Be More {Productive, Collaborative} with {Git, GitHub}

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- extremely flexible, can be complicated

git :: simple workflow

```
# make a local copy of a repository
$ git clone <url>
$ vi new_module.py

# stage your work
$ git add new_module.py

# commit early and often -- local
$ git commit -m “Sweet new feature!”

# upload your changes to the remote
$ git push
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  - forkable, decentralized

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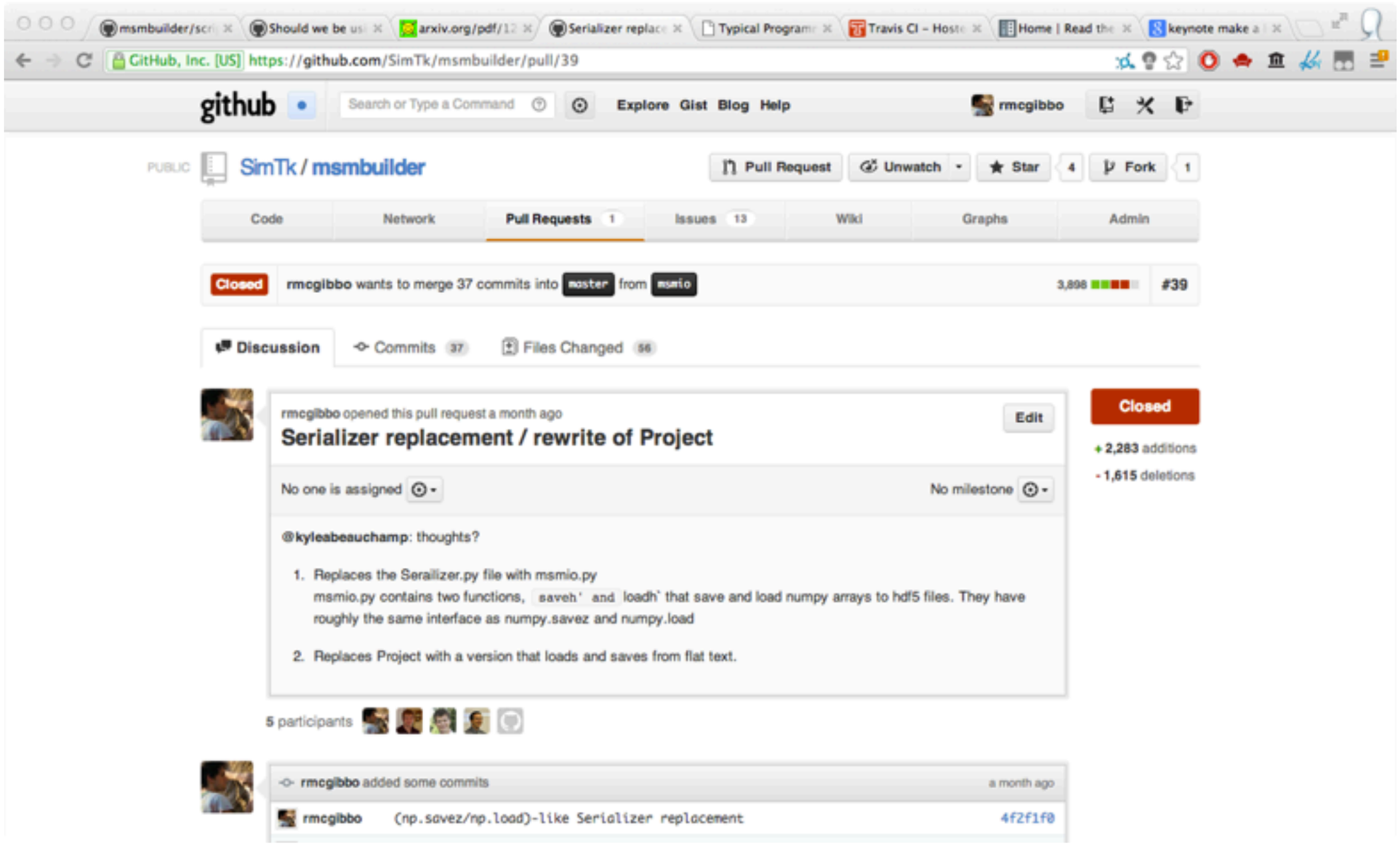

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TestFiles/TestWrappers.py — View full changes

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...  ...  @@ -181,16 +179,16 @@ def test_f_CalculateImpliedTimescales(self):
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Why are these commented out?

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Because I was lazy, and when I deleted GetRandomConfs.py I didn't readjust them.

Add a line note

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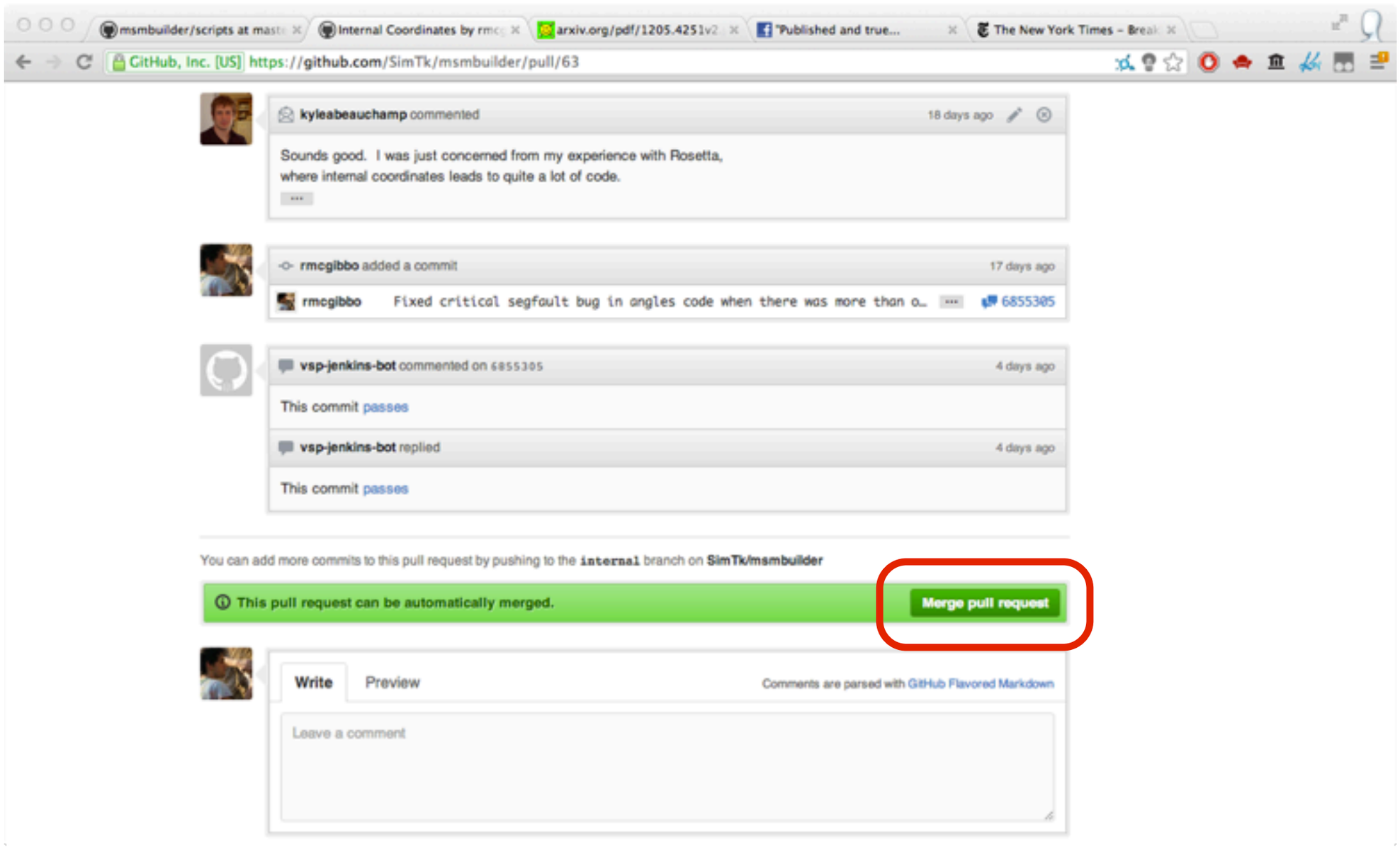

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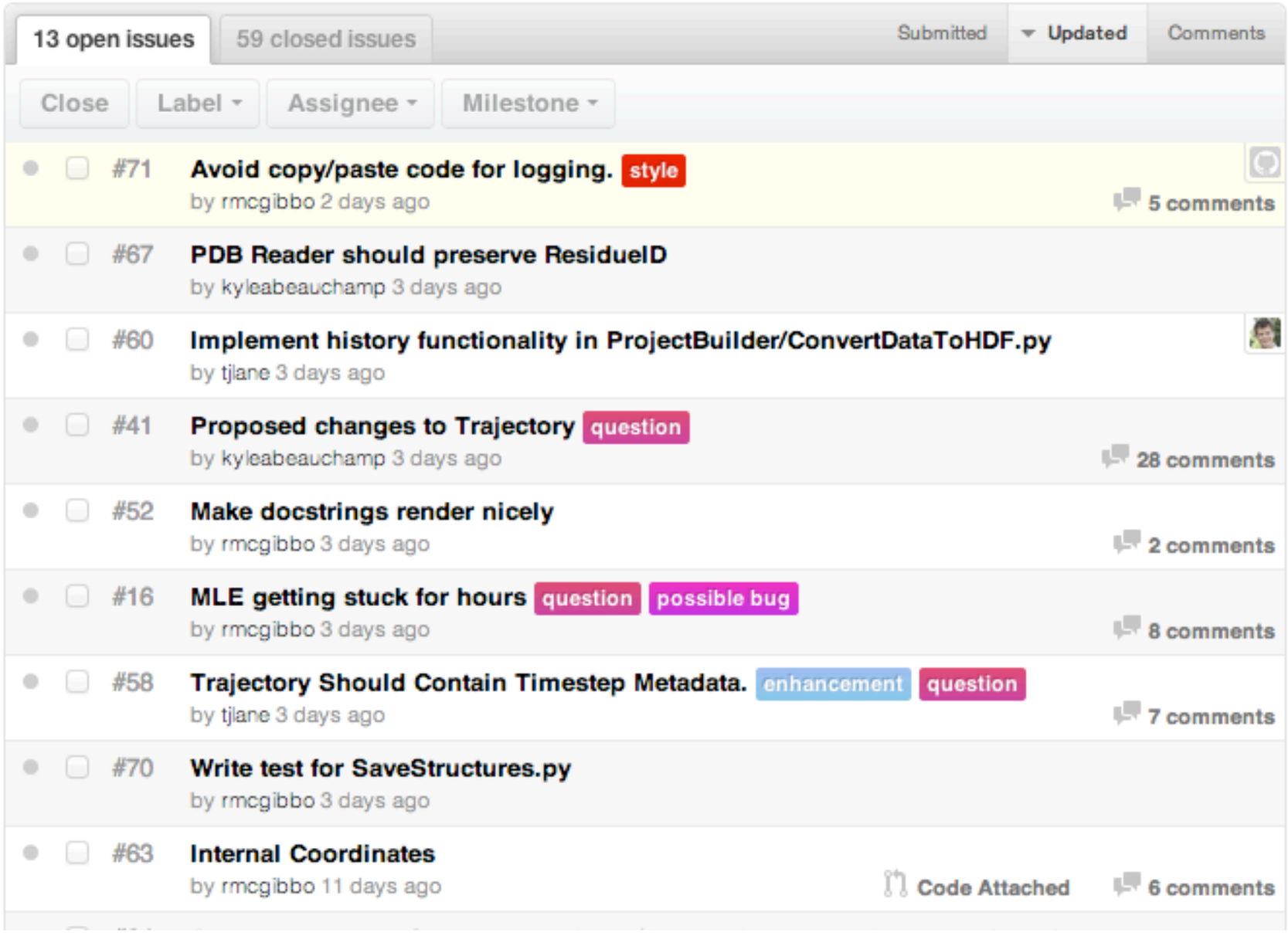

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rmcgibbo commented — 25 days ago

@tjlane: Do you want to start hacking the fahproject stuff on this?

I think the `validators` mechanism here will generalize pretty well for the FaH stuff.

basically, you do

```
pb = ProjectBuilder(...)
pb.add_validator(validators.RMSDExplosionValidator(structure_or_filename='native.pdb', max_rmsd=0.1))

project = pb.get_project()
project.save('ProjectInfo.yaml')
```

tjlane commented — 25 days ago

Sweet! Nice work. Especially like the Validators -- I wouldn't worry about adding more, just documenting how they work so people can add them if necessary.

I'll get cracking on this in a bit.

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- the little things make it useful
  - low friction, lightweight “project management”
  - code highlighting
  - diff discussion
  - reply to comments via email
  - web hooks

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  - build the documentation, host it in the cloud
  - ReadTheDocs.org

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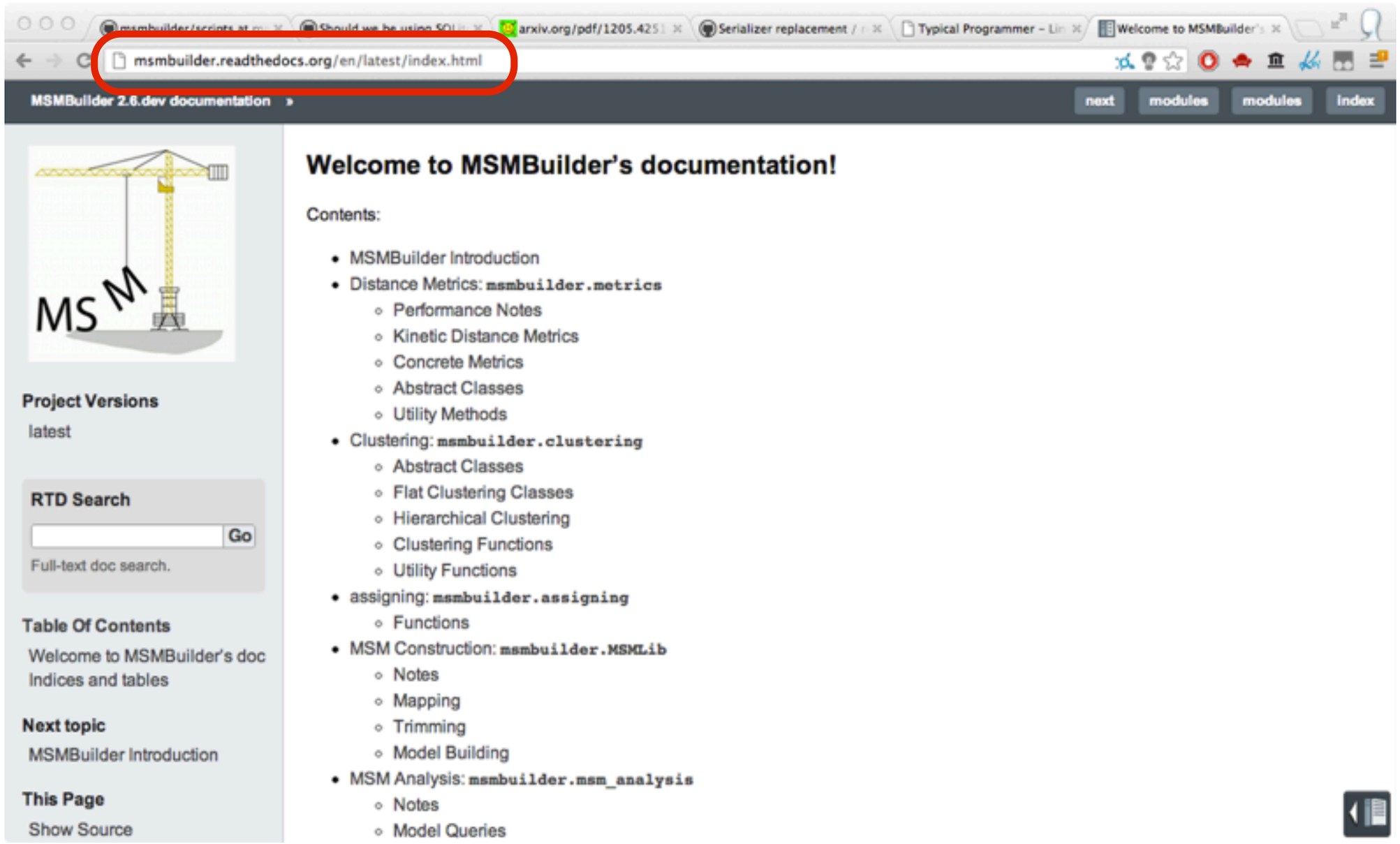

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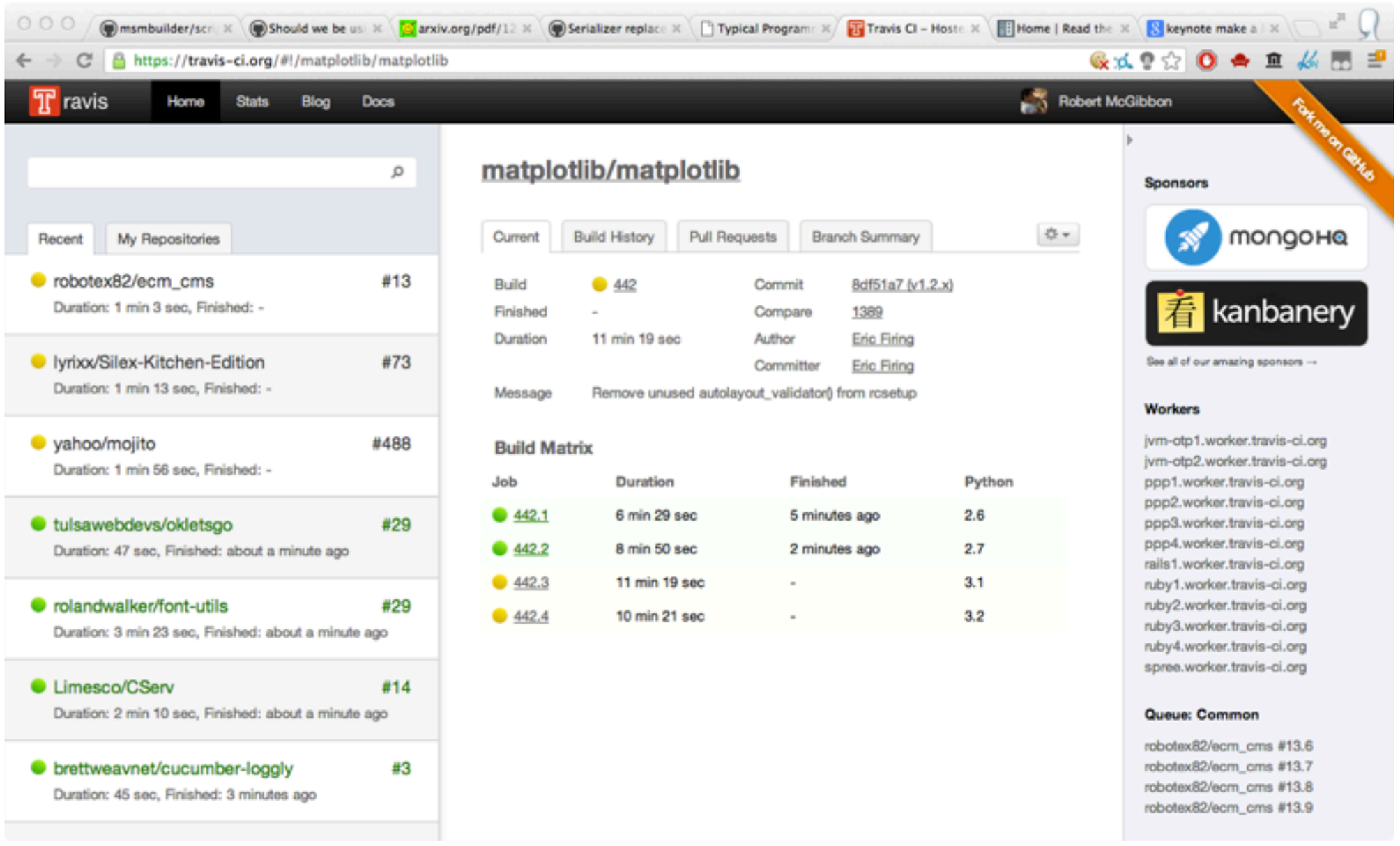

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  - simtk.org as project “front end” to centralize and advertise
  - github as a “back end” for source control and developer tools

git :: criticisms

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