

# GitHub good practices

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## 1. Correspondences Scrum/GitHub/Gitlab

Table 1. Correspondences between Artefacts

Scrum	GitHub	GitLab
User Story	Issues	Issues
Task	Task Lists/dependency issues	Task Lists
Epic	??	Epics
Points/Estimation	Weights (\$)	Weights
Product Backlog	Issues Lists	Issues Lists
Priorities	Labels	Labels
Sprint	Milestone	Milestone
Burndown Chart	A nice app!	Burndown Chart
Agile board	Project board	Issue Board

## 2. Build

Let's do a quick poll about build tools

Simple Poll APPLI 13 h 44  
Outils de build

1 Ant  
2 Maven  
3 Gradle 3  
@Florian Laffargue, @Messai Raoua, @Awel Aittahar  
4 script  
5 Autre (précisez) 5  
@Antony Lorenzelli, @Romain Lambert, @Antoine Lorenc, @Benjamin Villain,  
@Peggy Calderon  
Created by @Jean-Michel Bruel with /poll

Antony Lorenzelli 13 h 44  
Composer

Romain Lambert 13 h 45  
Composer

Antoine Lorenc 13 h 47  
Composer -> Framework Symfony 5 Twig ORM Doctrine

Figure 1. 2021 promotion build tool usage

2014 Study:

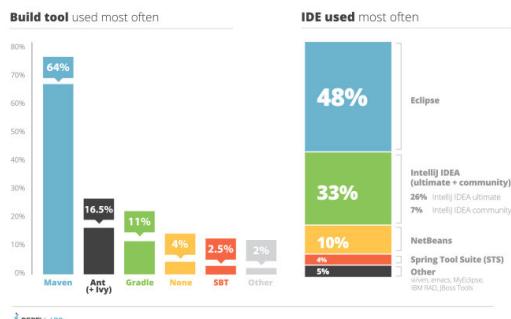


Figure 2. Ant vs Maven vs Gradle (source [here](#))

*Ant example (cf. [source](#))*

```
<project xmlns:ivy="antlib:org.apache.ivy.ant" name="java-build-tools" default="jar">

    <property name="src.dir" value="src"/>
    ...
    <path id="lib.path.id">
        <fileset dir="${lib.dir}" />
    </path>

    <target name="clean">
        <delete dir="${build.dir}" />
    </target>

    <target name="compile">
        <mkdir dir="${classes.dir}" />
        <javac srcdir="${src.dir}" destdir="${classes.dir}"
classpathref="lib.path.id" />
    </target>

    <target name="jar" depends="compile">
        <mkdir dir="${jar.dir}" />
        <jar destfile="${jar.dir}/${ant.project.name}.jar" basedir="${classes.dir}" />
    </target>

</project>
```

*Maven example (cf. [source](#))*

```
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
    http://maven.apache.org/maven-v4_0_0.xsd">

    <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
    <groupId>com.technologyconversations</groupId>
    <artifactId>java-build-tools</artifactId>
    <packaging>jar</packaging>
    <version>1.0</version>

    <dependencies>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>junit</groupId>
            <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
            <version>4.11</version>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>

    <build>
        <plugins>
            <plugin>
                <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
                <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>2.3.2</version>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </build>

</project>
```

*Gradle example (cf. [source](#))*

```
apply plugin: 'java'
apply plugin: 'checkstyle'
apply plugin: 'findbugs'
apply plugin: 'pmd'

version = '1.0'

repositories {
    mavenCentral()
}

dependencies {
    testCompile group: 'junit', name: 'junit', version: '4.11'
    testCompile group: 'org.hamcrest', name: 'hamcrest-all', version: '1.3'
}
```

### 3. Automate issue branches

<https://github.com/marketplace/actions/create-issue-branch>

Add this to your workflow YAML configuration:

```
on:
  issues:
    types: [assigned]
  issue_comment:
    types: [created]
  pull_request:
    types: [closed]

jobs:
  create_issue_branch_job:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Create Issue Branch
        uses: robvanderleek/create-issue-branch@master
        env:
          GITHUB_TOKEN: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}
```



github-actions bot commented 1 minute ago

Branch [issue-2-Demonstrate\\_automation\\_of\\_issue\\_branches](#) created!

Figure 3. As soon as the issue is assigned...

### 4. Use tags

```
git tag 1.1.0 -m "Release 1.1.0"
git push origin tag 1.1.0
```

Tagging practices:

- You don't tag branches. You tag commits!
- You should add a tag to mark a released version. If you then need to make bug fixes to that release, you would create a branch at the tag
- If you checkout a tag, you will need to create a branch to start working from it

More [here](#).

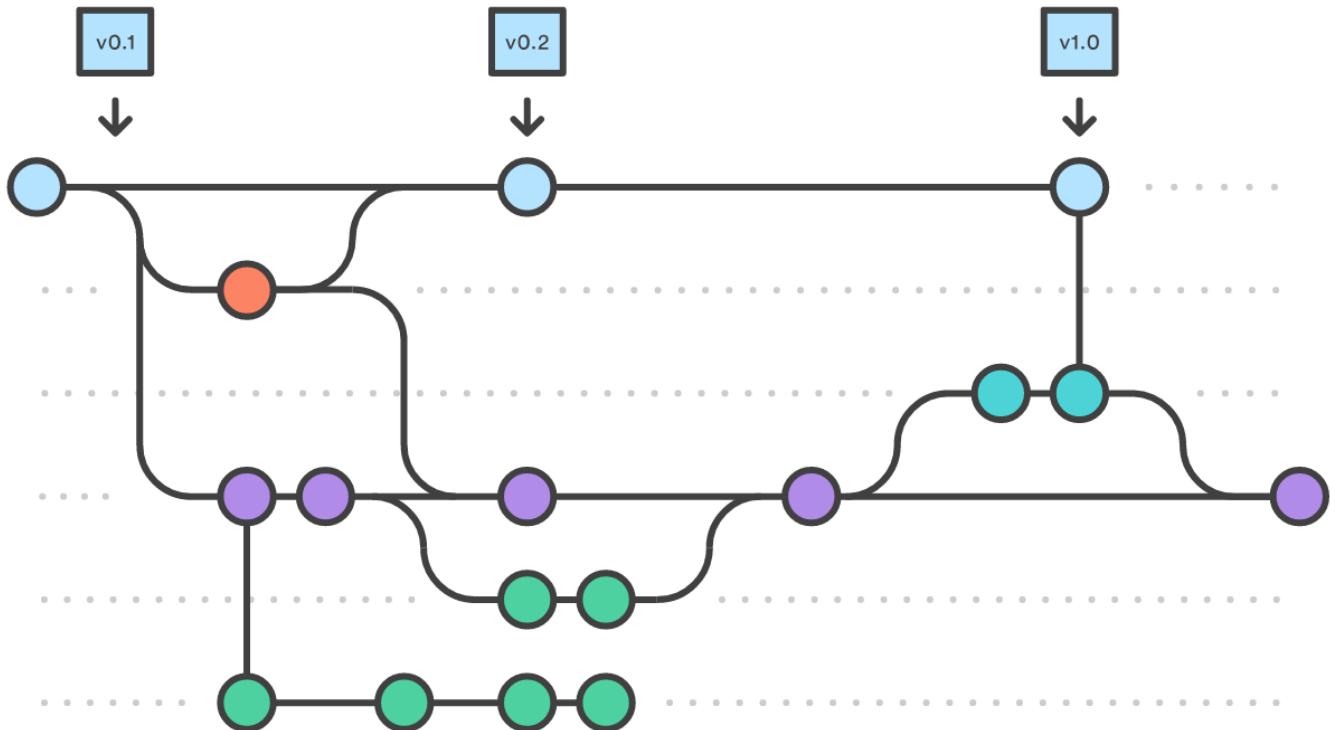


Figure 4. Tags in git flow (source [here](#))

## 5. Meaningful .gitignore file

This repo `.gitignore` file

```
# Output directory for HTML files
output/
Gemfile.lock
*.html
.DS_Store

topics
node_modules
package-lock.json

# Ignore Gradle project-specific cache directory
.gradle

# Ignore Gradle build output directory
build
.project
.settings
settings.json
```

<https://gitignore.io>

Example for **Node.js** (only beginning!)

```
# Created by https://www.toptal.com/developers/gitignore/api/node
# Edit at https://www.toptal.com/developers/gitignore?templates=node

### Node ####
# Logs
logs
*.log
npm-debug.log*
yarn-debug.log*
yarn-error.log*
lerna-debug.log*
```

## 6. Meaningful commit messages

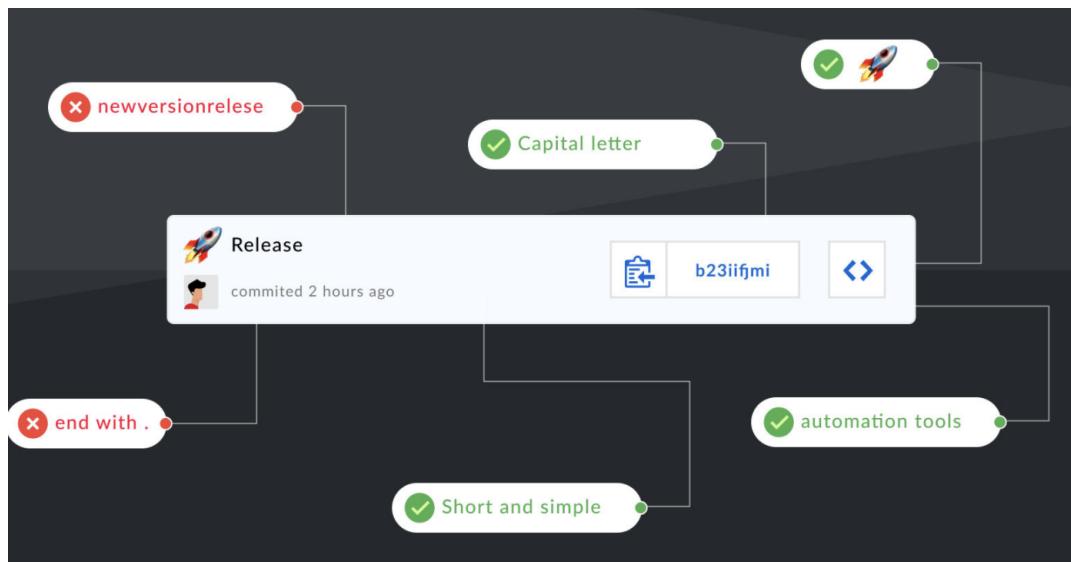


Figure 5. Example of conventions (source [here](#))

*Example of `~/.gitconfig` file*

```
# Git Commit, Add all and Push – in one step.  
cap = "!f() { git add .; git commit -m \"$@\"; git push; }; f"  
  
# NEW.  
new = "!f() { git cap \" NEW: $@\"; }; f"  
# IMPROVE.  
imp = "!f() { git cap \" IMPROVE: $@\"; }; f"  
# FIX.  
fix = "!f() { git cap \" FIX: $@\"; }; f"  
# RELEASE.  
rlz = "!f() { git cap \" RELEASE: $@\"; }; f"  
# DOC.  
doc = "!f() { git cap \" DOC: $@\"; }; f"  
# TEST.  
tst = "!f() { git cap \" TEST: $@\"; }; f"
```

## 6.1. Burndown charts

A nice add-on app that takes a repo and draws the current milestone (not closed) burndown chart :

<http://radekstepan.com>

## rails/rails

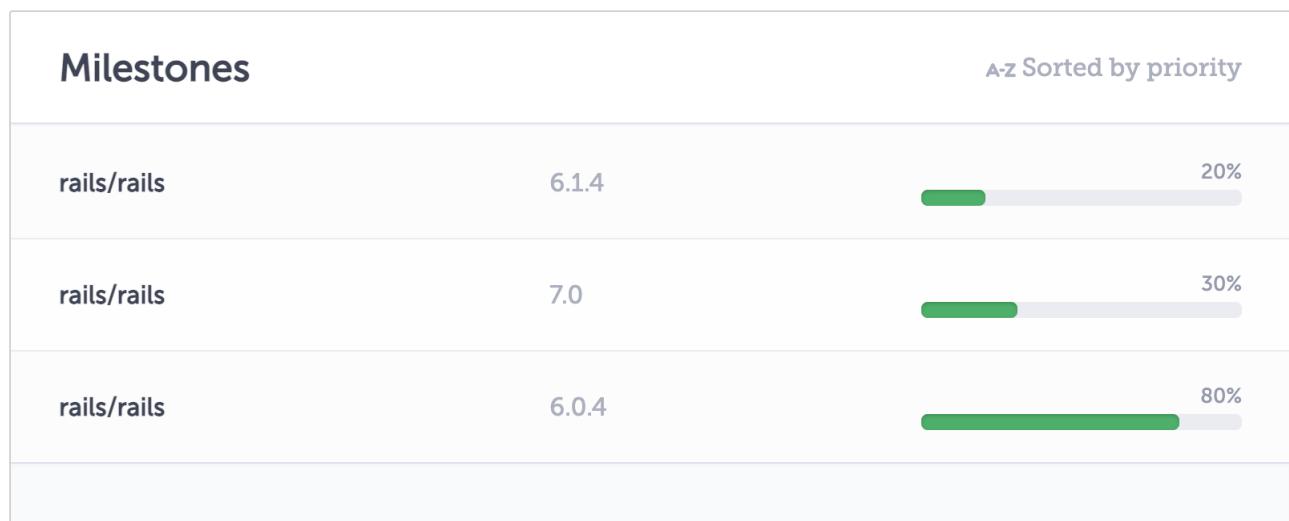
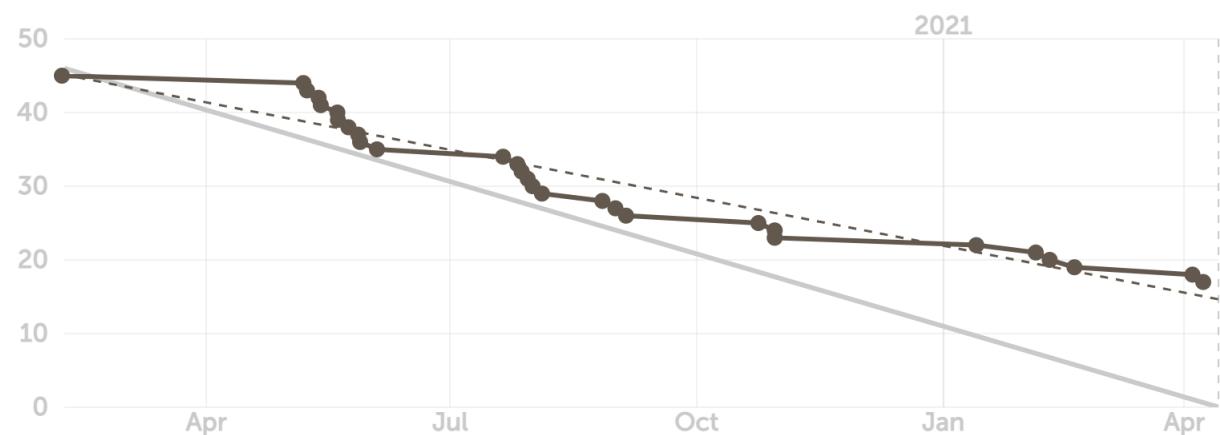


Figure 6. Example of Burndownchart (source [here](#))

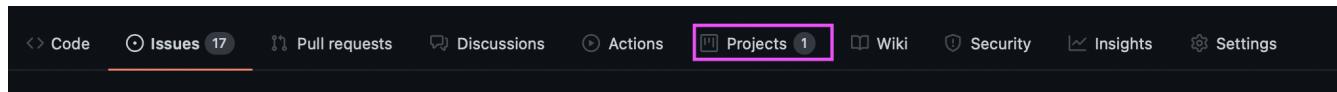
Emoji	Description
🎉 :tada:	When you added a cool new feature.
🔧 :wrench:	When you refactored / improved a small piece of code.
🔨 :hammer:	When you refactored / improved large parts of the code.
✨ :sparkles:	When you applied clang-format.
🎨 :art:	When you improved / added assets like themes.
🚀 :rocket:	When you improved performance.
📝 :memo:	When you wrote documentation.
🐞 :beetle:	When you fixed a bug.
🔀 :twisted_rightwards_arrows:	When you merged a branch.
🔥 :fire:	When you removed something.
🚚 :truck:	When you moved / renamed something.

Figure 7. Example of emoji usage convention

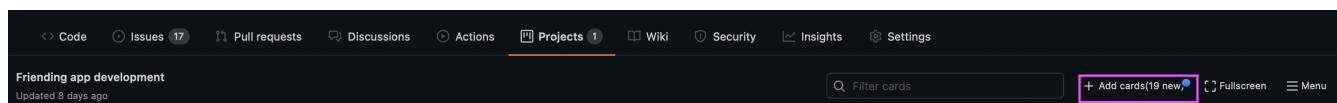
## 7. Issue management

It is very handful to connect your issues and tasks on a single project board!

To access your project board or create a new one go to:



To add a new issue as a task on the project board go to:



And finally, enjoy your board with all the issues in there. Instead of simple kanban board you can even use techniques as YAGNI approach on a separate board to prioritize them.

**To do**

- Add button "Edit" for favorite book lists #43 opened by screemix **Frontend** Sprint 5

**In progress**

- Write frontend for chat #41 opened by screemix **Frontend** Sprint 5

**Done**

- Launch databases #3 opened by screemix Sprint 2
- Write github actions #52 opened by Frodan Sprint 2
- Write Config for Docker #50 opened by Frodan Sprint 2
- Think over database models #12 opened by Frodan Sprint 1
- Integrate user addition to index tree from ML script to backend #64 opened by screemix **backend** **ML** Sprint 4
- Integrate search in database from ML script to backend #63 opened by screemix **backend** **ML** Sprint 4
- Write frontend for user profile #18 opened by screemix

**Card Details (Selected): Add button "Edit" for favorite book lists #43**

- Opened in screemix/map\_book\_friending\_app
- Commented on 29 Oct by screemix
- No description provided.
- Assignees: Idelishbaev
- Labels: **Frontend**
- Projects: Friending app development
- Milestone: Sprint 5
- Linked pull requests: Go to issue for full details
- Actions: Close issue

## 8. Github organizations

Organizations are shared accounts where businesses and open-source projects can collaborate across many repositories at once.

If working on a project for several platforms is your case, this Github feature could be very convinient to use:

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for the user 'book-friending'. At the top left is a green icon containing the letters 'BF'. To its right is the repository name 'book-friending'. Below the header are navigation links: Overview (selected), Repositories (3), Packages, People (2), Teams, Projects, and Settings. A 'Pinned' section contains a pinned item: 'book-friending-site' (Public) with a description 'Website for matching people by their book tastes'. On the right, there's a link to 'Customize your pins'. Below this is a 'Repositories' section with a search bar 'Find a repository...', filters for 'Type', 'Language', 'Sort', and a 'New' button. Three repositories are listed: 'book-friending-bot' (Private) with a description 'Telegram bot for matching people by their book tastes', 'dataset-preparing' (Public) with a description 'Notebooks for preparing dataset and embeddings for the book-friending apps', and 'book-friending-site' (Public) with a description 'Website for matching people by their book tastes'. Each repository entry includes a star icon, a fork icon, a commit icon, and an 'Updated 10 days ago' or 'Updated 14 days ago' timestamp. At the bottom of the repository list is a 'View all repositories' button.

## 9. US template good practice

GitHub provides with a possibility to create templates of issues, so users will be following the same structure of US in a repository. The template should be in `.github/ISSUE_TEMPLATE/user-story-template.md`

Here is an example how it could look like:

```
---
```

```
[
```

The user story should have a reason to exist: what do I need as the user described in the summary?

This part details any detail that could not be passed by the summary.

```
]
```

### ### Acceptance Criteria

1. [If I do A.]
1. [B should happen.]

```
[
```

Also, here are a few points that need to be addressed:

1. Constraint 1;
1. Constraint 2;
1. Constraint 3.

```
]
```

### ### Resources:

- \* Mockups: [Here goes a URL to or the name of the mockup(s) in inVision];
- \* Testing URL: [Here goes a URL to the testing branch or IP];
- \* Staging URL: [Here goes a URL to the feature on staging];

### ### Notes

[Some complementary notes if necessary:]

- \* > Here goes a quote from an email
- \* Here goes whatever useful information can exist...
- \* This template is taken from <https://github.com/AlphaFounders/style-guide/blob/master/agile-user-story.md>

```
---
```

## 10. Useful links

- <https://www.datree.io/resources/github-best-practices>