

title: **Experienced engineers - tips for PR reviews?**

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I'm a SWE with about 4.5 years of experience, recently-ish switched to a new job after being at my first one for 4 years. I struggle a lot with making sure I actually do PR reviews. A non-exhaustive list of the problems I have: - it's really hard to context switch into a completely new problem - it's even harder to actually focus on understanding that problem enough to give it a real review. I'd rather be working on whatever I have going on - the emails/messages that I get for PR opens or updates are noisy and hard to parse - when I don't have enough context and there's a minimum (or no) description my brain just goes "nope" - I'll forget that I've commented on something/am waiting for an update and will forget to re-review I often feel really bad at how infrequently or how inefficiently I review my team's code. I've tried a bunch of things, but I'm wondering if this group has any insight. My psychiatrist today suggested coming up with a system for reviews so at least I have a checklist to go down when I open a PR up, to hopefully make the task less daunting. Is that something anyone else does?

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ID: iftigr8, Upvotes: 15

1.) Allocate blocks of time to just do PR reviews. If there are none, you get the time back. Could also use this time to catch up on emails and slack messages.

2.) I filter PRs and prioritize anything coming from my immediate team since I would have the most context on them. If it's something I lack knowledge in, I usually wait a while to see if anyone else will take it on instead or I'll review it and say "LGTM but another set of eyes would be ideal".

3.) Create filters and don't let it clutter your inbox. I know some people opt for notifications to be sent via slack instead of email.

4.) It's the responsibility of the requester to provide proper context. Ticket numbers, descriptions, and context should be summarized. It's perfectly reasonable to ask them to do so. Also, PRs should be broken up into small reviewable pieces so don't hesitate to ask the requester to break it up.

4.) This is also something that filters would help a lot with, prioritize the PRs you are participating in.

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How much time per week / day do you allocate for reviews?

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I work in the infrastructure side of things so a lot less than typical devs. But I typically allocate about an hour each day just reviewing PRs, slack messages, and emails. Slack messages/threads take up the bulk of the time.

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ID: ifud1t7, Upvotes: 2

This is great. Thanks for posting.

Commenter_5

ID: ify8r27, Upvotes: 10

I've been able to successfully implement a code review process in teams a couple of times, and the opportunity to see the code improving before my eyes brought me much joy. However, code reviews won't improve code quality if you try to improvise. Here's a list of [items](<https://linearb.io/blog/code-review-checklist/>) to add to your code review checklist.

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u/scrungy_boi has some great advice in his comment. Where I work we have a GitHub/slack integration that posts PRs at 9, 12, and 3. You get tagged if you're assigned. Other notifications are off for me.

If you don't have enough context, reach out to the devs on the pr and ask for them to walk you through it.

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ID: ifu5v26, Upvotes: 4

Lgtm

Commenter_8

ID: ifv82zj, Upvotes: 2

We've got rid of reviews and replaced them with kickoffs which has been an adventure ☹

However! When I did do reviews the rule was PR's are more important than anything you are working on, you see one come up you review it. That didn't quite work for me so instead I checked around breaks in my day..so when I went to get a cup of tea I would check for PRS, or after and before lunch. That kinda stuff so it was still regular but felt natural.

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ID: ifvxg2i, Upvotes: 2

That's how we are. PRs are priority because they could be blocking someone but don't drop everything for them... Just check whenever you're sitting back down from break or a meeting or when you need a break from what you're working on