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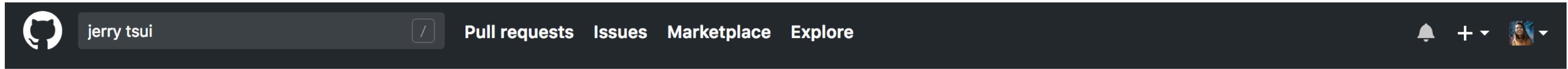
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# Github Search



**Repositories**

- Code 8K
- Commits
- Issues
- Marketplace
- Topics
- Wikis
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# Github Search

A screenshot of the Github search interface. At the top, there's a dark header bar with the Github logo, the user name "jerry tsui", a search bar with a placeholder "/ ", and navigation links for "Pull requests", "Issues", "Marketplace", and "Explore". To the right are icons for notifications, adding to a list, and a user profile picture.

A sidebar on the left side of the page. It has two main sections: "Repositories" and "Languages". The "Repositories" section lists "Code" (8K), "Commits", "Issues", "Marketplace", "Topics", "Wikis", and "Users" (1). The "Languages" section shows "JavaScript" (1). Below these sections are links for "Advanced search" and "Cheat sheet".

1 user



[peniqliotuv](#) **Jerry Tsui**

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# User personas



**Elizabeth**  
24, Designer +  
Novice Frontend  
Developer

**Github is something new for Elizabeth. It's something she dabbles in occasionally, but not something she uses every day. She's not well-versed in Terminal, and only really uses Github to host her personal website.**

## Goals

- find her own repositories
- push her code to her repository

## Dislikes 💔

- difficulty navigating the site
- “I don’t like the fact that I probably have to take a class to understand it”
- when it is resized, you have to scroll from side to side

## Likes ❤️

- clean, simple design
- option to explore
- very open-source and open to collaboration

“ It is truly a mystery to me.

## Background

Education: Bachelor’s degree  
Race: Caucasian  
Computer(s): Macbook and iPhone  
Computer usage: 4-6 hours per day

## Obstacles

- trying to find certain repositories
- not knowing what certain buttons or links mean
- not having the resources to understand what the instructions, documentation, or links mean

## Questions

- How can I find my code quickly and efficiently?
- What do all of these navigation options do?



**James**  
21, Student  
+ Software  
Developer

**Github is a pretty integral part of James' life. It is something he uses for his job and for his classes, whether it's reviewing other people's code, pushing his own, or even doing administrative work. He uses it every single day.**

## Goals

- quickly and efficiently find the repositories he wants to find
- writing and reviewing code

## Dislikes 💔

- pain in navigating
- don't care what other people do (social platform aspect)
- redundant buttons
- not actually responsive

## Likes ❤️

- simple, monochromatic color scheme
- professional looking
- straightforward at its core

“ It's inconvenient to see your own code

## Background

Education: Bachelor's degree  
Race: Asian American  
Computer(s): Macbook and Android phone  
Computer usage: 6-8 hours per day

## Obstacles

- trying to find certain repositories
- “I forget what I'm looking for while I'm actually looking for it”
- bogged down by the social platform aspect

## Questions

- How can I find my code quickly and efficiently?
- How can I explore new code without it bogging down what I want to do?

# User flows

# Elizabeth in Zulip

Land in home dashboard.



Click on profile icon.



Click on Your Profile in dropdown menu.

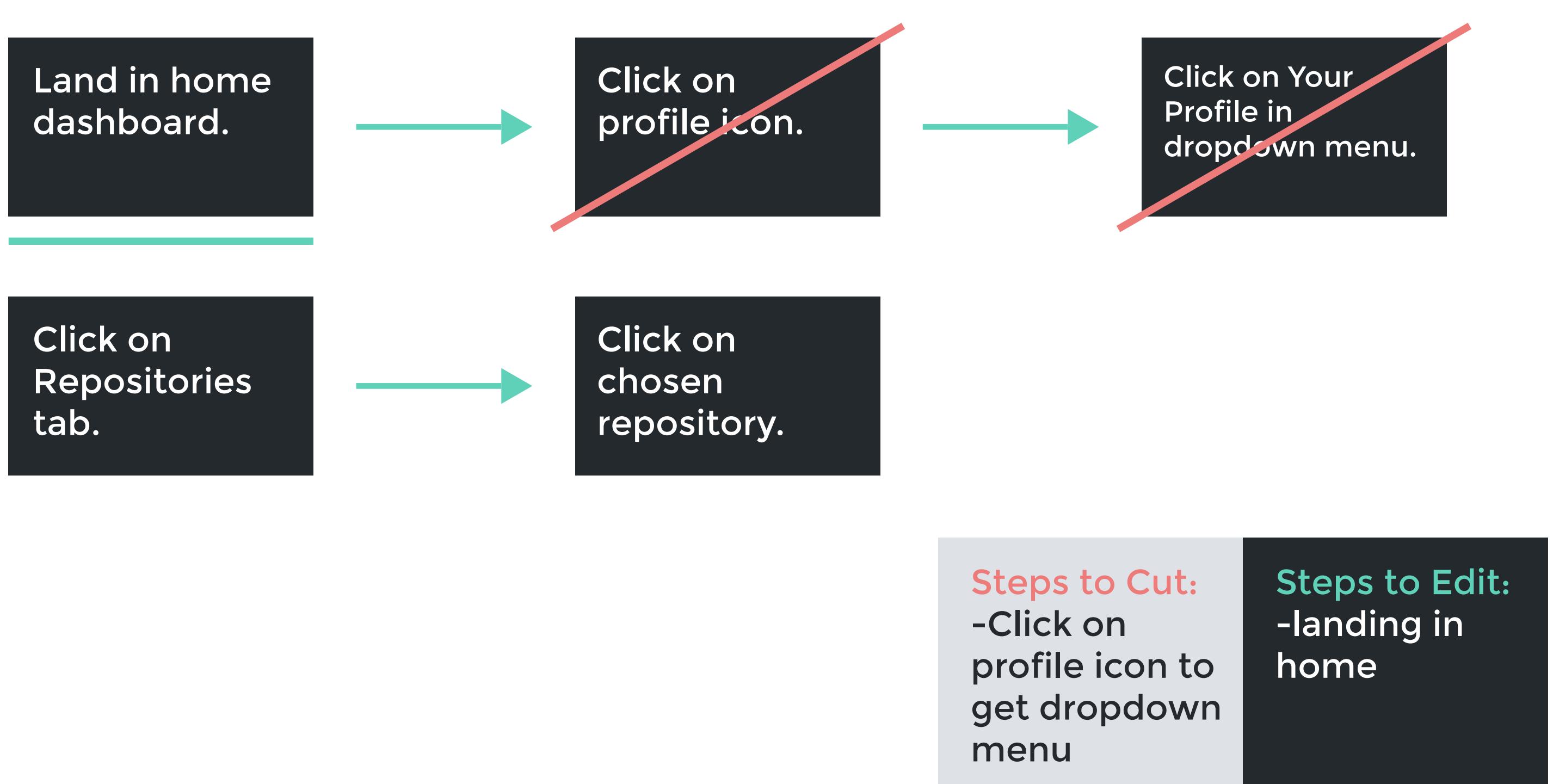
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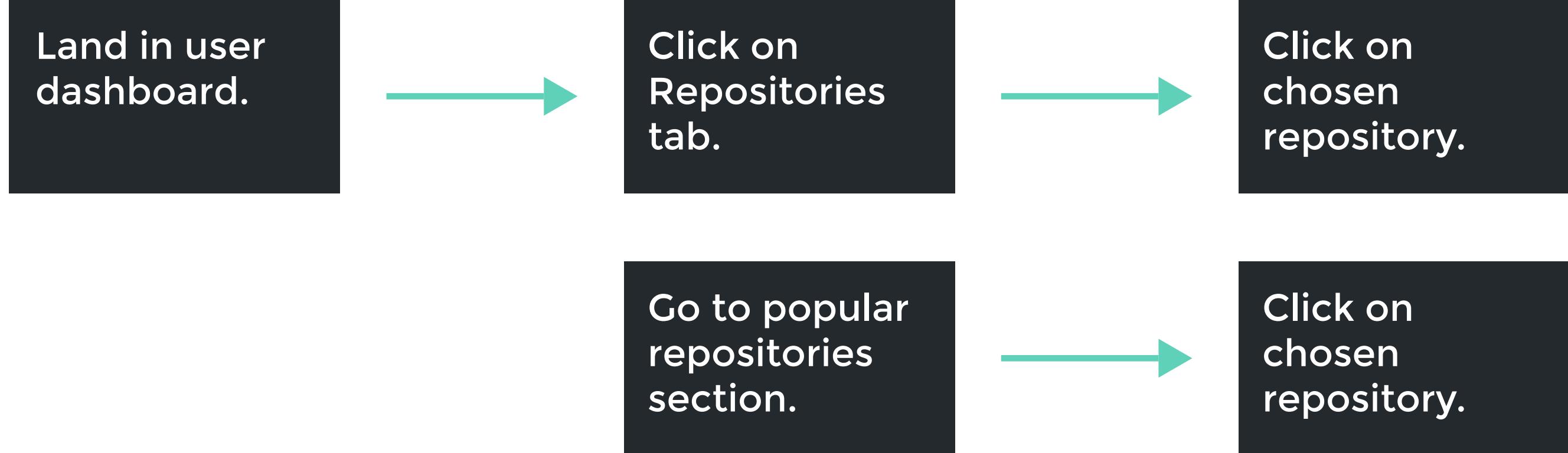
Click on chosen repository.

**The Scenario:**  
Elizabeth is trying to view and edit her repository.

# Implementation



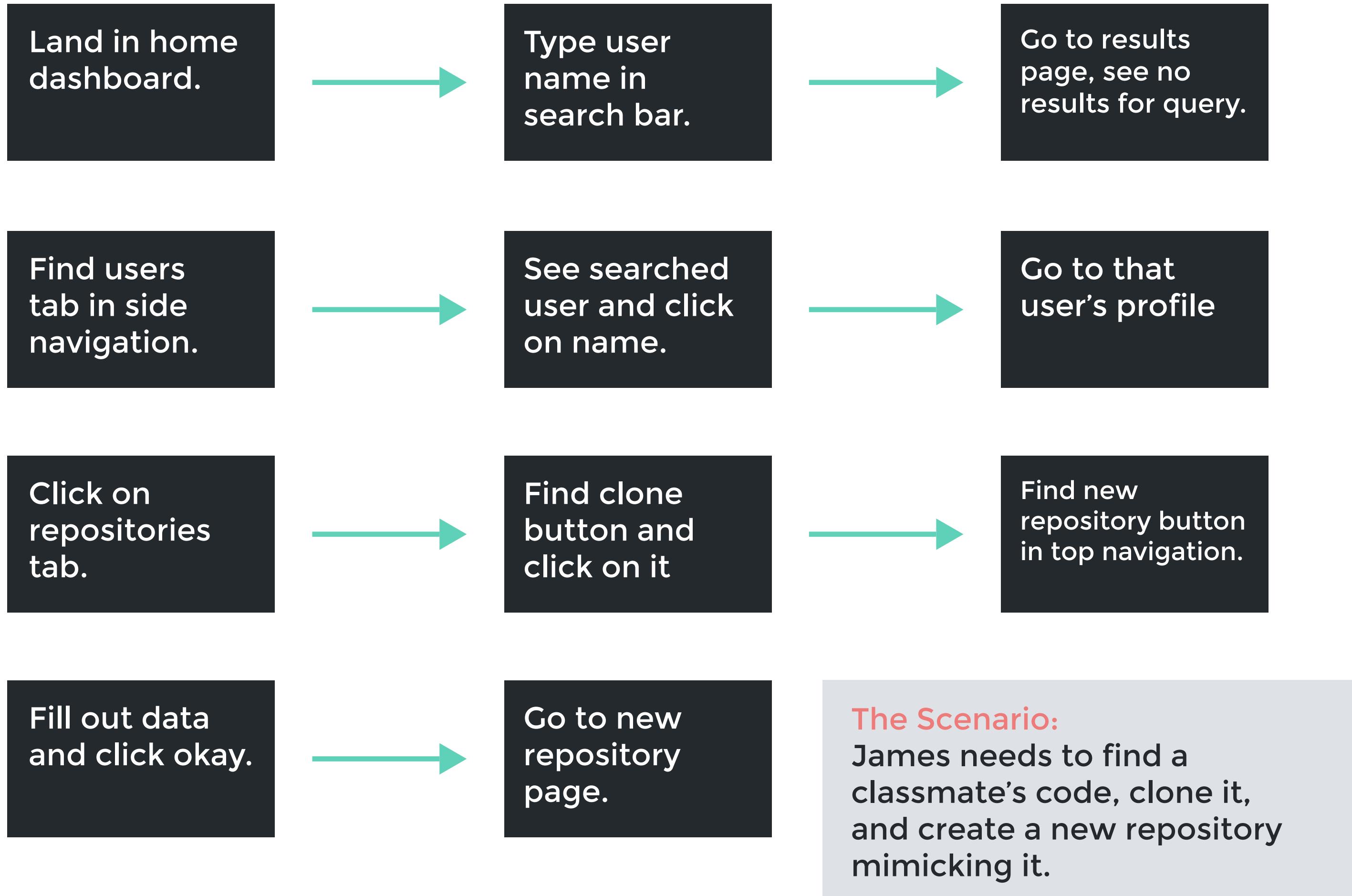
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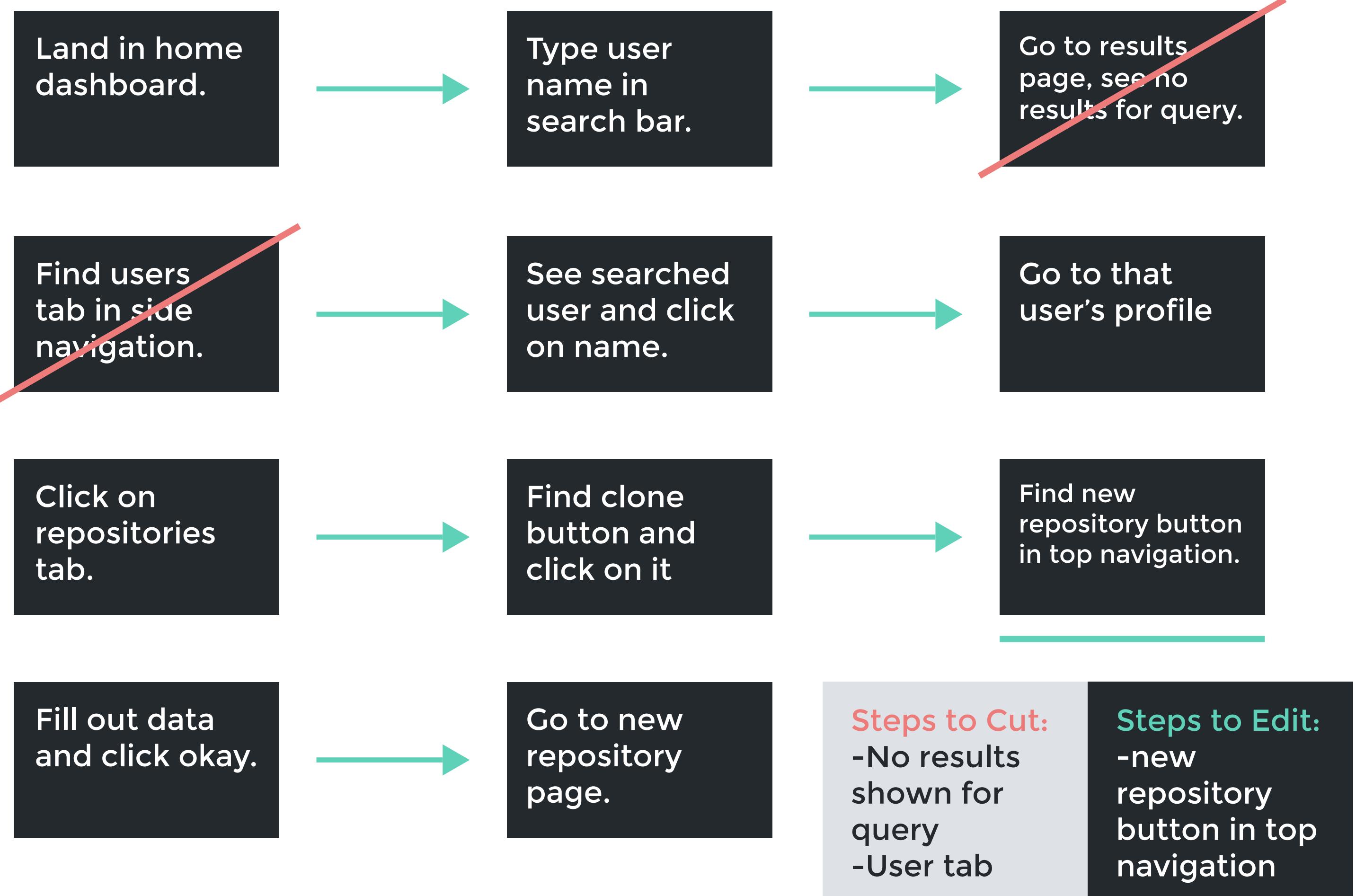
## The Edits:

Land immediately in the user dashboard page with repositories easily viewable  
Get to repositories by either clicking on the repositories tab or choosing a repository from the top used section

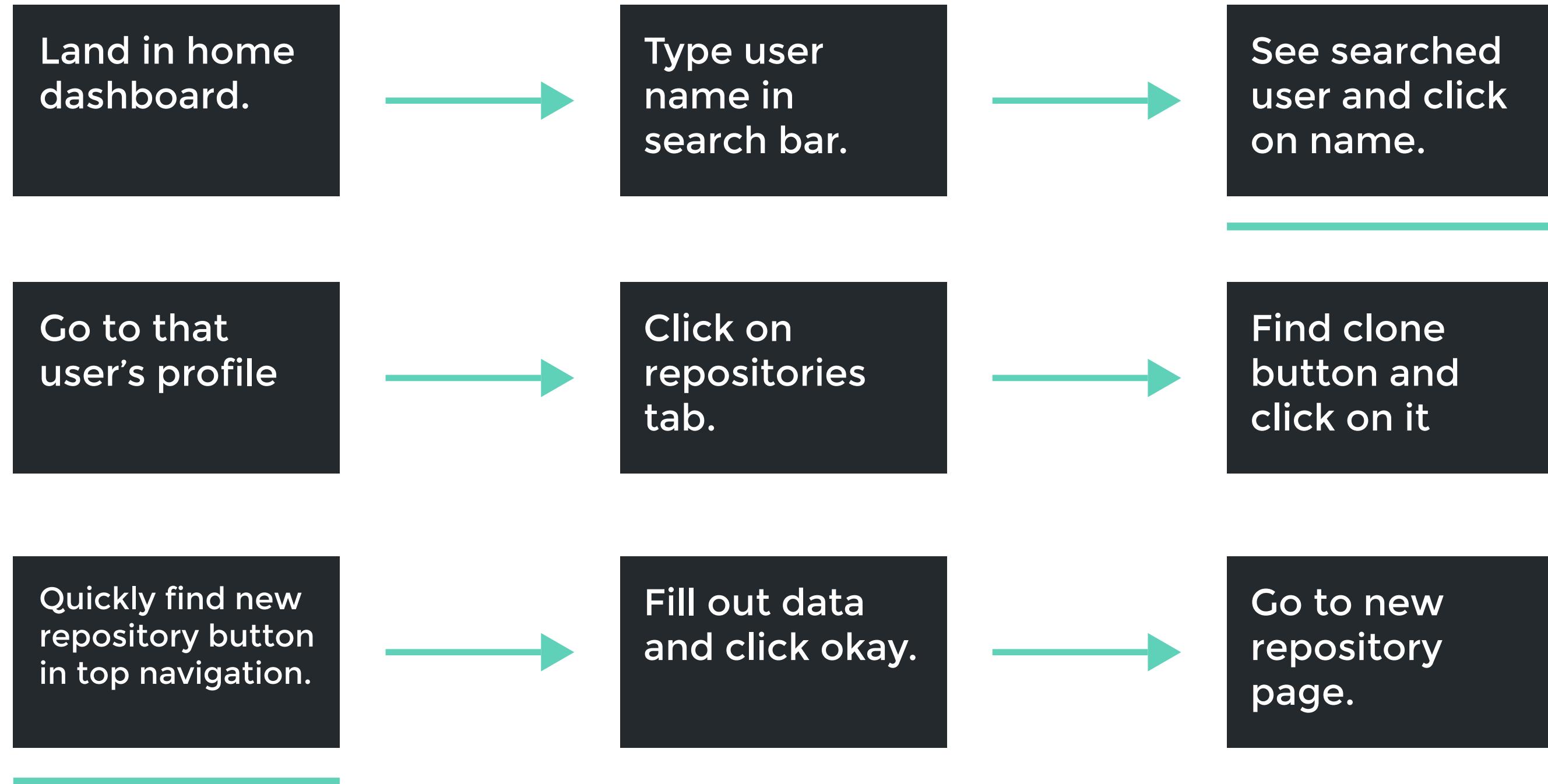
# James



# Scenarios



# Scenes



## The Edits:

Creating a search results page that shows all of the top results, while also incorporating tab functionality tells users that there are results found (unlike the previous design, which said that no results were found). A bigger, and more visible new repository button makes the experience smoother.

# Wireframes



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**Elizabeth Winter**  
ewinter

## Biography

designer and novice freelance developer

## Popular Repositories

[ewinter.github.io](#)

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IML 300 Reading and Writing the Web

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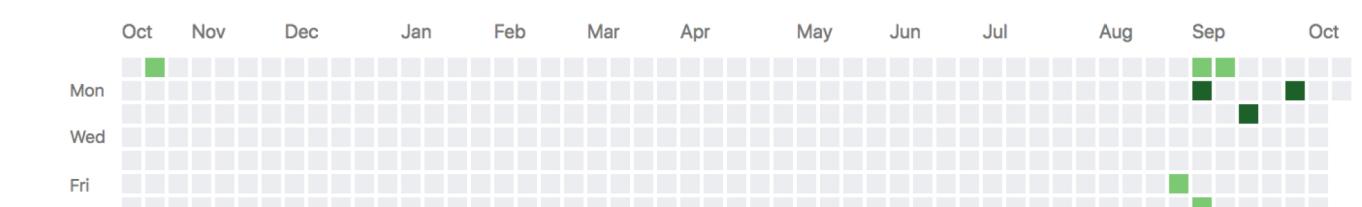
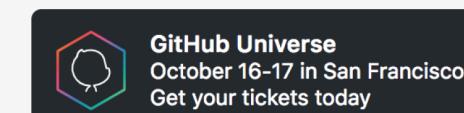
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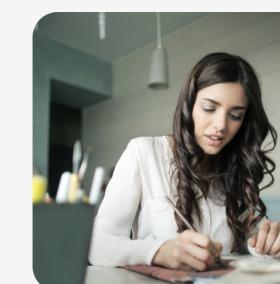
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● HTML

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- ewinter.github.io** HTML
- iml300** Forked from trojanmediaarts/iml300 IML 300 Reading and Writing the Web CSS
- itp404-assignment1** Javascript
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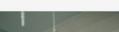
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Screenshot of the GitHub search results for the user "ewinter".

The search bar at the top shows "ewinter". Below it, the "Top Results" section is active. The results include:

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Screenshot of the GitHub repository page for "ewinter/itp404-assignment3".

The repository header shows "ewinter/itp404-assignment3". The tabs are: Code (active), Issues (0), Pull Requests (0), Projects (0), Wiki, Insights, and Settings.

The repository details:  
No description, website, or topics provided | Edit

Statistics:  
1 commit | 1 branch | 0 releases | 0 contributors

Commit history by **Sylvie Howton** pushing part 1 (Latest commit: 14 days ago):

File	Pushed
apple-icon.png	14 days ago
apple-pay.png	14 days ago
handlebars-v4.0.11.js	14 days ago
index.html	14 days ago
jquery-3.1.1.js	14 days ago
main.js	14 days ago
style.css	14 days ago

Branch: master | New pull request | Create new file | Upload file | Find file | + Clone or download

Conclusions +  
next steps

# Learnings

## User Research is Key

-User Research allowed me to get different viewpoints about the flow of Github

## Design Responses

-If users can see what an action does through either a change of color or a font weight change, the experience is much easier and less clunky

## Showing All Data Fields

-The biggest issue people had with Github was that they didn't know what they could search for. With the redesign, I wanted to show that all options are available with a "Top Results" tab

# Next steps

## Top Navigation

-Redesign the top navigation bar (is there a better way to show what pull requests are? Is marketplace necessary?)

## Explore

-For novice users, the explore function is important in discovering new things to be inspired by; to redesign the explore function so that it doesn't clog up the experience for advanced users, but still is available for novice users would be the next step. I especially want to play with the search function and finding inspiration through that.