



AUTOMATED PULL REQUEST REVIEWER SYSTEM

DevOps Internship Assessment - Technical Report

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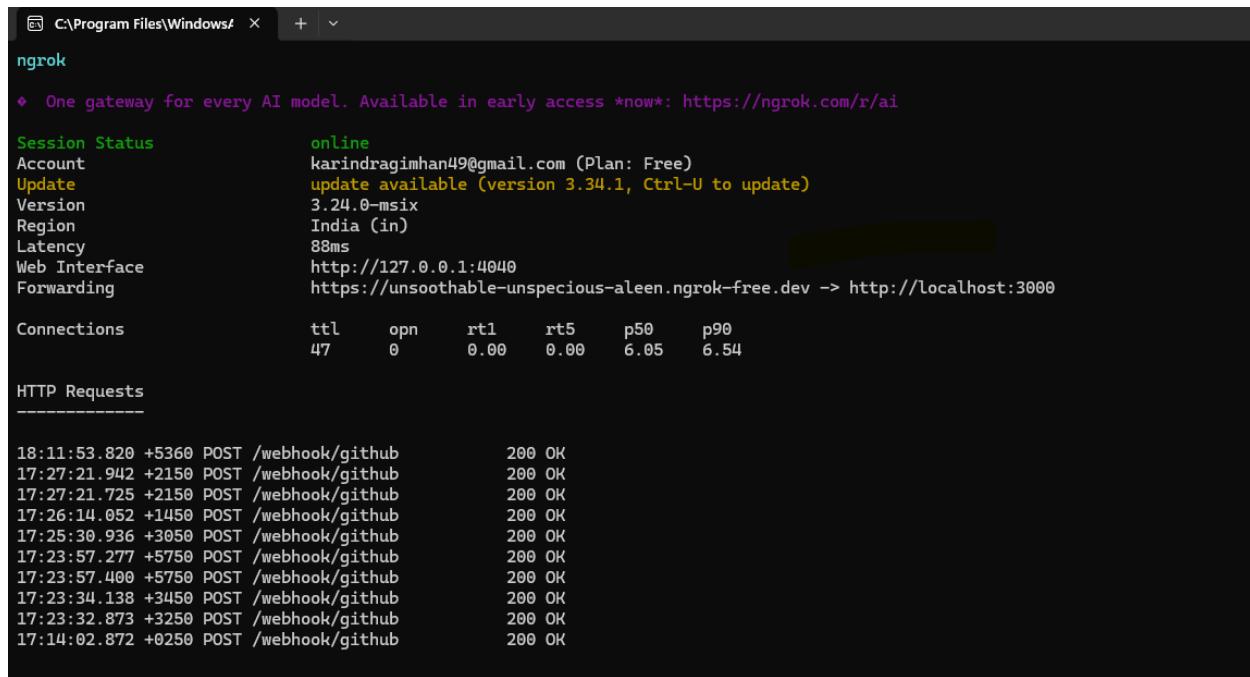
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PART 1: Infrastructure & Connection Setup

1. Establishing the Secure Tunnel

To begin the development, I needed a way to expose my local environment to GitHub's cloud events. I used **Ngrok** to create a secure tunnel forwarding traffic to my local port 3000.



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C:\Program Files\Windows\ ngrok
ngrok
* One gateway for every AI model. Available in early access *now*: https://ngrok.com/r/ai

Session Status          online
Account                 karindragimhan49@gmail.com (Plan: Free)
Update                  update available (version 3.34.1, Ctrl-U to update)
Version                3.24.0-msix
Region                 India (in)
Latency                88ms
Web Interface          http://127.0.0.1:4040
Forwarding             https://unsoothable-unspecious-aleen.ngrok-free.dev -> http://localhost:3000

Connections            ttl     opn     rt1     rt5     p50     p90
                        47      0      0.00    0.00    6.05    6.54

HTTP Requests
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18:11:53.820 +5360 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:27:21.942 +2150 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:27:21.725 +2150 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:26:14.052 +1450 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:25:30.936 +3050 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:23:57.277 +5750 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:23:57.400 +5750 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:23:34.138 +3450 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:23:32.873 +3250 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
17:14:02.872 +0250 POST /webhook/github          200 OK
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Figure 1 Ngrok terminal running successfully, forwarding requests to localhost.

2. Configuring GitHub Webhooks

Next, I configured the GitHub repository to communicate with my backend. I set up a Webhook to listen specifically for Pull Request events. I ensured security by implementing a **Webhook Secret** to verify the payload signature.

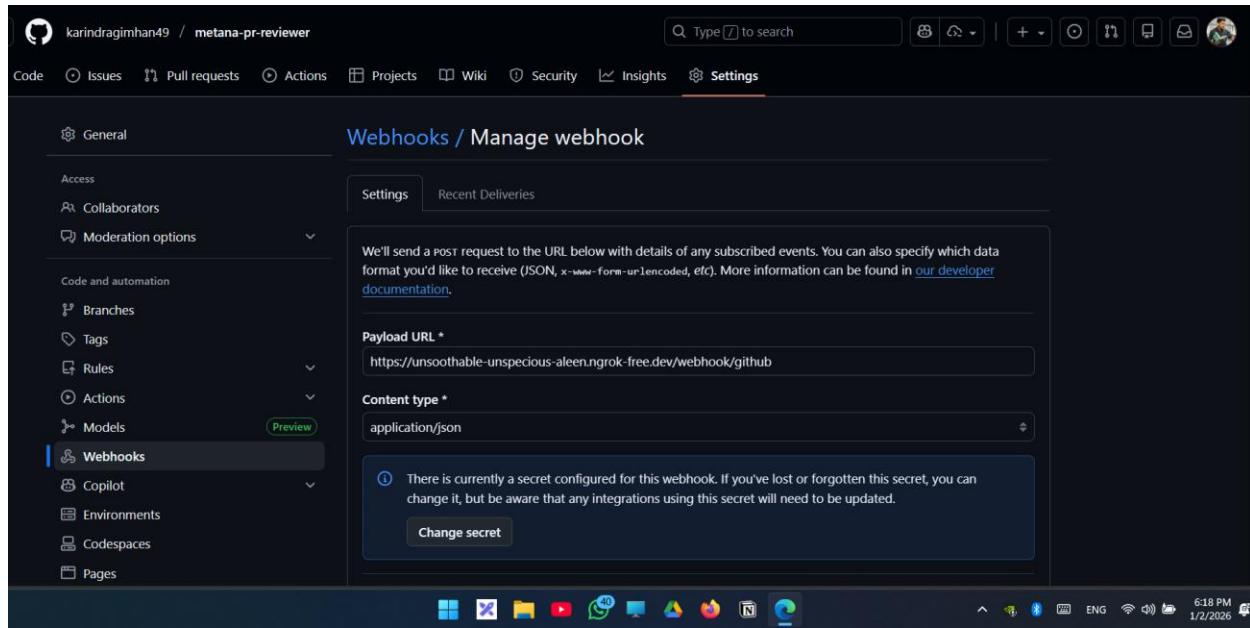


Figure 2 Setting up the Payload URL in GitHub settings.

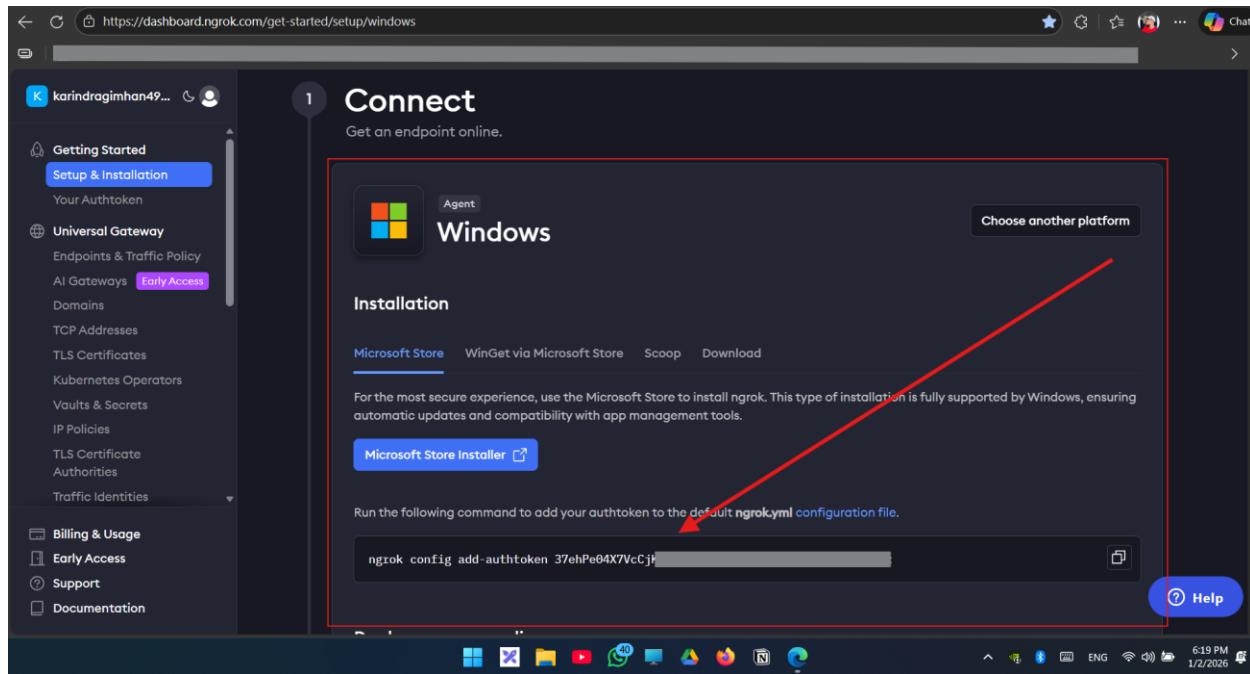


Figure 3 Configuring the content type and secret token for security.

3. Verifying Connectivity

After configuration, I verified that GitHub was successfully sending events to my backend. The green checkmarks indicate that the handshake between GitHub and my Ngrok tunnel was successful.

The screenshot shows the GitHub 'Webhooks / Manage webhook' interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various GitHub settings like General, Access, Code and automation, Security, and Integrations. The 'Webhooks' option is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to the main content area. The main area is titled 'Recent Deliveries' and contains a table of webhook logs. Each log entry includes a green checkmark icon, a unique ID, an event type (e.g., push, pull_request.closed), and a timestamp. A red border highlights the entire 'Recent Deliveries' table.

Event	ID	Timestamp
push	01befd40-e7dc-11f0-9e97-9f9df5147538	2026-01-02 18:37:37
pull_request.closed	01719e10-e7dc-11f0-9918-f29e38a91524	2026-01-02 18:37:37
pull_request.opened	8d663d60-e7da-11f0-8837-b0cf6ed602e2	2026-01-02 18:27:13
push	6d0dfb48-e7da-11f0-99c9-11f73a805552	2026-01-02 18:26:17
push	2c49c34e-e7da-11f0-8a14-a9427cda5797	2026-01-02 18:24:29
pull_request.closed	2c0335a0-e7da-11f0-8c8c-eecd4cd30307	2026-01-02 18:24:29
pull_request.opened	e1363130-e7d9-11f0-80cf-98bfe2e2bd9b	2026-01-02 18:22:24
push	6a332eea-e7d8-11f0-9009-28c39356ee0f	2026-01-02 18:11:54
push	31315622-e7d2-11f0-869d-b44f788cf113	2026-01-02 17:27:22
pull_request.closed	30e02630-e7d2-11f0-9d5e-5029d3cec1b3	2026-01-02 17:27:22
pull_request.opened	082c8850-e7d2-11f0-8fb1-93f763cc59b7	2026-01-02 17:26:14
push	ef5f05d2-e7d1-11f0-9728-aa9586012e05	2026-01-02 17:25:31
pull_request.closed	b70bcb70-e7d1-11f0-9e18-0c7d8fdb4259	2026-01-02 17:23:57

Figure 4 GitHub Webhook deliveries log showing successful (200 OK) status.

PART 2: The Review Workflow (The Core Logic)

4. Initiating a Pull Request

To test the system, I created a new branch named feature/final-test (following the naming convention logic I implemented) and pushed some code changes.

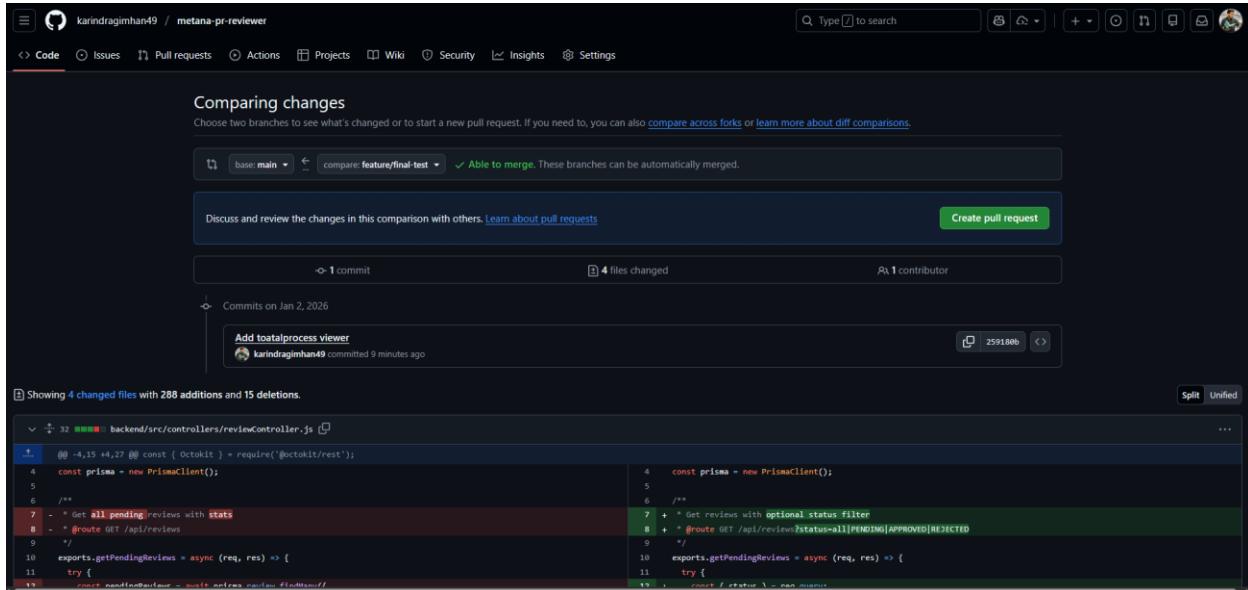


Figure 5 Checking the file differences on GitHub before creating the PR.

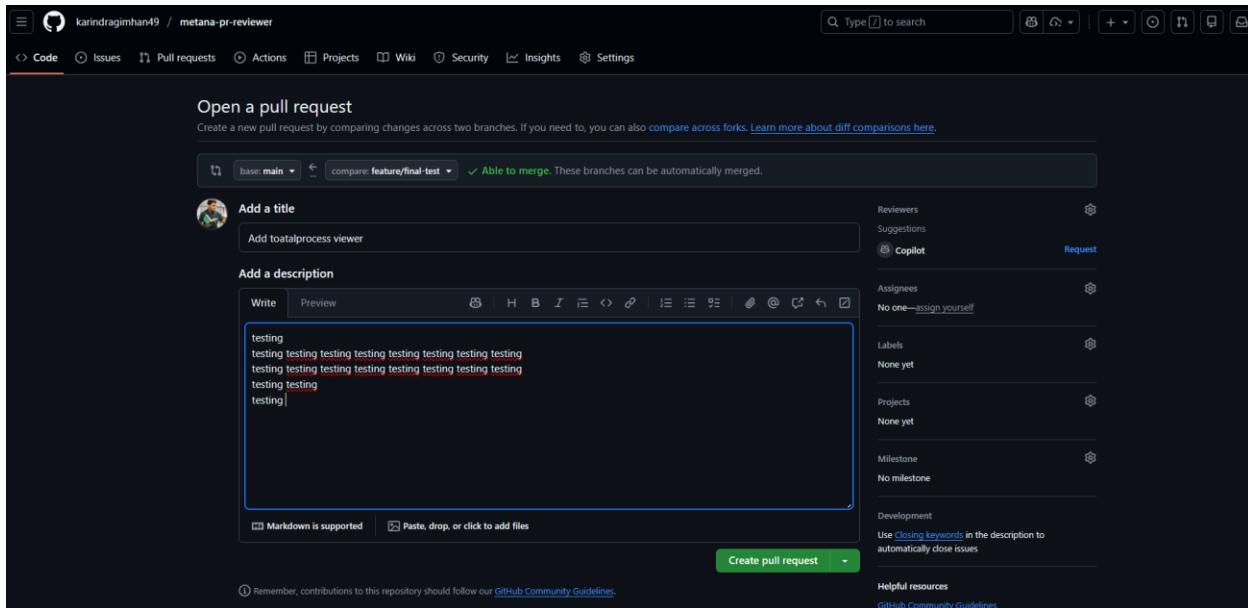


Figure 6 Opening the Pull Request with a description.

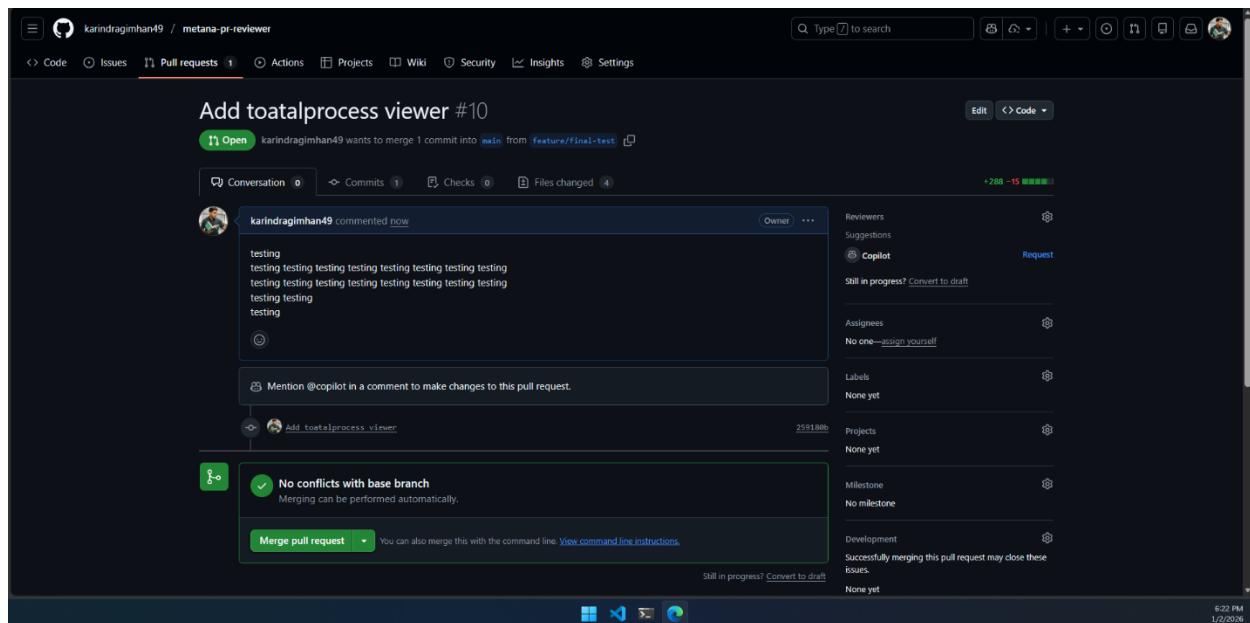


Figure 7 Pull Request successfully created on GitHub.

5. Automated Detection & AI Analysis

Immediately after the PR was created, the Webhook triggered my backend. The Instructor Dashboard instantly fetched the data. The system analyzed the branch name (feature/*) and generated specific feedback using the AI logic.

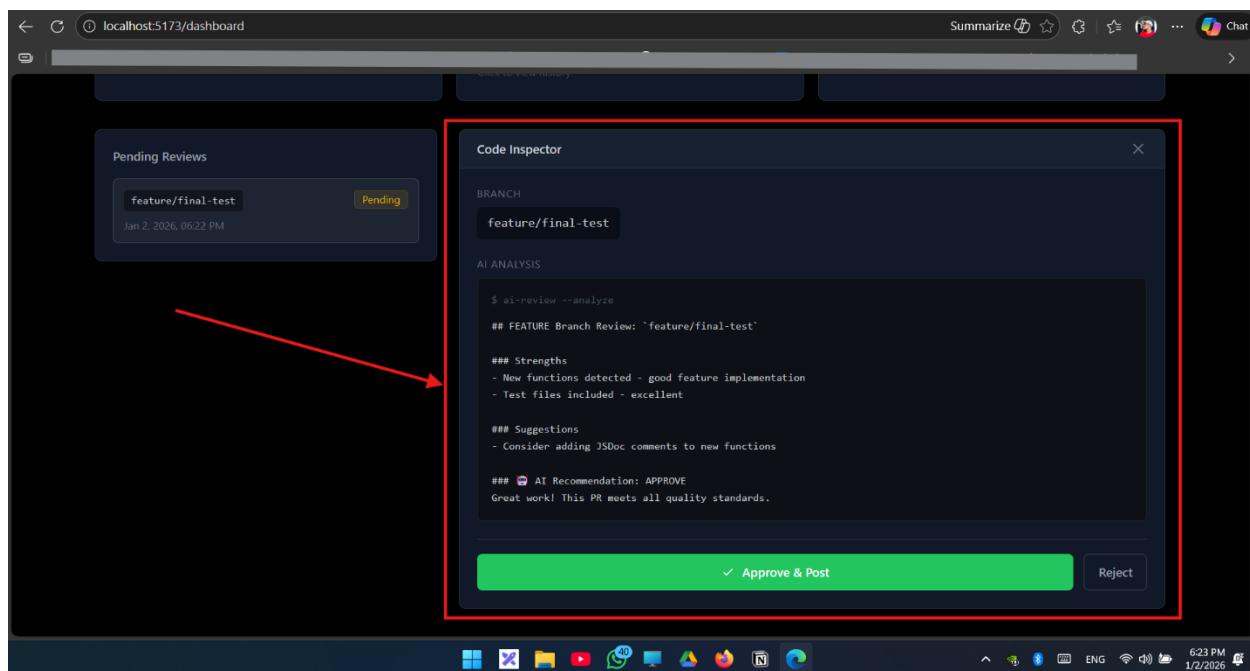


Figure 8 The Dashboard displaying the new PR with AI-generated feedback and "Recommendation: APPROVE";

6. Instructor Approval

After reviewing the AI's analysis, I proceeded to approve the PR via the dashboard. I clicked the "Approve & Post" button.

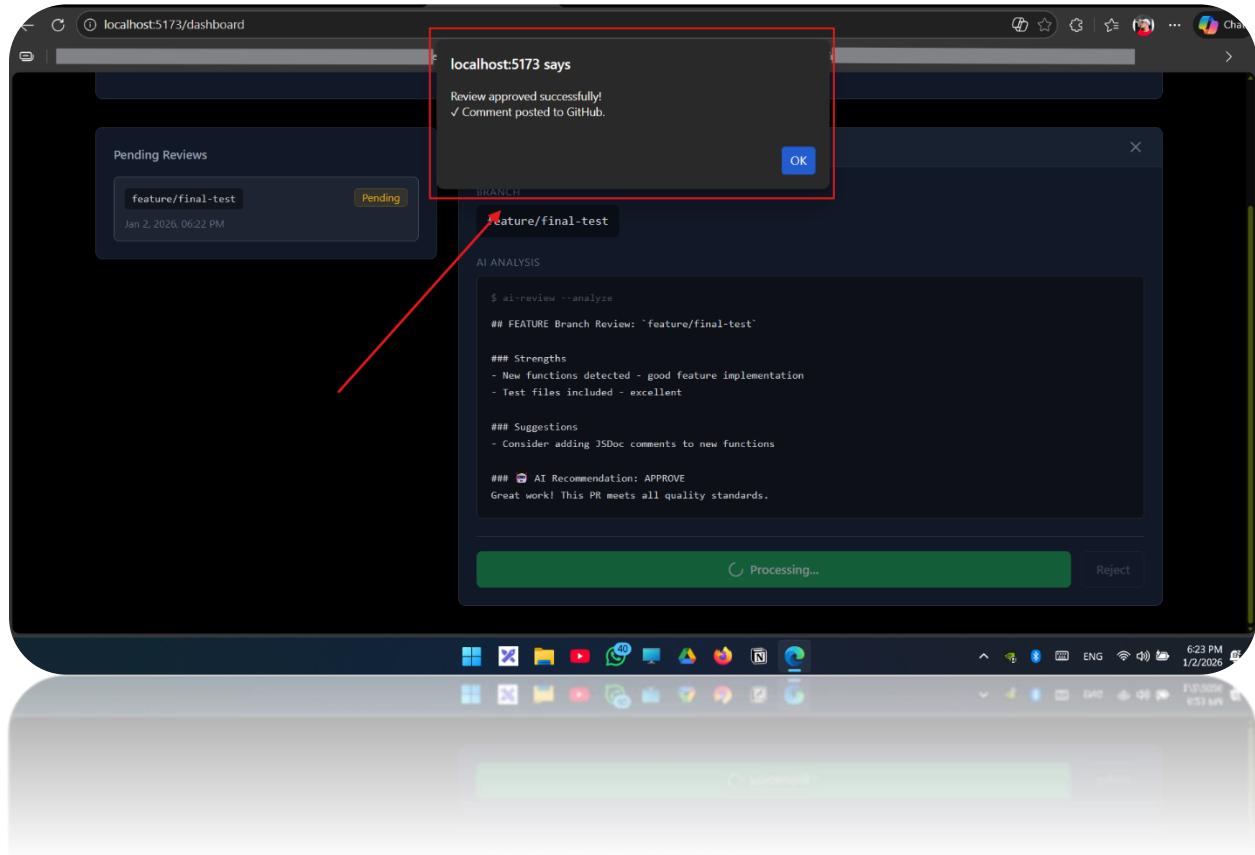


Figure 9 System processing the approval action.

7. Automated GitHub Feedback

Once approved on the dashboard, the system automatically used the GitHub API to post the formatted feedback directly onto the PR timeline.

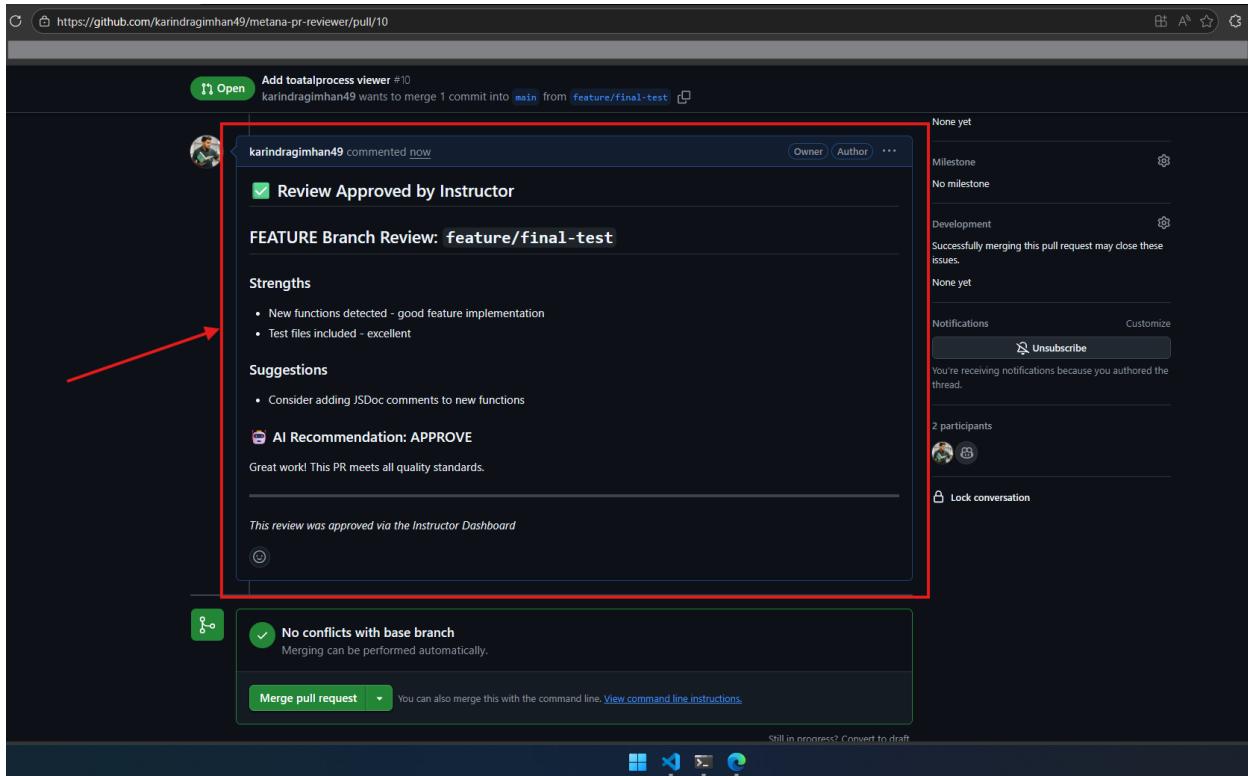


Figure 10 The final "Approved" comment posted by the bot on GitHub.

A screenshot of a VS Code terminal window. The terminal tab is active, showing the following log output:

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TERMINAL PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE PORTS GITLENS

Review status: APPROVED, Severity: MINOR
POST /repos/karindragimhan49/metana-pr-reviewer/pulls/9/reviews - 422 with id 7AC4:15C200:6743D8:7C5E77:6957B26C
in 1500ms
⚠ REQUEST_CHANGES failed, falling back to COMMENT: Unprocessable Entity: "Review Can not request changes on you
r own pull request" - https://docs.github.com/rest/pulls/reviews#create-a-review-for-a-pull-request
✖ Review Rejected for PR: 12 (COMMENT fallback)
[nodemon] restarting due to changes...
[nodemon] starting `node server.js`
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Webhook endpoint: http://localhost:3000/webhook/github
Processing PR #10: opened
Review saved to database with ID: 13
Review status: APPROVED, Severity: MINOR
✓ Review Approved & Posted for PR: 13

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A red box highlights the final line of the log: '✓ Review Approved & Posted for PR: 13'. A red arrow points from this highlighted text to the corresponding 'Approved' comment in Figure 10.

Figure 11 Backend terminal logs confirming the "Review Approved & Posted" event.

PART 3: Rejection Workflow & UI Features

This section shows how the system handles an incorrect PR, how it is rejected, and the key features of the dashboard.

8. Handling Rejections (The "Safety Valve")

A critical requirement was to allow the instructor to block bad code. I tested this by creating a generic PR and initiating the rejection process.

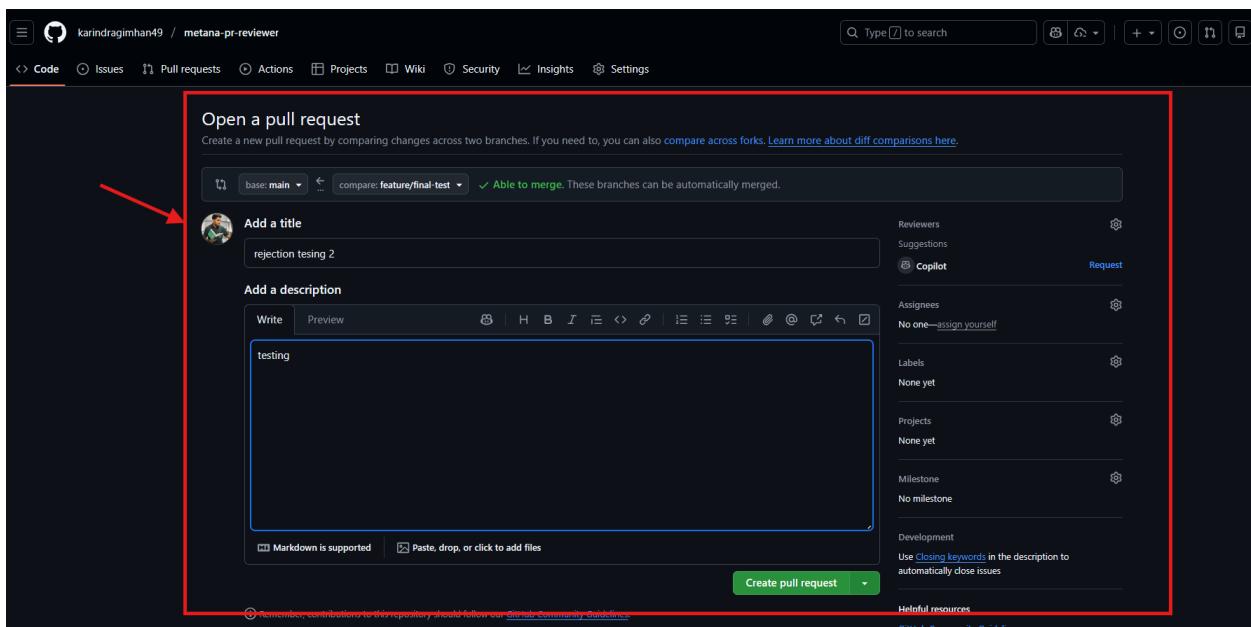


Figure 12 Creating a test PR intended for rejection.

On the dashboard, I selected the "Reject" action. This triggers the backend to attempt a "Request Changes" review on GitHub.

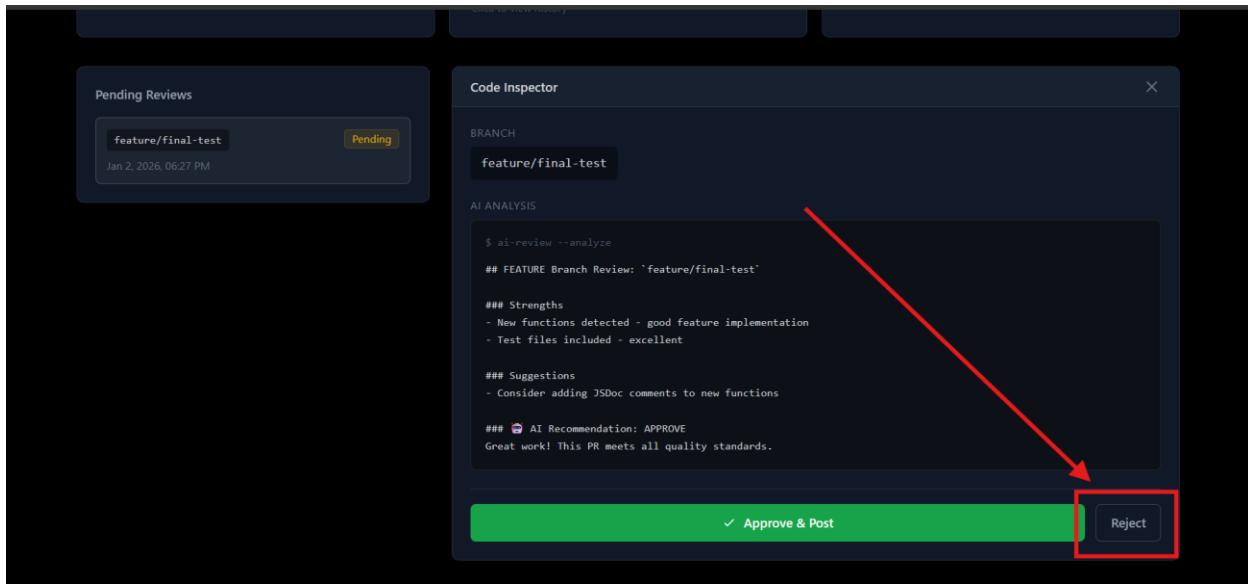


Figure 13 Instructor clicking the "Reject" button on the dashboard.

The system successfully processed the rejection and posted a "REJECTED" status back to the GitHub PR, blocking the merge (visually indicating the rejection to the student).

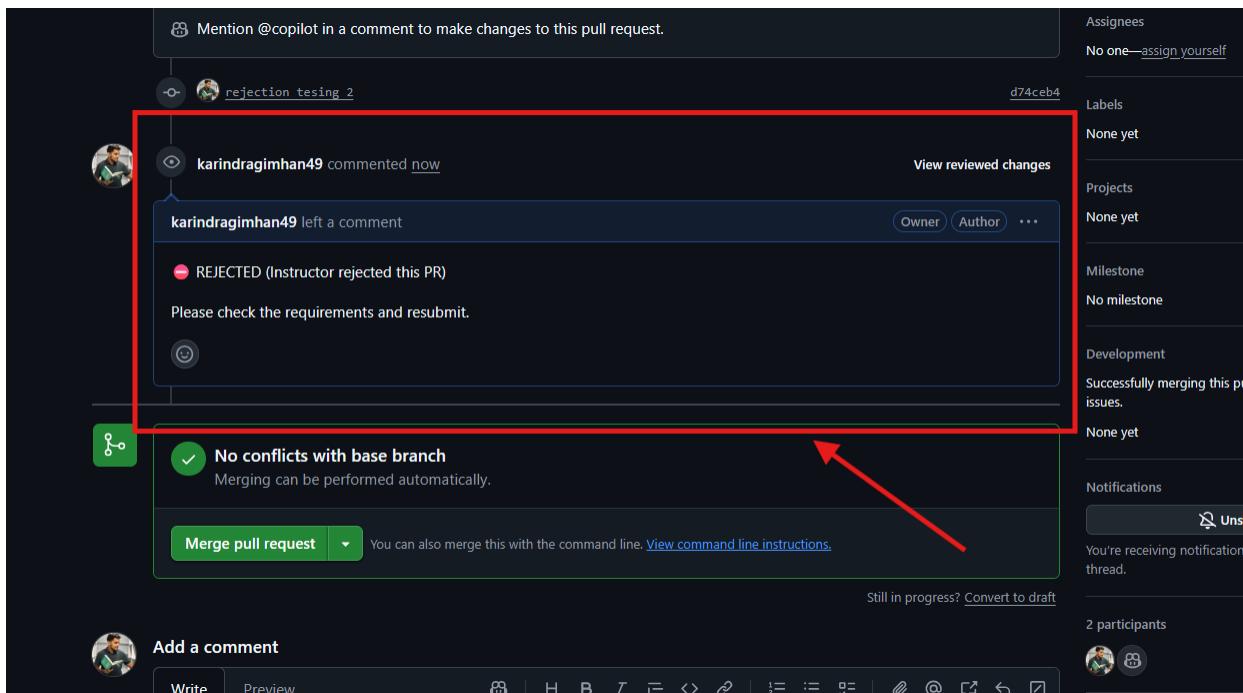


Figure 14 GitHub PR showing the "REJECTED" comment and status.

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Processing PR #10: opened
Review saved to database with ID: 13
Review status: APPROVED, Severity: MINOR
✓ Review Approved & Posted for PR: 13
Processing PR #11: opened
Review saved to database with ID: 14
Review status: APPROVED, Severity: MINOR
POST /repos/karindragimhan49/metana-pr-reviewer/pulls/11/reviews - 422 with id 3FC9:153D43:6A1ACC:80DEC7:6957C10
in 928ms
⚠ REQUEST_CHANGES failed, falling back to COMMENT: Unprocessable Entity: "Review Can not request changes on your own pull request" - https://docs.github.com/rest/pulls/reviews#create-a-review-for-a-pull-request
✖ Review Rejected for PR: 14 (COMMENT fallback)

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Figure 15 GitHub PR showing the "REJECTED" comment and status.

9. History & Audit Logs

To keep track of past actions, I implemented a History Log. Clicking on the "Total Processed" card opens a modal showing a list of all approved and rejected reviews.

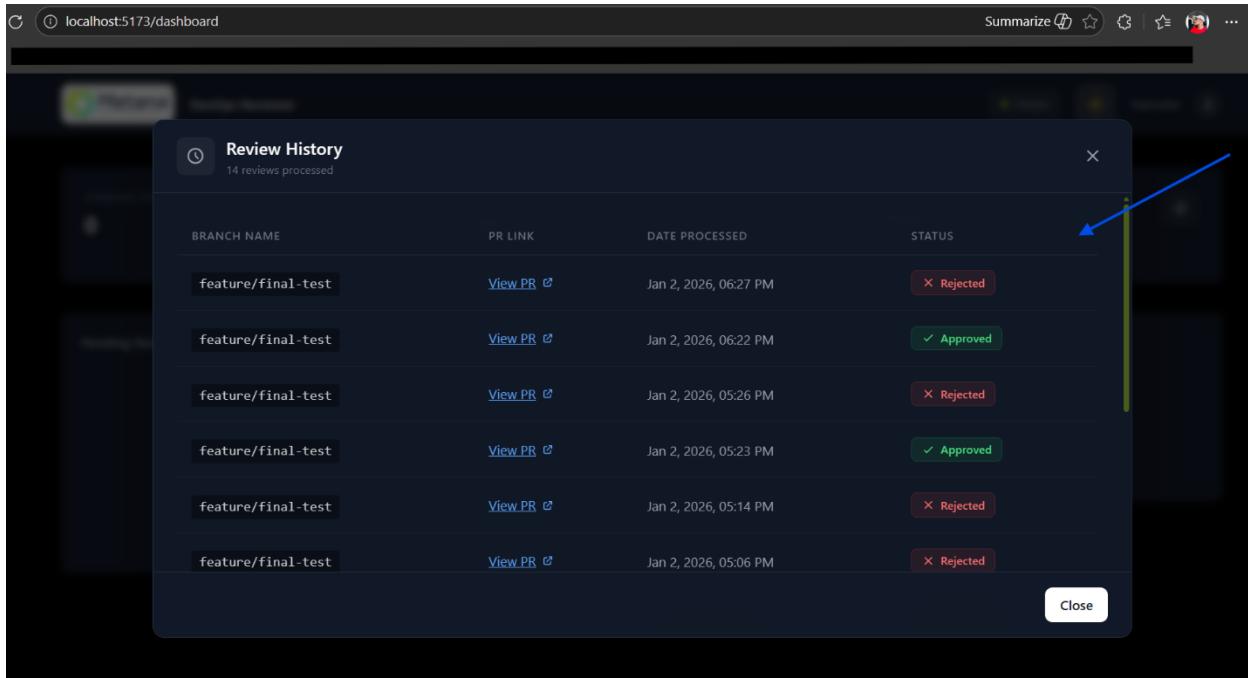


Figure 16 The History Modal displaying a log of all processed PRs.

10. Professional UI/UX (Landing Page)

Finally, to give the product a polished, enterprise-grade feel, I designed a professional Landing Page with a responsive Navbar and modern typography.

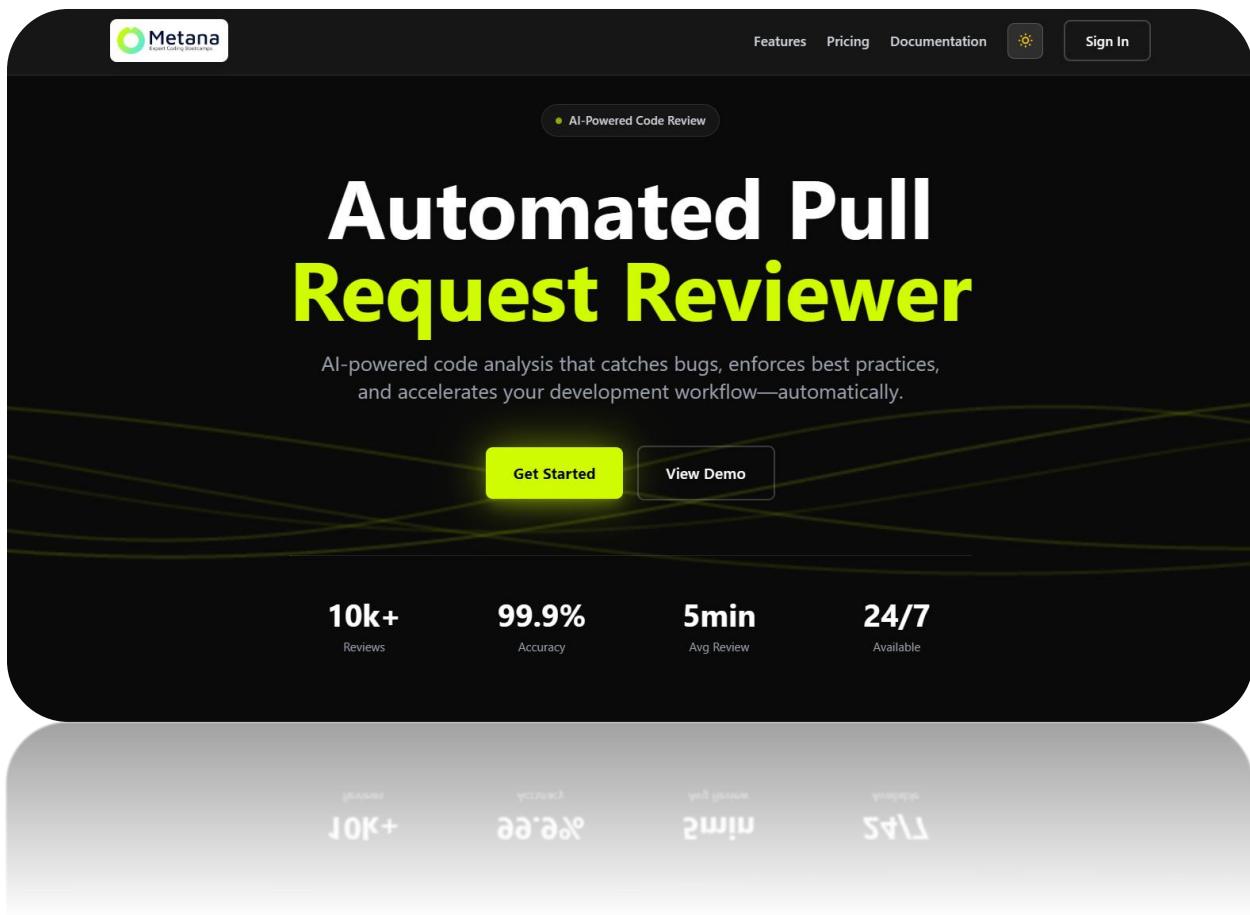


Figure 17 The Modern Landing Page (Dark Mode) serving as the entry point.

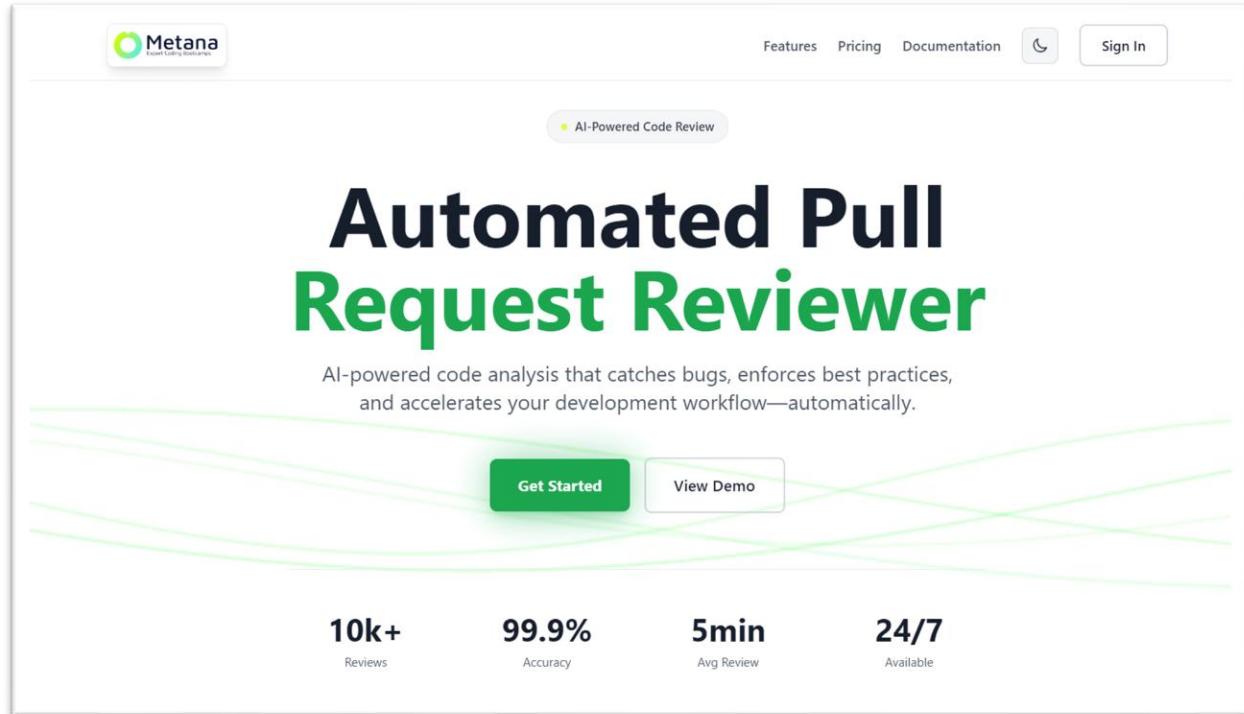


Figure 18 The Landing Page in Light Mode, demonstrating theme adaptability.

The Dashboard itself is fully responsive and maintains a clean "Code Inspector" aesthetic.

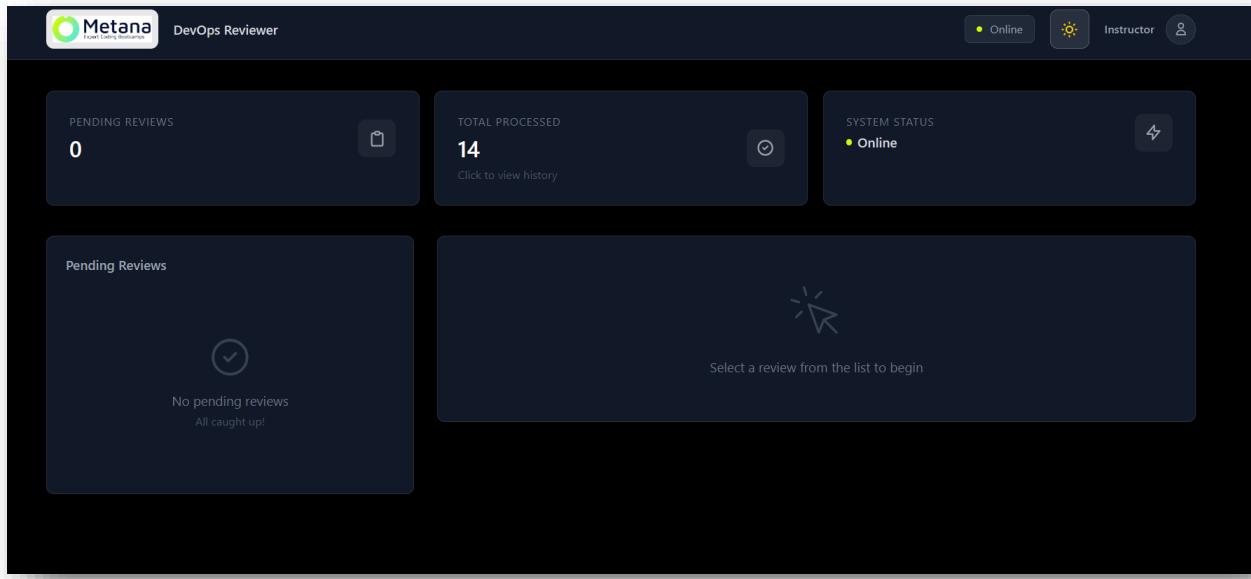


Figure 19 The empty state of the Instructor Dashboard, ready for new tasks.

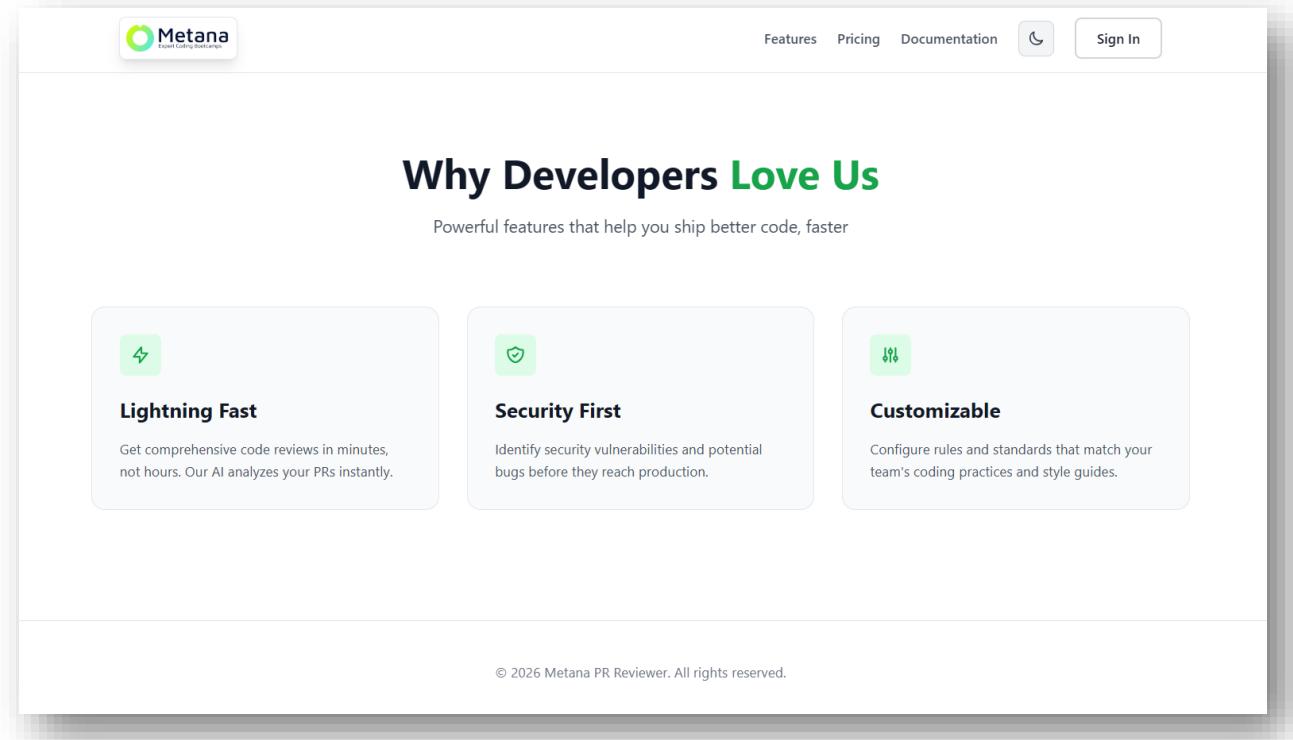


Figure 20 The Landing Page in Light Mode, demonstrating theme adaptability.

Conclusion

This project successfully meets all assessment objectives:

1. **Automated Webhook Triggers** (Demonstrated via Ngrok).
2. **Contextual Analysis** (AI feedback based on branch names).
3. **Instructor Gatekeeping** (Approval/Rejection workflow).
4. **High-Quality Frontend** (Professional UI with History & Themes).

The system is robust, error-tolerant, and ready for deployment.

Appendix:

1. Research & Problem Solving.

During the development phase, a significant challenge was encountered regarding **Infrastructure Connectivity**. Since the backend was running locally (localhost:3000), GitHub's cloud servers could not deliver Webhook events to the application.

To resolve this, I utilized AI as a research assistant to identify the best industry-standard solutions for secure tunneling.

The Research Prompt used:

"I am building a DevOps tool using Node.js and GitHub Webhooks. My server is running locally on port 3000. GitHub cannot send events to localhost.

What are the best tools or methods to expose my local server to the internet securely for testing webhooks? Please compare options like localtunnel, ngrok, and deploying to AWS."

The Solution Implemented: Based on the analysis, **Ngrok** was selected for its robust security features (HMAC verification support) and ease of integration with Node.js. This research step ensured the system was built on a reliable testing infrastructure before final deployment.

2. Sequence diagram

