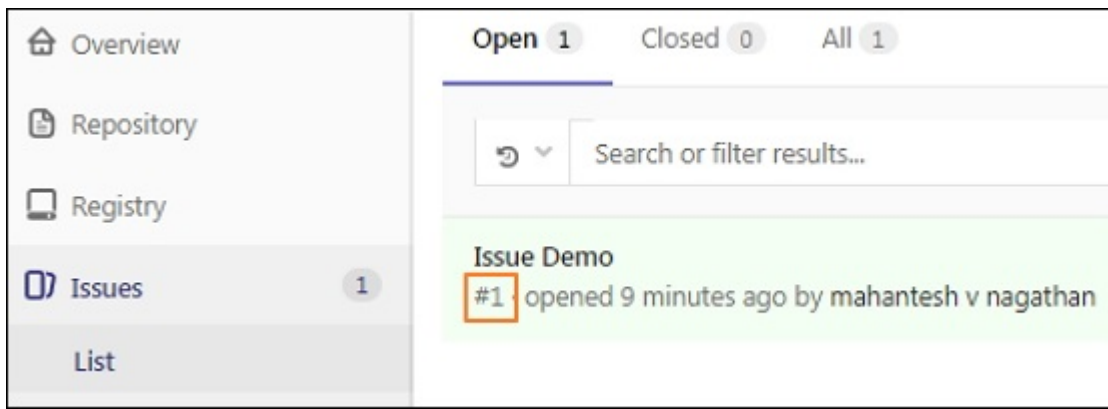# GitLab - Referencing Issues

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
```


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 −
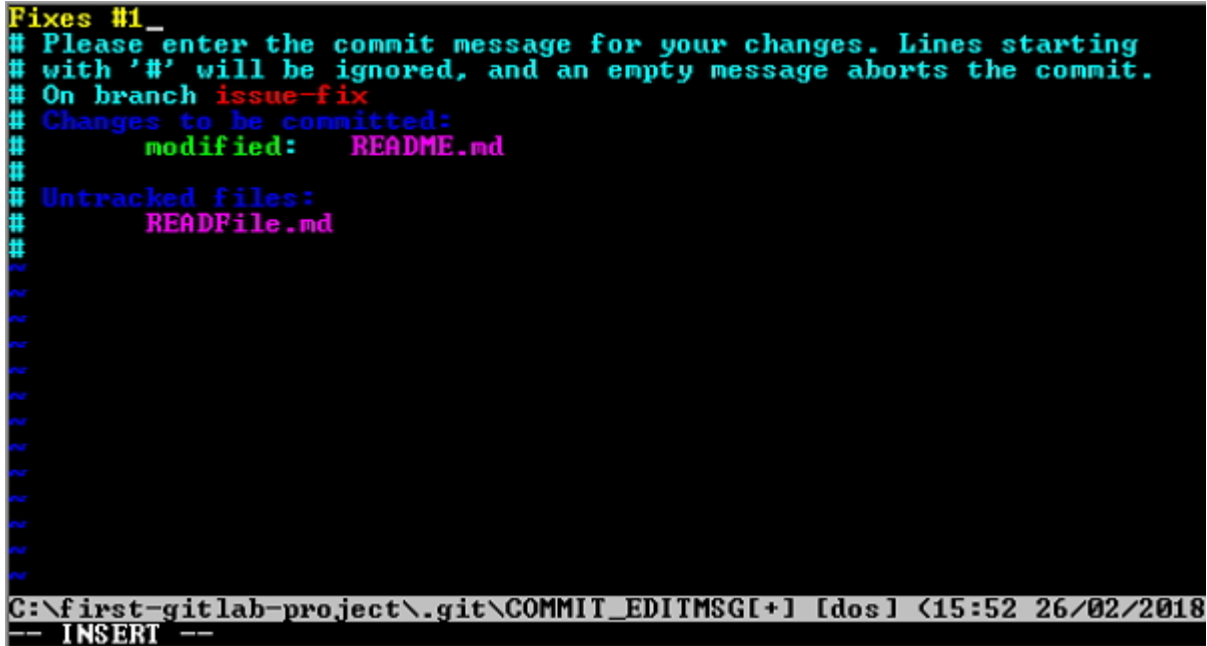
```
git checkout -b issue-fix
```


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.
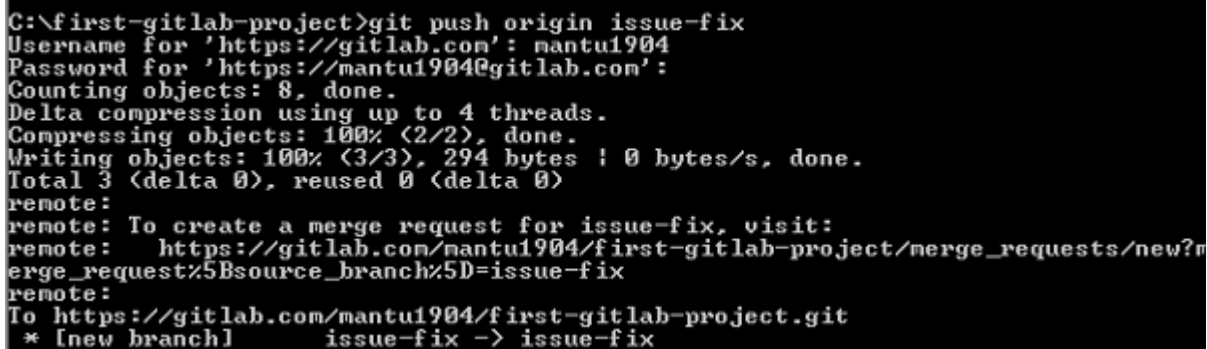

Now press the *Esc* key, then colon(:) and type *wq* to save and exit from the screen.

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

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


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.

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Closed   Opened 13 minutes ago by   mahantesh v nagathan   Edit   Reopen merge request

Fix a bug

Fixes #1

Request to merge `issue-fix` into `master`

!   Closed by   mahantesh v nagathan less than a minute ago

The changes were not merged into `master`

Closes #1 and #2

Assign yourself to these issues

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