

9. Agile Development

CSCI 2541 Database Systems & Team Projects

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This project is huge, how do we possibly get started working on it?

How do we decide who should work on what?

How do we make sure we can deliver on time?

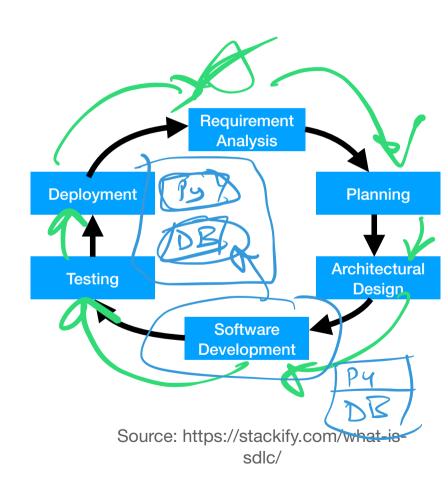
How do we make progress without being in the same place?

Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC)

"A process that produces software with the highest quality and lowest cost in the shortest time possible."

Provides a set of phases "to quickly produce high-quality software which is well-tested and ready for production use."

A strong emphasis on testing, as you need to ensure code quality at every release.



Agile

A methodology for delivering software to customers faster and with limited headache.

Instead of having large product launches, product features are released in smaller increments.

Requirements and designs are continuously reevaluated to make teams flexible to change

Key concepts are open communication, collaboration, adaptability, trust.

A value system rather than a framework or defined set of steps.

If Agile is just a set of values how does it help us?

This is where Scrum and Kanban come in.

Scrum

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Scrum is a framework for getting things done

Scrum encourages teams to learn from their past, work together on problems, and reflect to always improve.

Designed to allow teams to improve and be adaptive to change as they work on projects and reprioritize features as needed.

Work is organized into increments that are completed in sprints.

Releases generally happen at the end of a sprint or a series of sprints.

More Info: https://www.atlassian.com/agile/scrum

Scrum Concepts

Scrum board - used to represent stories in progress.

Sprint - A period of time (usually 2 weeks) of which work will be completed.

A User Story - The smallest unit of work, usually written in human readable terms

- i.e. When I click the login button, I am logged into the website.

Product Backlog - The total list of all todo stories relating to the product. Includes new features, bug fixes, and enhancements

Sprint Backlog - The list of all todo stories to be completed by the end of the sprint.

Increment - The goal for the end of the sprint. What should be completed at the end of your sprint period.

The Scrum Ceremonies

Backlog Grooming: Prioritize items and clean stories to keep the backlog up to date

Sprint Planning: Deciding what stories will be undertaken for the next sprint.

Sprint: The time period during which developers actually undertake the work for the increment and make progress. Usually around 2 weeks.

Daily Stand Up: Allows for everyone to update their status and keep everyone on the same page and voice concerns.

Sprint Review: Team gets together to demo what was completed during the sprint.

Sprint Retrospective: Team meets to discuss things that went well and that need work.

Scrum in Review

A incremental process that favors working in sprints and deploying features on a set release schedule.

Key metric is burndown, the number of stories completed in a sprint.

It's the entire teams responsibility to learn from past mistakes and work together to grow.

Can work great, but its structured timeline is hard to adapt to our projects



Kanban

Relies on Real-time communication of capacity and full transparency of work

The amount of work in progress is matched to team capacity to make sure things are kept on schedule and no one is overwhelmed.

Work items are represented visually on a kanban board so any team member can view the status of items.

The kanban board is the single source of truth for progress. All impediments and blockers are clearly made visible.

It's the entire team's responsibility to ensure items are moving efficiently through the process.

Releases generally happen as features make its way through the whole process.

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Kanban Concepts

Kanban Board - A visual board with columns representing the state of work. i.e. Todo, In Progress, Code Review, Done

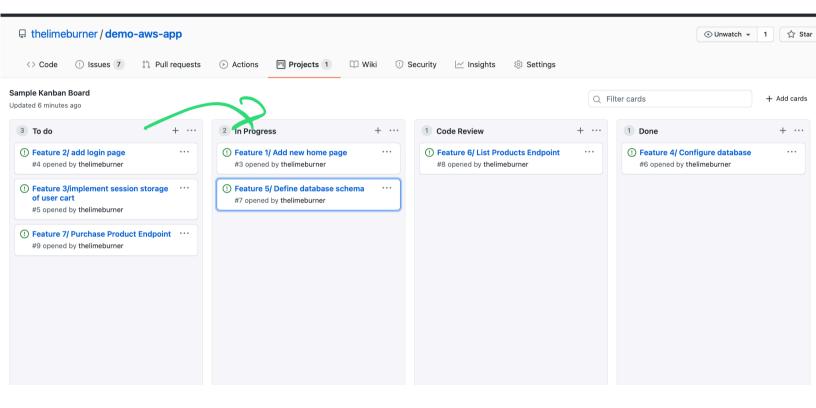
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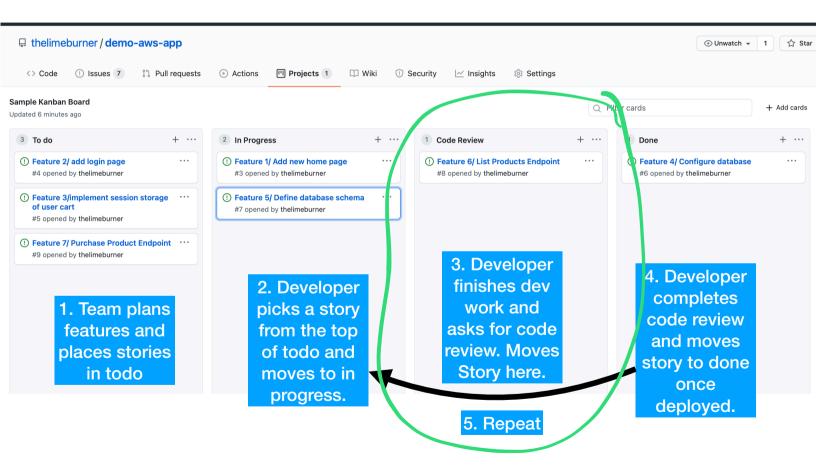
WIP - The work in progress limit. The total number of stories a developer can take on at a given time.

Cycle Time - The amount of time it takes for a unit to travel through the process from In Progress to Done.

A Sample Kanban Board



The Kanban Process



Kanban in Review

A continuous process that favors limiting work in progress and deploying features as they finish.

Key metric is minimizing the cycle time for a story

It's the entire teams responsibility to keep stories moving through the process.

Low overheard framework and very flexible to change.

Course Project

You must follow the Kanban Agile Dev Methodology

We will use Trello to host project boards

- Each team must create its own board (free account)
- Invite mentor and instructors

Break the project down into user stories

Use Trello to track who is working on what

We will review your board and commit history to track how work was divided up!

User Story

Describes a user interaction with the system with a well defined output/result

- Clicking "login" lets a user log into the website 🧨
 - User should enter username and password in co
 - Check form data against DB
 - Store authenticated user info in session or return error
- DB can store course offering information
 - Define tables for storing a course (department, number, title?) and a specific offering (course id, instructor, term, year?)
 - Pre-load sample courses and offerings into DB and provide
 SQL syntax to insert and search for courses

Tips:

Try to keep user stories small

- Something you can do in a day

Use Trello's commenting feature to discuss issues / make suggestions

- Or ask for help from your mentor!

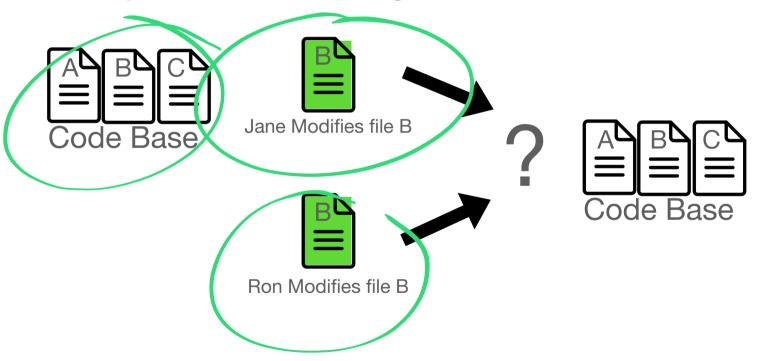
During Phase 2, you **cannot** talk with your Phase 1 teammates

- But you can look back at your old Trello board and the documentation you write!

How do we all work on the same code base without stepping over each other?

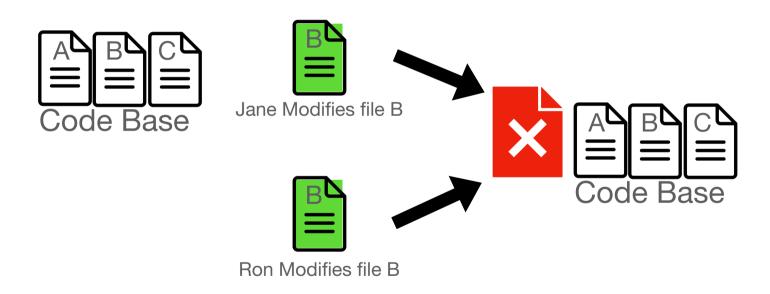
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How do you decide whose changes to use?

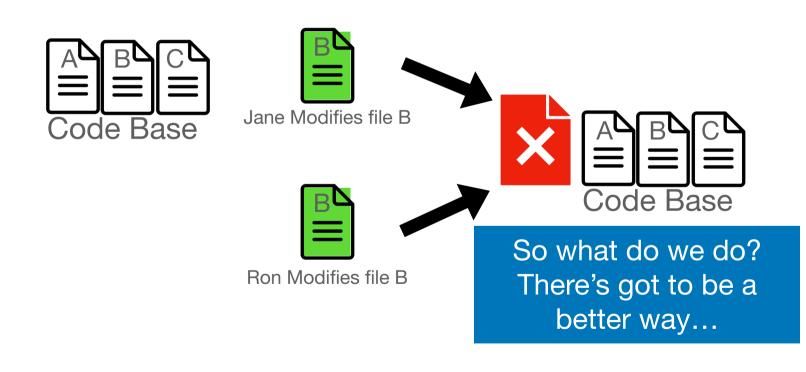


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The files conflict without a reasonable way to decide.

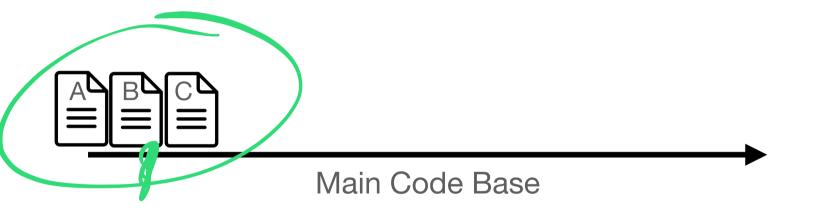


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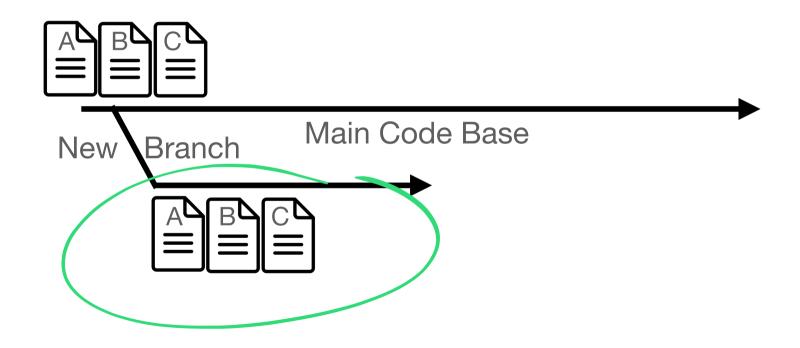


Distributed Version Control

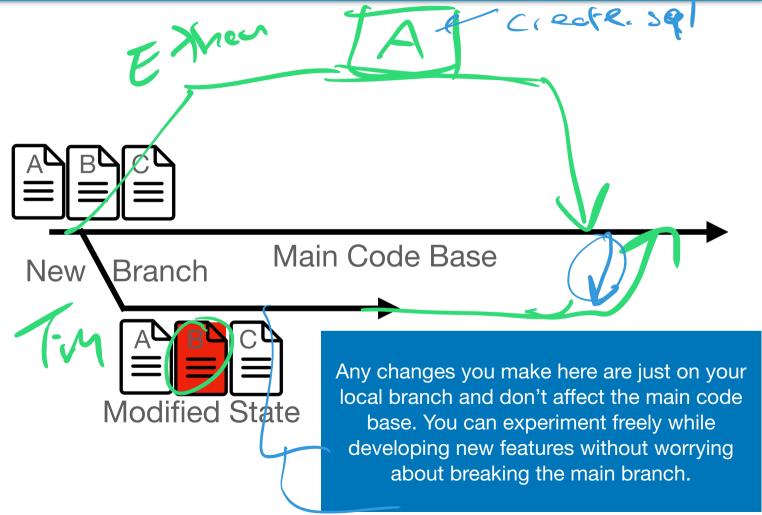
Think of your codebase like the main timeline



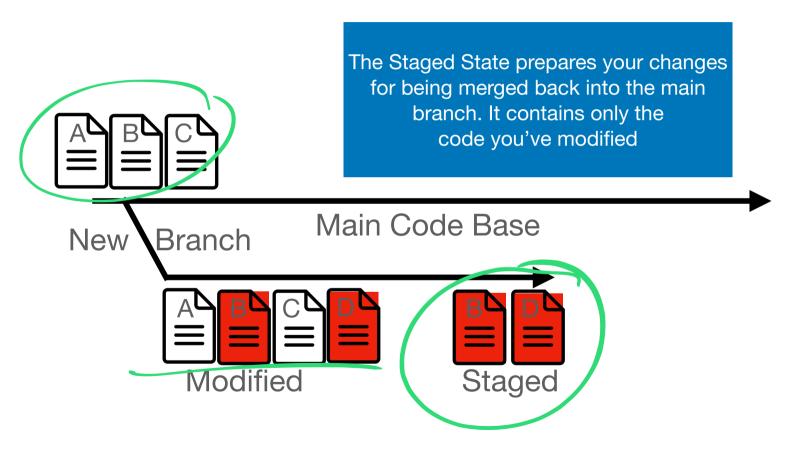
To make changes you first create a new branch



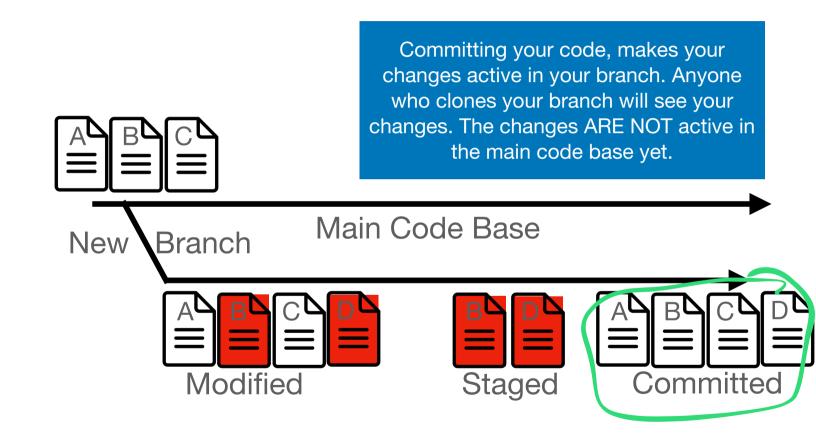
Entering the Modified State



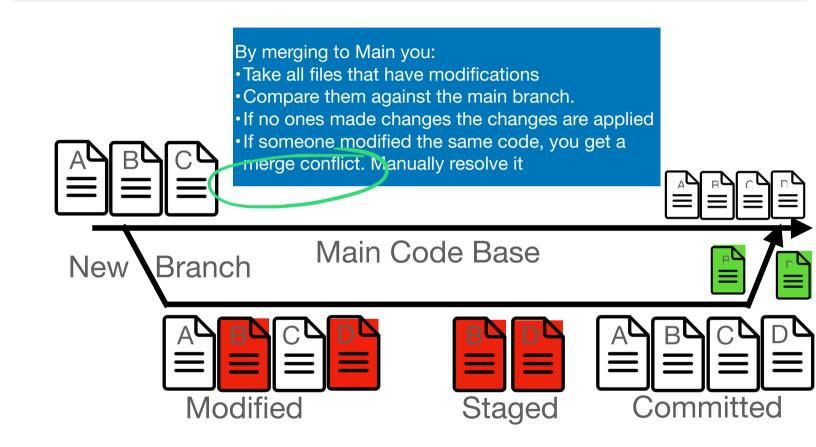
Entering the Staged State



Committing your changes



Merging your changes to main



How does this tie into Git?

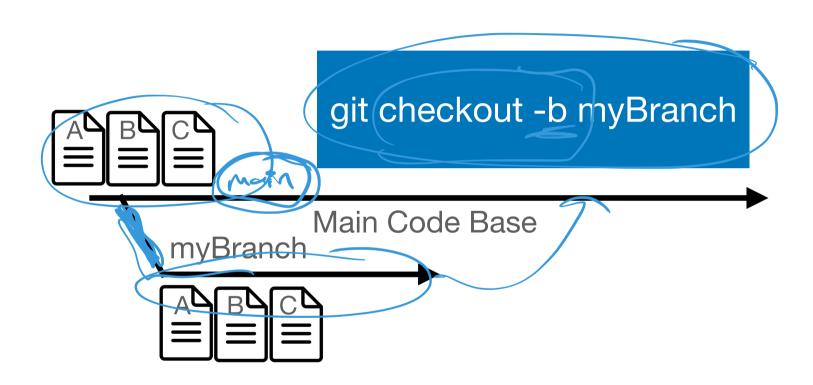
Creating a git repo



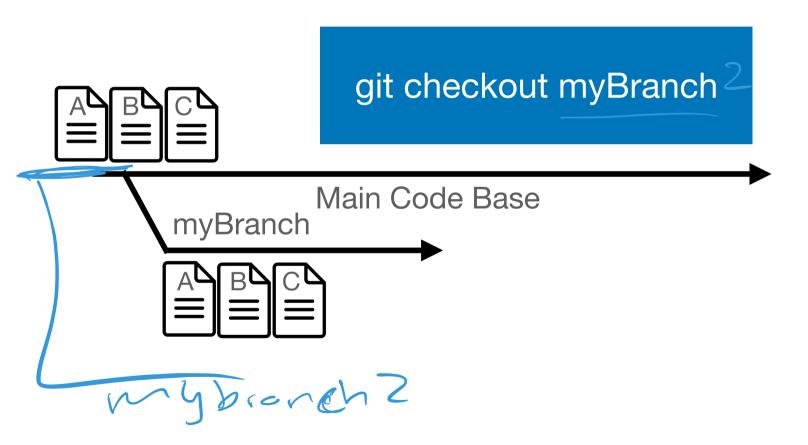
Main Code Base

git clone SOME_GIT_REPO

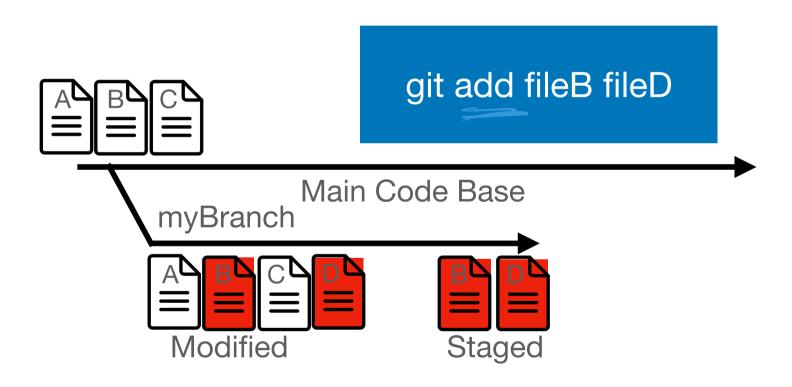
Creating a new branch



Switching to an existing branch

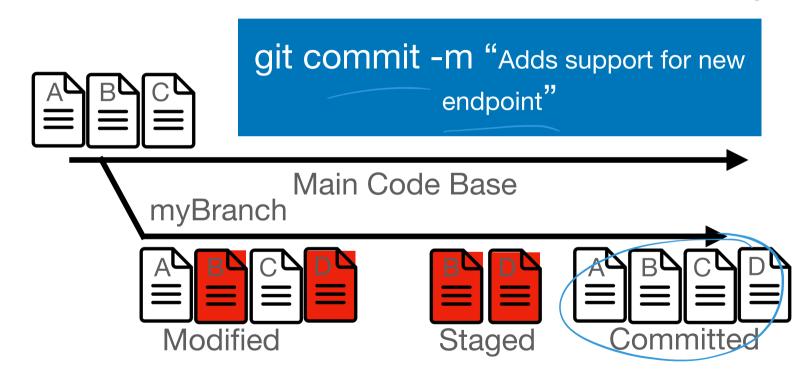


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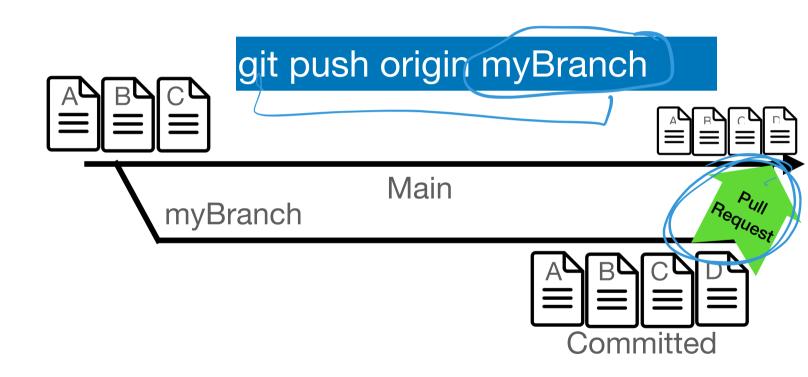


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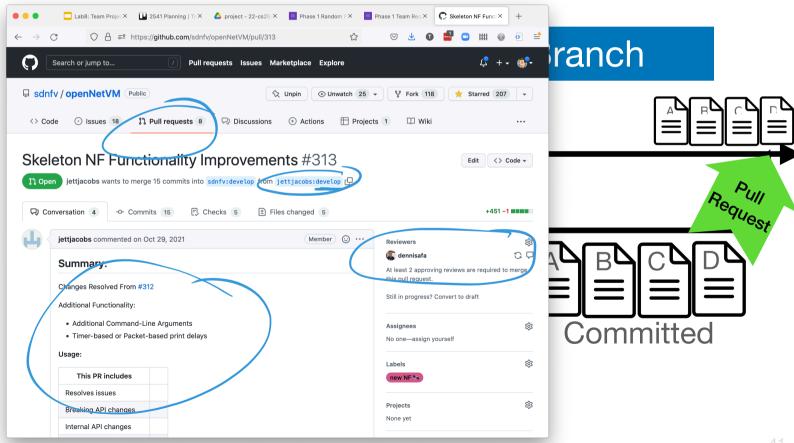
All commits need a human readable commit message



Getting your changes into Main with Pull Requests



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Pull Requests

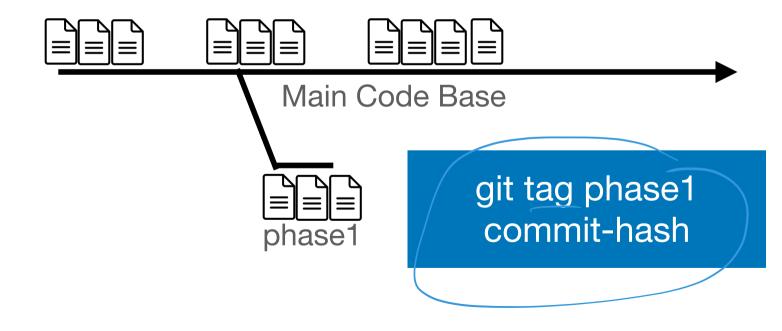
Pull Requests allow you to inform others on your team about a new features or code being added to the codebase

They provide a way for teams to discuss changes being made and enable an easy way to do code review

Changes in a pull request display whats been modified and is to be merged into main if approved.

Once a pull request is approved by reviewers. The code is merged into main and becomes a part of the codebase.

Marking an official release of your code



Merge Conflicts

```
You, seconds ago | 1 author (You)
      from flask import Flask
      app = Flask('app')
     @app.route('/')
      def hello world():
        return """
          <html>
              <body>
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              <h1>Todays Date is March 2nd</h1>
      Accept Current Change | Accept Incoming Change | Accept Both Changes | Compare Change
      <<</<>>
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              yelcome to our website.
              Welcome to our new website.
      >>>>>> Tealure Incoming Change
              </body>
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         </html>
      app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
```

Arise when two people edited the same line in a file.

Require manual intervention

You need to go into the file and decide which change should be persisted.

Delete the line you don't want along with the added lines from git.

Commit changes and git merge again

Code Reviews

Code Review is the process by which team members review each others code for things like

- Bugs
- Style choices
- Dead code <
- Security issues
- Design Decisions
- and much more

A good place to ask clarifying questions or act as knowledge transfer

Code Reviews normally take place right before merging a branch into main and is usually an iterative process.

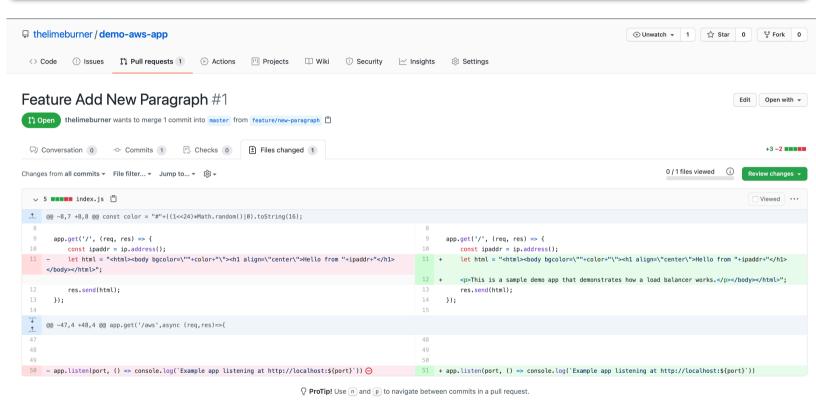
Teams typically have rules that say a code change needs at least 1 review before merging

Sample Code

```
@app.route('/')
def hello world():
  visitDate = "March 2rd 2020"
  x = """
  <html>
        <body>
        <h1>Todays Date is \{0\}</h1>
        Welcome to our website.
        </body>
    </html>
  ** ** **
  #print("DebuggCode")
  \# \times = 0
  return outputText.format(x)
@app.route('/endpoint2')
def endpoint2():
  visit date = "March 3rd"
  print("DEBUGG, VISITED")
  output text = """<html>
        "<body>"
        <h1>Todays Date is \{1\}</h1>
        Welcome to our website.
        </body>
    </html>
  11 11 11
  return output text.format(visit date)
app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
```

```
@app.route('/')
                                             Variable naming style is not consistent,
def hello world():
                                                       Date is incorrect
  visitDate = "March 2rd 2020"
  x = """
  < ht.ml>
        <body>
                                            Use a descriptive variable name
        <h1>Todays Date is \{0\}</h1>
        Welcome to our website.
        </body>
    </ht.ml>
                                                         Remove Dead code
  #print("DebuggCode")
  \# \times = 0
  return outputText.format(x)
@app.route('/endpoint2')
                                                    Remove debug statements to
def endpoint2():
                                                          keep code clean
  visit date = "March 3rd"
  print("DEBUGG, VISITED")
  output text = """<html>
                                                     This should be a zero instead of
        "<body>"
        <h1>Todays Date is \{1\}</h1>
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        Welcome to our website.
        </body>
    </ht.ml>
  ** ** **
  return
                                                       Should we wrap these in a
output text.format(visit date)
                                                            paragraph tag?
app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
```

A sample Code Review on Github



Tips for working with Distributed Version Control

Use branch protection rules to protect your main branch from being changed without code review

Always pull the latest changes before trying to merge to main.

Try to keep pull requests to small changes that are atomic. This simplifies code review.

Name new branches **feature/new-feature** or **bugfix/fixing-bad-logic** to make it easy to understand what a branch does.

Use git tags to mark official releases that never change.

Incorporate Peer Review into your git workflow.