

Module 4 Collaboration

1. Pull Requests

(1) Pull request

- **Forking**
 - A way of creating a copy of the given *repository* so that it belongs to our user
 - Our user can only push changes to the *forked* copy when we can't push it to the original *repository*

Create a new fork

A *fork* is a copy of a repository. Forking a repository allows you to freely experiment with changes without affecting the original project. [View existing forks.](#)

Owner *

Repository name *

our-username

 /

forked repo in our account

By default, forks are named the same as their upstream repository. You can customize the name to distinguish it further.

Description (optional)

☒ Copy the

main

 branch only

Contribute back to blue-kale-test/rearrange by adding your own branch. [Learn more.](#)

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 You are creating a fork in your personal account.

Create fork

forking (creating a fork)




forked repository

- **Pull request**
 - A commit/series of commits that you send to the owner of the *repository* so that they incorporate it into their tree
 - Used to suggest patches/bug fixes/new figures to the owner of the *repository*

- The owners will review it before merging it to their *repository*

Comparing changes

Choose two branches to see what's changed or to start a new pull request. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#).



base repository: **owner-username/repo**

base: main

...

head repository: **our-username/repo**

compare: patch-1

✓ **Able to merge.** These branches can be automatically merged.

Discuss and review the changes in this comparison with others. [Learn about pull requests](#)

Create pull request

comparing changes and create pull request










- **Check-box:** *allow edits from maintainers*

- the maintainer can edit or rebase the *commit* afterwards without asking us to do it

fixed typo in function documentation

Write

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test for github course

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

☒ Allow edits by maintainers ?

Create pull request

checkbox: allow edits by maintainers

Title of the pull request

Number of the pull request

Add a simple README.md #691

Open

our-username wants to merge 1 commit into their-usnm/their-bch from our-usnm/our-bch (updated)

Conversation 0

Commits 1

Checks 0

Files changed 1

our-usnm commented 1 minute ago

...

adding a readme file that was missing for the project.

Comment of the pull request

Add a simple README.md

commit ID
81a7223

Add more commits by pushing to the updated branch on our-usnm/repo-name .

This branch has no conflicts with the base branch

Only those with write access to this repository can merge pull requests.

pull request interface

(2) Pull request workflow

```
# Fork the repository in GitHub
cd [storage-path] # Change the directory to the local path for storing the forked repo
git clone https://github.com/[our-username]/[repo-name].git # Clone the forked repo to our local storage
cd [repo-name] # Direct the git to the path of the forked repo
git log # Check previous log files from the original repo owners
git checkout -b [new-branch] # Create a new branch for making changes
code README.md # Use Visual Studio Code (other code editors are also fine) to create a README.md file
git add README.md # Add the newly created file to the git repo
git commit -m "[commit message]" # Commit the change with a short [commit message]
git push -u origin [new-branch] # Create a new branch online and push the local new branch to that branch
# Create a pull request in GitHub
```

a general pull request workflow

(3) Updating an existing pull request

- Pushing another *commit* to the same branch as before will result in the update of the same *pull request*

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our-usnm commented 23 minutes ago

adding a readme file that was missing for the project.

our-usnm added 2 commits 31 minutes ago

Add a simple README.md

commit ID81a7223

add more information to README.md

commit ID860ba7e

2 commits in 1 pull request

9 README.md

@@ -0,0 +1,9 @@

1 + Rearrange

2 + -----

3 +

4 + This module is used for rearranging names.

5 + turns "lastname, firstname" into "firstname lastname"

6 +

7 + # example

8 +

9 + Calling "rearrange_name('Turing, Alan') will return 'Alan Turing'"

changes are squeezed in one diff

- To create a new *pull request*, we need to create another *branch*

(4) Squashing changes

```
git rebase -i <branch-2>
```

Function: interactively rebases the current branch onto , i.e., shows the *commits* of the current branch from the oldest to the most recent

- Interactive commands**
 - Squash*: meld all *commit messages* together while allowing for changes
 - Fixup*: take the *commit* while discarding its *commit message*

```
git show
```

Function: checks the latest *commit* and the changes in it

```
git push -f
```

Function: forces git to push the current snapshot into the *online repository* as is (generally used for squashing several *commits* into one *commit*; **May result in permanent data loss**)

Conversation0

Commits1

Checks0


Files changed1


username

commented 13 hours ago

...


adding a readme file that was missing for the project.





Add a simple README.md file including an example use case.

e00bcba



username

force-pushed the `add-readme` branch from `860ba7e` to `e00bcba` 13 hours ago

Compare

2 commits are squashed into a single commit

2. Code Reviews


(1) Code review

- **Code review**
 - Going through someone else's code/documentation/configuration and checking that it all makes sense and follows the expected patterns
- **Function of code review**
 - Improve the project by making sure:
 - the changes are in high quality
 - the contents are easy to understand
 - the style is consistent with the overall project
 - important cases are not forgotten
 - allows as many people as it can to review the code
- **General issues for code review to address**
 - Using unclear variable names
 - Forgetting to handle a specific condition
 - Forgetting to add tests
 - Making typos or syntax error in the code


(2) Code review in GitHub: working on others' review

README.md

```
2 + =====
3 +
4 + This module is used for rearranging names.
5 + Turns "LastName, FirstName" into "FirstName LastName"
```

 **blue-kale** on Sep 22, 2019 Owner + 😊 ...

This sentence is missing a period at the end **Check the comments left by other colleagues**

 Reply...

Resolve conversation **After finishing the assigned tasks, we can resolve the conversation**

A code review left by other users

```
git commit -a --amend
```

Function: amends the previous *commit* instead of creating a new one

- Caution should be taken on the *commits* that has been pushed to the *remote repository*

(3) Code review in GitHub: initiate a new review

0 / 1 files viewed Review in codespace **Review changes** ▾

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```
2 + this is a new README file, it was not inside the origin repo
```

add a message by clicking "+" of the relative code line

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This is another test review.

Write a message

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them. **After finishing, click "add review comment"**

Cancel **Add review comment**

Create a code review (p2)

0 / 1 files viewed
Review in codespace
Finish your review 2

Finish your review

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This is a review containing two comments.

After adding all messages, you can add a comment for the whole review.

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

☒ Comment
Submit general feedback without explicit approval.
☐ Approve
Submit feedback approving these changes.
☐ Request changes
Submit feedback suggesting changes.

Submit review 2 pending comments

After completing all review messages and the review comment, you can submit the review for others to check and edit.

Create a code review (p3)

3. Manage Projects

(1) Managing collaboration

- Notes for collaboration management
 - Replying the *pull requests* promptly can reduce the chance of future conflict when a new *commit* raises.
 - It is important to understand every change you accept.
 - Make sure the maintenance follows a fixed style guideline.
 - When it comes to coordinating who does what and when, a common strategy for active software projects is to use an **issue tracker**.
 - It is important to have an efficient communication tool for coordinators when the project is very large.

(2) Tracking issues










- Issue tracker
 - Tells us the tasks that need to be done, the state they are in, and who is working on them
 - Allows us to add comments to the issues

Check for critical error in system logs

title of the issue

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Go through `*/var/log/kern.log*` and `*/var/log/syslog*` and check if there are any critical errors that need attention.

content of the issue

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

Styling with Markdown is supported

After writing the task, we can submit the new issue here.

Submit new issue

create a new issue

<input type="checkbox"/>	<div>1 Open ✓ 0 Closed</div>	total number of open/closed issues	Author ▾	Label ▾	Projects ▾	Milestones ▾	Assignee ▾	Sort ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check for critical error in system logs	issue title						
issue #	#1	opened now by username						

issues shown in the repository

Assignees




No one—assign yourself

assign someone to work on the issue

- **Note:** Adding a "Closes #[number of issue]" will close the *issue* we are working on after pushing the *commit* to the *remote repository*

Update README to use the new name of the script
also add more information about how it works

Closes #1

 username closed this as completed in f4f6c66 3 minutes ago

Issue #1 is closed after typing "Closes #1" in the commit message

(3) Continuous integration

- **Continuous integration (CI)**
 - A system that builds and tests our code every time there is a change

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- **Continuous deployment/delivery (CD)**
 - Deploying the new code often, i.e., with frequent incremental updates with a few changes each time

- Allows errors to be caught and fixed early
- **CI/CD Platform Example:** Jenkins, GitHub Actions, Travis
- **Concepts to create CI/CD**
 - **Pipelines:** specify the steps that need to run to get the result you want
 - **Artifacts:** the name used to describe any files that are generated as part of the *pipeline*
- **Secret management**
 - Make sure the *authorized entities* for the test servers are not the same *entities authorized* to deploy on the product servers
 - Always have a plan to recover your access in case your *pipeline* gets compromised