

An Introduction to GitHub tools

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Concepts

- Continuous integration
 - Practice of frequently merging code into a shared repository, verified by automated builds and tests
- Code coverage
 - A measure of what degree source code is tested by a test suite
- Code quality metrics
 - Static code analysis producing measures of style guide conformity, code smells and errors



GitHub

- Web-based Git repository hosting service
- Free for open-source projects (can use Bitbucket for free private repositories)
- Repositories can belong to users or organizations
- Can fork (copy) repositories to your own/organization account, make changes, and then submit a pull request (change proposal) to the original repository owner
- Lots of third-party applications available



Pull Requests

- Method of submitting contributions to a project via the GitHub web interface
- Collects together and displays all changes in a Git branch for review
- Allows for commenting, adding more commits and can show the status of automated tests



Travis CI

- Hosted continuous integration service used to build and test projects hosted on GitHub
- Build controlled by a .travis.yml file written in YAML and kept in the top level of a repository



Example .travis.yml

```
language: python
python: "2.7"
# Route the build to the (faster) container-based infrastructure
sudo: false
install: pip install -r requirements.txt
# Commands that prepare things for the test
before script:
  - export PYTHONPATH=$PYTHONPATH:`pwd -P`
  - cd src/tests
# Command to run the tests
script: coverage run --source=src -m unittest2 discover -buffer
# Send coverage data to covealls.io
after success: coveralls
```



Coveralls.io

 Records repository test coverage statistics from automated test systems such as Travis CI



Landscape.io

- Records and displays code quality metrics and trends for Python projects hosted on GitHub
- Very simple set up as it does not rely on Travis builds



Further Information

- Demonstration repository:
 - https://github.com/tofu-rocketry/tool-test
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuous_integration
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_coverage
- https://help.github.com/
- http://docs.travis-ci.com/
- https://coveralls.zendesk.com/
- https://docs.landscape.io/

