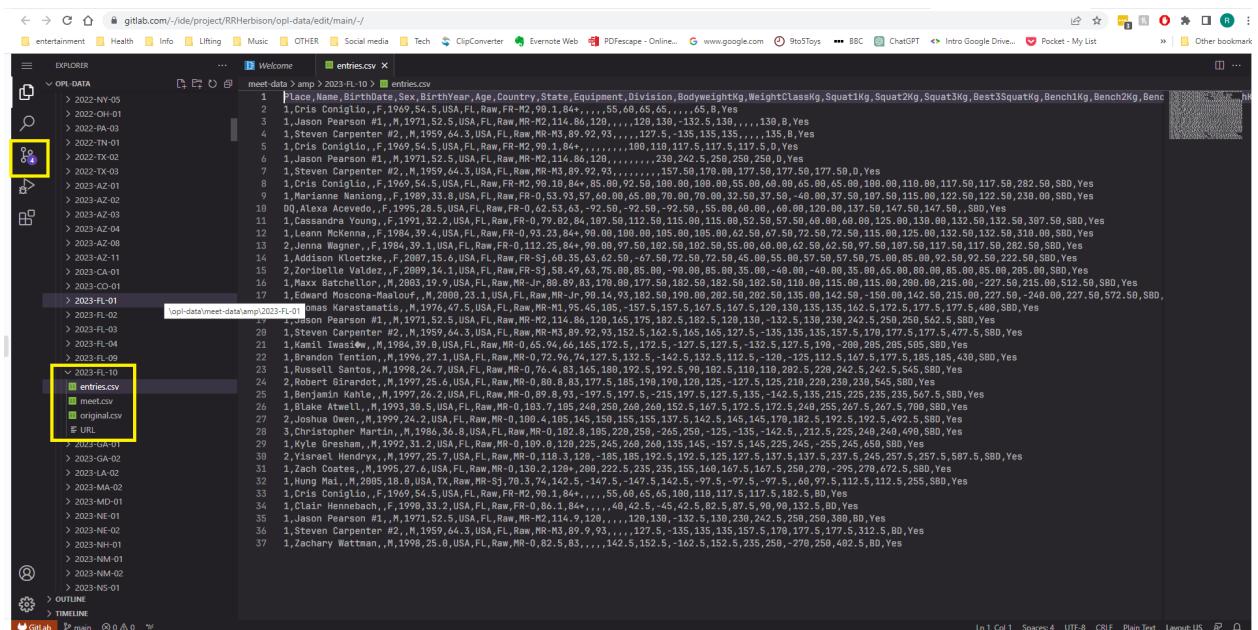
- Name the new folder in accordance with (IAW) the naming conventions being used for the federation data being entered
 - For this, I created “2023-FL-10”



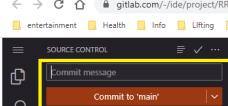
- Under the federation, go to the newly created folder and right click to get the menu.
 - Select “Upload”



- Go to the directory where you stored the data files that you created and choose the three (3) .csv files and the text file (URL)
 - The screen now displayed:
 - The folder and the four (4) files that were uploaded
 - Note that it shows a “4” at the fork symbol on the top left
 - This indicates that there are four (4) new files to be committed later



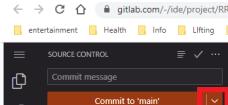
- Select the fork symbol on the top left to start the “commit” sequence, bringing you to the commit page



The screenshot shows a GitLab commit message dialog. The dropdown menu is open, and the option "Commit to 'main'" is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown, there is a list of changes made to the repository, including files like "entries.csv", "met-data", and "original.csv". The main content area displays a large table of data entries.

Place	Name	BirthDate	Sex	BirthYear	Age	Country	State	Equipment	Division	Bodyweightkg	WeightClasskg	Squat1kg	Squat2kg	Squat3kg	Best3Squatkg	Bench1kg	Bench2kg	Bench3kg	
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11	DQ,Alexa Acevedo	F	1995	28	5	USA	FL	Raw	FR-0	62	53		63	92	58	58	58	58	58
12	1.Cassandra Young	F	1991	26	4	USA	FL	Raw	FR-0	79	72		107	58	125	115	115	115	115
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14	1.Jenna Wagner	F	1984	39	1	USA	FL	Raw	FR-0	112.25	84+		98	98	98	98	98	98	98
15	1.Zorabelle Valdez	F	2009	14	1	USA	FL	Raw	FR-S1	58	49		63	75	80	85	85	85	85
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24	Robert Girardot	M	1997	26	6	USA	FL	Raw	MR-0	88	8		173	173	173	173	173	173	173
25	Benjamin Kahle	M	1997	26	2	USA	FL	Raw	MR-0	89	8		93	175	175	175	175	175	175
26	Blake Atwell	M	1993	30	5	USA	FL	Raw	MR-0	103	7		105	240	250	268	268	250	250
27	Joshua Owen	M	1999	24	2	USA	FL	Raw	MR-0	108	4		105	158	158	158	158	158	158
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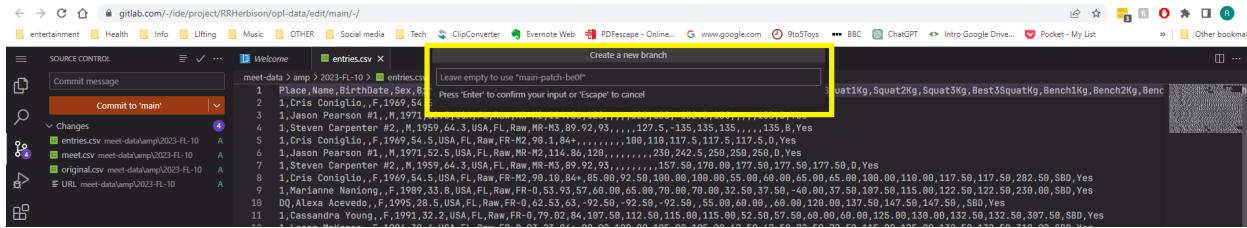
- Right clicking on the down-arrow at the end of “Commit to ‘main’” allowed me to select to name a new branch
 - DO NOT** commit to Main at this time
- Select “Commit to new branch”



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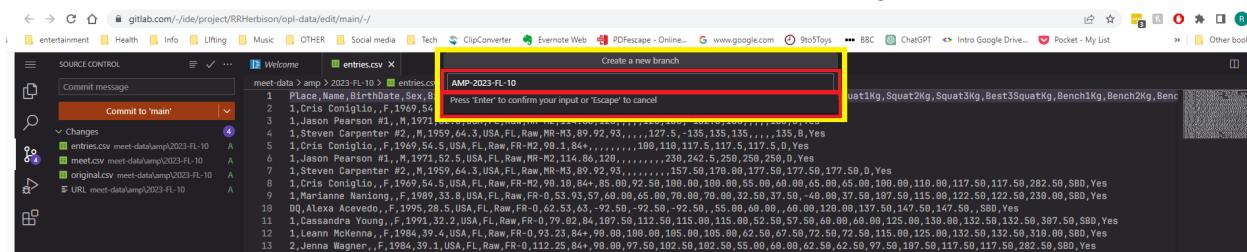
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- Note the choice to press Enter to confirm or Escape to cancel

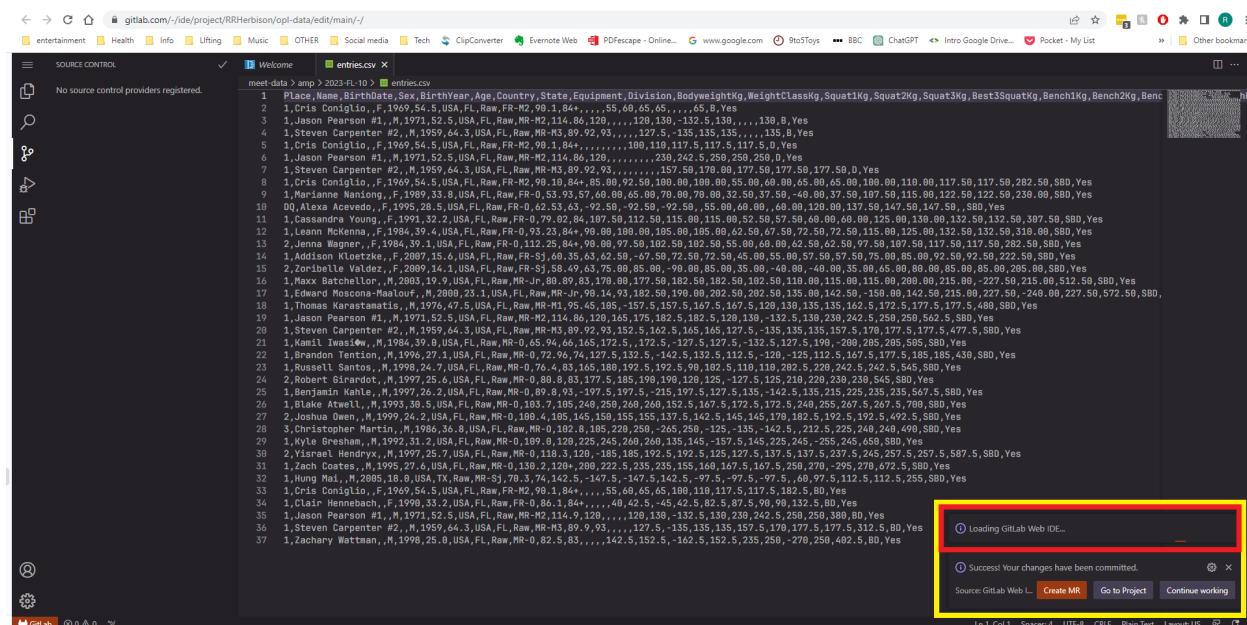


- In the box with “Leave empty to use “main-patch-be0f””, enter the name of the new branch and press Enter

- An option is to use a name pertinent to the data being uploaded



- After Enter, it had messages on the bottom right indicating that it was “Loading GitLab Web IDE”



- Once the changes have been committed, select “Go to Project”
 - DO NOT close the IDE page yet

The screenshot shows the GitLab IDE interface with the following details:

- Project Path:** gitlab.com/RRHerbison/opl-data/edit/main/-/amp> 2023-FL-10 > entries.csv
- File List:** entries.csv, merged.csv, original.csv
- Commit Message:** Success! Your changes have been committed.
- Buttons:** Create MR, Go to Project, Continue working

- It returns you to your opl-data page. On the left side menu, select “Build”

The screenshot shows the OpenPowerlifting project page on GitLab with the following details:

- Project Overview:** Rodney Herbison, OpenPowerlifting
- Left Sidebar (highlighted by a yellow box):**
 - Project overview
 - Pinned
 - Manage
 - Plan
 - Code
 - Build (highlighted)
 - Secure
 - Deploy
 - Operate
 - Monitor
 - Analyze
 - Settings
- Project Details:**
 - Your project is no longer receiving GitLab Ultimate benefits as of 2022-07-01. As notified in-app previously, public open source projects on the Free tier can apply to the GitLab for Open Source Program to receive GitLab Ultimate benefits. Please refer to the FAQ for more details.
 - You pushed to AHP-2023-FL-10 at Rodney.Herbison / OpenPowerlifting 8 minutes ago
 - Create merge request
 - OpenPowerlifting (@) Project ID: 4782015
 - 33,993 Commits | 10 Branches | 0 Tags | 8.3 MB Project Storage
 - The OpenPowerlifting Project. <https://www.openpowerlifting.org>
 - Disambiguate Nathan Clay, Close #16723
 - Forked from OpenPowerlifting Group / OpenPowerlifting

- Under Build, select “Pipelines”
 - If still processing, wait for it to either Pass or Fail
 - If “Pass”, skip the following section ([click here](#))
 - If “Fail”, click on the “failed” button to go to the meet-data and see what the errors were

Status	Pipeline	Triggerer	Stages
failed	Update 4 files #941876033 ↗ AMP-2023-FL-18 ➔ 81c88915 [latest]	Rodney Herbison triggered pipeline for commit 81c88915	X
passed	Update 4 files #941664013 ↗ 8288 ➔ dsec957e [merge request]		✓

- At this point, click on “meet-data” button

Update 4 files

failed Rodney Herbison triggered pipeline for commit 81c88915, finished 17 minutes ago

For AMP-2023-FL-10

latest ➔ 1.2.3 ➔ 2 minutes 44 seconds, queued for 1 seconds

Pipeline Needs Jobs 1 Failed Jobs 1 Tests 0

test

meet-data

- Scroll to the bottom of the file to see the error(s)

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460 Compiling csv-csv v1.1.10
461 Compiling is-terminal v0.4.9
462 Compiling tiny v0.1.45
463 Compiling itoa v1.0.9
464 Compiling bytorder v1.4.3
465 Compiling iman-time-zone v0.1.57
466 Compiling lazy_static v1.4.0
467 Compiling static_assertions v1.1.0
468 Compiling rayon v1.0.15
469 Compiling same-file v1.0.6
470 Compiling walkdir v2.3.3
471 Compiling csv v1.2.2
472 Compiling colored v0.2.4
473 Compiling chrono v0.4.26
474 Compiling fhash v0.2.1
475 Compiling rayon v1.7.0
476 Compiling unicode-normalization v0.1.22
477 Compiling tool v0.7.6
478 Compiling coefficients v0.1.0 (/builds/RHherbison/opl-data/crates/coefficients)
479 Compiling iertools v0.11.0
480 Compiling iertools-num v0.1.3
481 Compiling pico-args v0.5.0
482 Compiling checker v0.1.0 (/builds/RHherbison/opl-data/checker)
483 Finished release [optimized] target(s) in 5.6.04s
484 Running `target/release/checker --timing`
485 Loaded configurations for federations: 0.083s
486 Validated the state of 'lifters-data': 0.008s
487 /builds/RHherbison/opl-data/meet-data/amp/2023-FL-10
488 Internal Error: CSV parse error: record 20 (line 21, field: 1, byte: 2732): invalid utf-8: invalid UTF-8 in field 1 near byte index 11
489 Validated all meet CSV files: 0.244s
490 Created the map of lifters: 0.711s
491 Checked the data for consistency issues: 1.009s
492 Summary: 1 error, 0 warnings
493 make: *** [Makefile:41: check] Error 1
494 Cleaning up project directory and file based variables
495 ERROR: Job failed: exit code 1

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- With this information, return to the IDE page
 - Make the corrections and do another “Commit”
- Wait for it to either Pass or Fail
 - If “Pass”, go to the next section ([click here](#))
 - If “Fail”, click on the “failed” button to go to the meet-data and see what the errors were ([click here](#))

(NOTE - I forgot to do screen captures, so the following screen shows “AMP-2023-ny-04” instead of “AMP-2023-FL-20”)

- If it Passed, go to the main OpenPowerlifting page (<https://gitlab.com/openpowerlifting/opl-data>)
 - You can go to the top right and click on the down arrow next to OpenPowerlifting
 - It will give you the left-side menu
 - Select “OpenPowerlifting Group”

The screenshot shows the GitLab Pipelines interface for the 'OpenPowerlifting' project. The sidebar on the left has a yellow box around the 'OpenPowerlifting' group. A red box highlights the 'OpenPowerlifting Group' option in the dropdown menu. The main area displays a list of pipelines:

Status	Pipeline	Triggerer	Stages
passed	Update 4 files #944454899 ↗ AMP-2023-ny-04 ↘ 49f67723 (selected)	CI	Passed
passed	Merge branch opl-data:main into main #943719867 ↗ 8305 ↘ 24841318 (merge request)	CI	Passed
passed	Update file entries.csv #943047637 ↗ 8395 ↘ 32aab864 (merge request)	CI	Passed
skipped	Update 4 files #943037843 ↗ AMP-2023-ny-02 ↘ f9147144	CI	Skipped
passed	Update 4 files #942992351 ↗ 8384 ↘ d7f4b7a8 (merge request)	CI	Passed

- Check the URL to ensure you are on the OpenPowerlifting Group page

The screenshot shows the GitLab Project overview page for the 'OpenPowerlifting' group. The sidebar on the left has a yellow box around the 'OpenPowerlifting' group. A red box highlights the 'OpenPowerlifting Group' option in the dropdown menu. The main area shows a summary of the project:

- You pushed to AMP-2023-ny-04 at Rodney Herbison / OpenPowerlifting 12 minutes ago
- Create merge request

Project details:

- Project ID: 6722790
- 34,049 Commits
- 10 Branches
- 0 Tags
- 2.8 GB Project Storage
- Topics: Powerlifting, dataset, Rust
- The OpenPowerlifting Project. <https://www.openpowerlifting.org>

A green box highlights the 'Create merge request' button.

- Look for the notice of the meet that “you pushed ...” at the top and select “Create merge request

The screenshot shows a GitLab project page for 'OpenPowerlifting'. At the top, there is a notification box with a green checkmark and the text: "You pushed to AMP-2023-ny-04 at Rodney Herbison / OpenPowerlifting 12 minutes ago". Below this, a blue button labeled "Create merge request" is highlighted with a yellow box. The main project summary includes metrics like 34,049 Commits, 10 Branches, 0 Tags, and 2.8 GB Project Storage. A commit message for "Add GPU German Championships 2023" by Fabian Dick is visible. The bottom navigation bar includes "main", "opl-data", and "plus" buttons.

- Before merging
 - Make sure that it is merging from your branch
 - Make sure it is merging to “openpowerlifting/opl-data:main”
 - The title is correct for the meet you are merging
 - If any notes to the reviewers, enter them in the Description
 - For the following boxes
 - **Checked** “Delete source branch when merge request is accepted”
 - **Checked** “Squash commits when merge request is accepted”
 - **Checked** “Allow commits from members who can merge to the target branch”
- At bottom left select Create merge request

The screenshot shows the "New merge request" form. It includes the following highlighted fields:

- "From RRHerbison/opl-data:AMP-2023-ny-04 into openpowerlifting/opl-data:main" (branch selection)
- "Title (required)" input field containing "Adding AMP-2023-NY-04" (title entry)
- "Description" rich text editor area (description entry)
- "Merge options" section with three checkboxes:
 - Delete source branch when merge request is accepted.
 - Squash commits when merge request is accepted. (with a question mark icon)
 - Allow commits from members who can merge to the target branch. (with a link icon)
- "Create merge request" button at the bottom left of the form.

- The Merge Request (MR) will show the data being merged
 - You can now close the browser tab but **DO NOT** select “Close merge request” at the bottom of the page (because doing so will stop the MR before it finishes).

The screenshot shows a GitLab Merge Request page for a project named 'OpenPowerlifting'. The merge request is titled 'Adding AMP-2023-NY-04'. The page displays a list of files being merged from the branch 'RRHorelson/opl-data:AMP...' into the 'main' branch. Key sections include:

- Overview:** Shows the merge request was created by Rodney Herbison and requested to merge 'RRHorelson/opl-data:AMP...' into 'main' just now.
- Commits:** Lists four commits related to the merge request.
- Pipelines:** Shows a single pipeline named 'Merge request pipeline #944497322' created for 49467723.
- Changes:** Shows a requirement for 1 approval from 'Default'.
- Assignees:** Shows 0 assignees.
- Reviewers:** Shows 0 reviewers.
- Labels:** Shows 0 labels.
- Milestone:** Shows 0 milestones.
- Time tracking:** Shows no estimate or time spent.
- Participants:** Shows 1 participant.

At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Comment' input field and a 'Close merge request' button. A red box highlights the 'Close merge request' button, and a black arrow points to it with the text 'do NOT click on this'.

GLOSSARY

- Branch = fork = “your own copy of the project”; this is your workspace from which you will eventually request to merge your new data with the “main” data of the project
- Commit = request to check your data prior to making a merge request
- Fork = branch = “your own copy of the project”; this is your workspace from which you will eventually request to merge your new data with the “main” data of the project
- Main = all of the approved merges
- MR = Merge Request
- Repos = repository; interchangeable with “fork” or “branch”
- Web IDE = The Web IDE is an advanced editor with commit staging. You can use the Web IDE to make changes to multiple files directly from the GitLab UI.

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