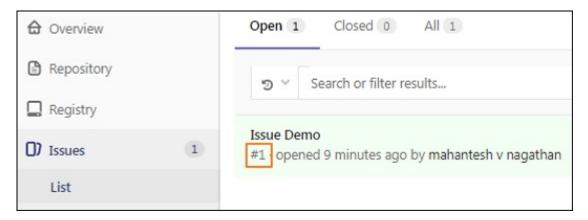
GitLab - Referencing Issues

GitLab can be able to refer the specific issue from the commit message to solve a specific problem. In this chapter, we will discuss about how to reference a issue in the GitLab –

- **Step 1** To reference a issue, you need to have an issue number of a created issue. To create an issue, refer the creating issue chapter.
- Step 2 To see the created issue, click on the List option under Issues tab -



Step 3 – Before making the changes in your local repository, check whether it is up to date or not by using the below command –

```
git checkout master && git pull
```

```
C:\first-gitlab-project>git checkout master && git pull
Switched to branch 'master'
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
```

The *git pull* command downloads the latest changes from the remote server and integrates directly into current working files.

Step 4 – Now, create a new branch with the name issue-fix by using the git checkout command –

```
git checkout -b issue-fix
```

```
C:\first-gitlab-project>git checkout -b issue-fix
Switched to a new branch 'issue-fix'
```

Step 5 - Now, add some content to the README.md file to fix the bug -

```
echo "fix this bug" >> README.md
```

Step 6 - Enter the commit message for the above change with the below command -

```
git commit -a
```

This command opens the below screen and press *Insert* key on the keyboard to add a commit message for the *issue-fix* branch.

```
Fixes #1_
# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.

# On branch issue-fix
# Changes to be committed:
# modified: README.md

# Untracked files:
# READFile.md

# Committed:
# READFile.md

# READFILE.md

# READFILE.md
```

Now press the *Esc* key, then colon(:) and type *wq* to save and exit from the screen.

Step 7 - Now push the branch to remote repository by using the below command -

```
git push origin issue-fix
```

```
C:\first-gitlab-project\git push origin issue-fix
Username for 'https://gitlab.com': mantu1904
Password for 'https://mantu1904@gitlab.com':
Counting objects: 8, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 294 bytes ! 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote:
remote: To create a merge request for issue-fix, visit:
remote: https://gitlab.com/mantu1904/first-gitlab-project/merge_requests/new?merge_requests/sbsource_branch%5D=issue-fix
remote:
To https://gitlab.com/mantu1904/first-gitlab-project.git
* [new branch] issue-fix -> issue-fix
```

- **Step 8** Login to your GitLab account and create a new merge request. You can refer the merge request chapter for the creation of merge request.
- **Step 9** Once you create the merge request, you will be redirected to the merge request page. When you click on the *Close merge request* button (refer the screenshot in the step (6) of merge request chapter), you will see the Closed option after closing merge request.

