03 reproducible workflows

teaching data science



R Markdown

reproducibility

train new analysts whose only workflow is a reproducible one

pedagogy

code + output + prose together

> syntax highlighting FTW!

efficiency

consistent formatting → easier grading

key to success

knit early and often



Git + GitHub — why?

version control

lots of mistakes along the way, need ability to revert

collaboration

platform that removes barriers to well documented collaboration

accountability

transparent commit history

early introduction

mastery takes time, earlier start the better

marketability



Git + GitHub — how?

organization

one organization per course

one repo per student/team per assignment

interface

via RStudio

no local git install required since using RStudio Cloud

teams

for collaboration

for assigning individual students to repos

for graders

assessment

check reproducibility via clone + compile

feedback through issues



> Your turn!

- If you don't have a GitHub account, create one now at github.com
- If you do, confirm your know your username and password by logging in at github.com
- Then, enter your name and GitHub username at rstd.io/teach-ds-form



setting up a course

- 1. Request educational discount: education.github.com/discount
- 2. Create course organization: github.com/organizations/new
- 3. Upgrade course organization: education.github.com/benefits
- 4. Invite students to organization
- 5. Create assignment(s)
- 6. Collect assignments(s)
- 7. Grade assignment(s)



1. request educational discount

education.github.com/discount

Student	
nat e-mail address do you use for school? Pro-tip: Selecting a school-issued email address gives yo	ou the best chance of a speedy review.
mine@stat.duke.edu	✓ Duke University
cetinkaya.mine@gmail.com	
mine.cetinkaya-rundel@ed.ac.uk	✓ University of Edinburgh



required information

When requesting the discount you will need to provide the following:

- A brief description of the purpose for the GitHub organization and how you plan to use GitHub
- Establishing connection to an academic institution by verifying with an .edu email + photo of your school id.
- Link to relevant website for the class / workshop / research group

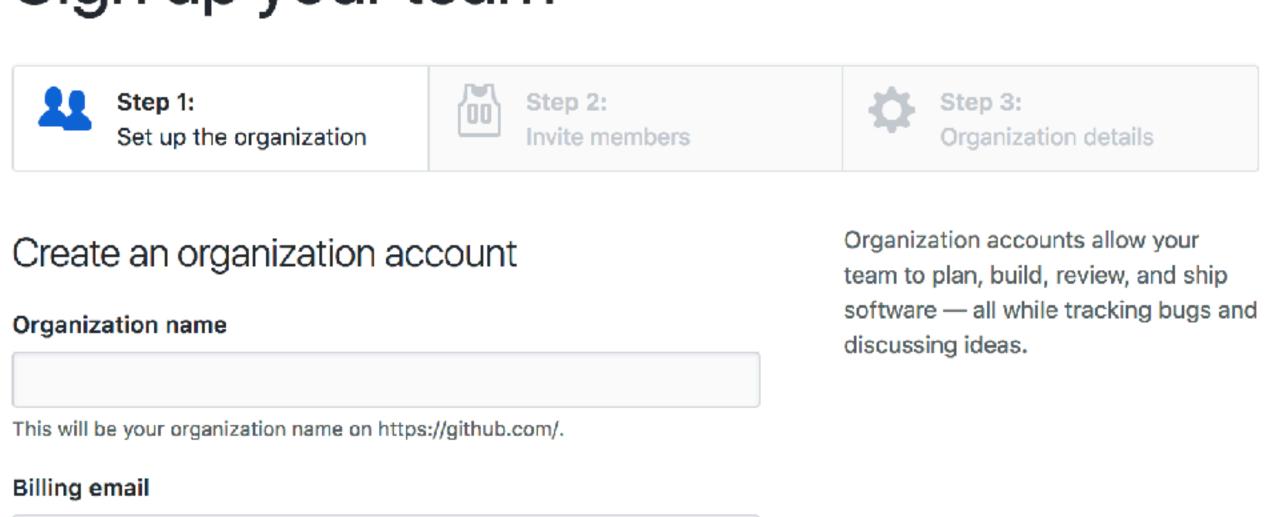
Verification is manual and can take between a couple hours to a couple days.



2. create course organization

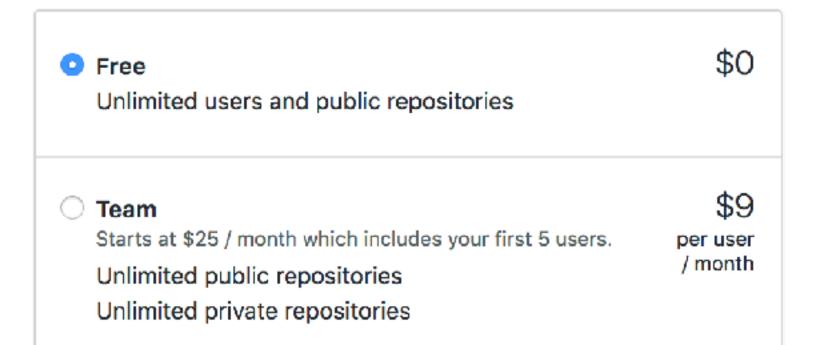
github.com/organizations/new

Sign up your team



Choose your plan

We'll send receipts to this inbox.

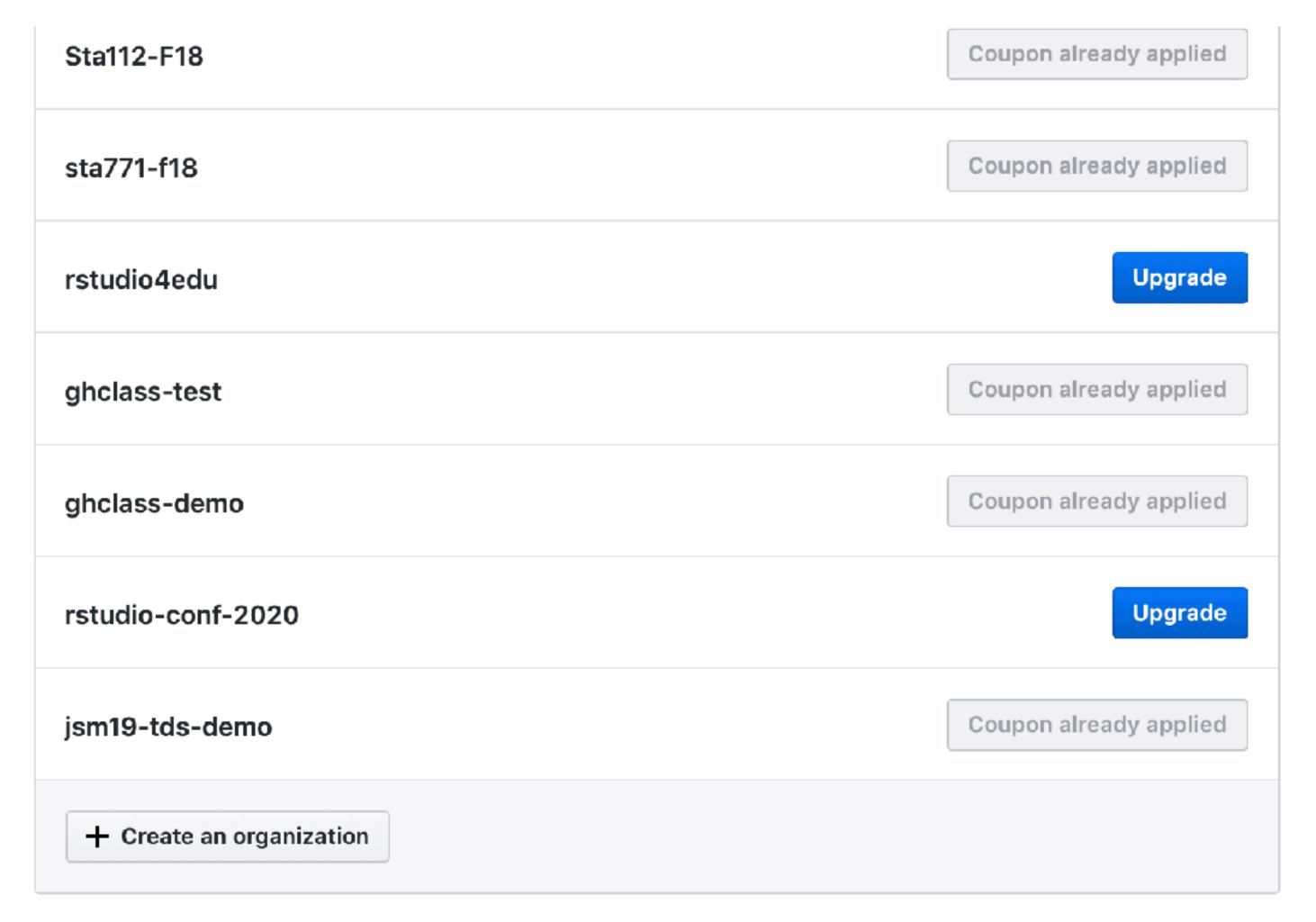


The credit card and plan you choose will be billed to the organization — not rundel (vour user account).



3. upgrade course organization

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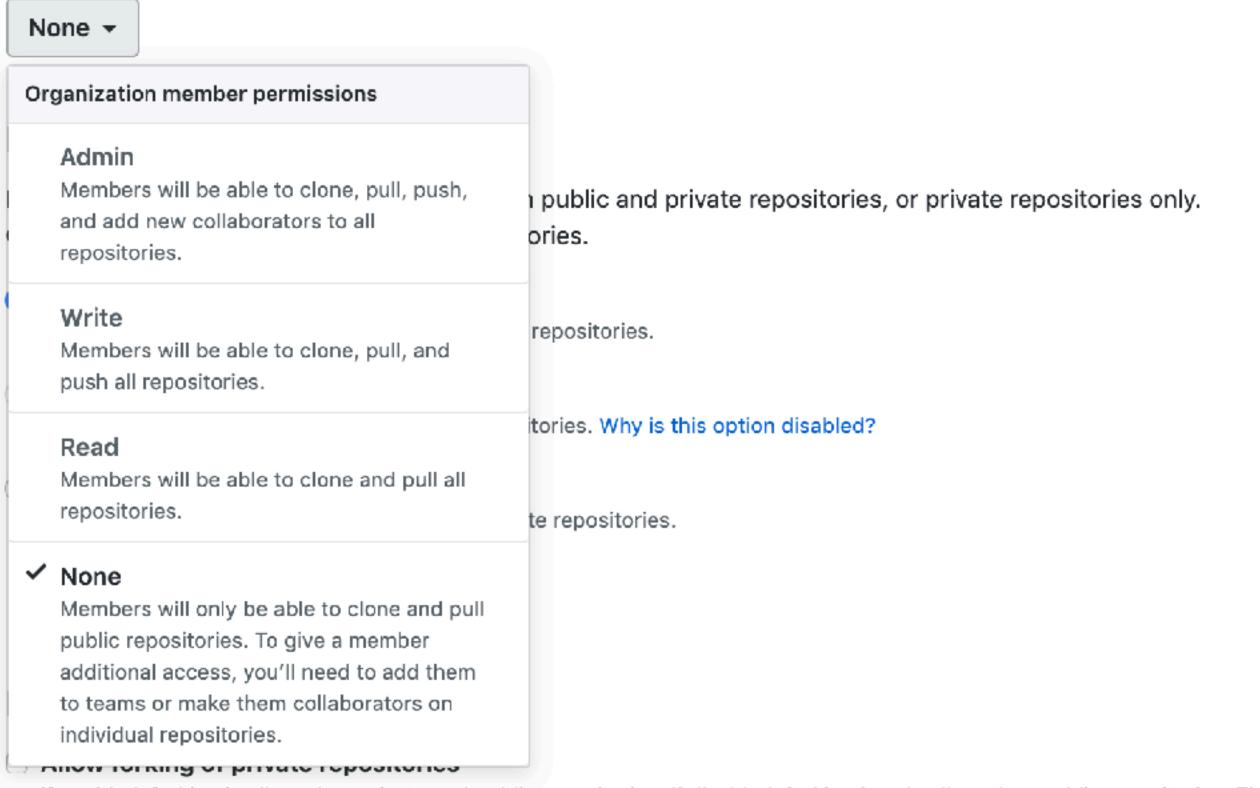




Member repository permissions

Base permissions

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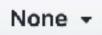


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Repository creation

If enabled, members will be able to create both public and private repositories, or private repositories only. Outside collaborators can never create repositories.

Public and private repositories

Members will be able to create public and private repositories.

Private repositories

Members will be able to create only private repositories. Why is this option disabled?

Disabled

Members will not be able to create public or private repositories.



Repository forking

Allow forking of private repositories

If enabled, forking is allowed on private and public repositories. If disabled, forking is only allowed on public repositories. This setting is also configurable per-repository.



Save

Actions

Automate all your software workflows. Build, test, and deploy your code right from GitHub.

Enable local & third party Actions for this organization

This allows all repositories to execute any Action, whether the code for the Action exists within the same repository, same organization, or a repository owned by a third party.

Enable local Actions only for this organization

This allows all repositories to execute any Action as long as the code for the Action exists within the same repository.

Disable Actions for the organization

This disallows any Action from running on any repository in the organization.

Save

Admin repository permissions

Repository visibility change

Allow members to change repository visibilities for this organization

If enabled, members with admin permissions for the repository will be able to change repository visibility from public to private. If disabled, only organization owners can change repository visibilities.

Save

Repository deletion and transfer

Allow members to delete or transfer repositories for this organization

If enabled, members with admin permissions for the repository will be able to delete or transfer public and private repositories. If disabled, only organization owners can delete or transfer repositories.



Save

Issue deletion Beta

Allow members to delete issues for this organization

If enabled, members with admin permissions for the repository will be able to delete issues.

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Repository Comments

Allow members to see comment author's profile name in private repositories

If enabled, members will be able to see comment author's profile name in issues and pull requests for private repositories.

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Member team permissions

Team creation rules

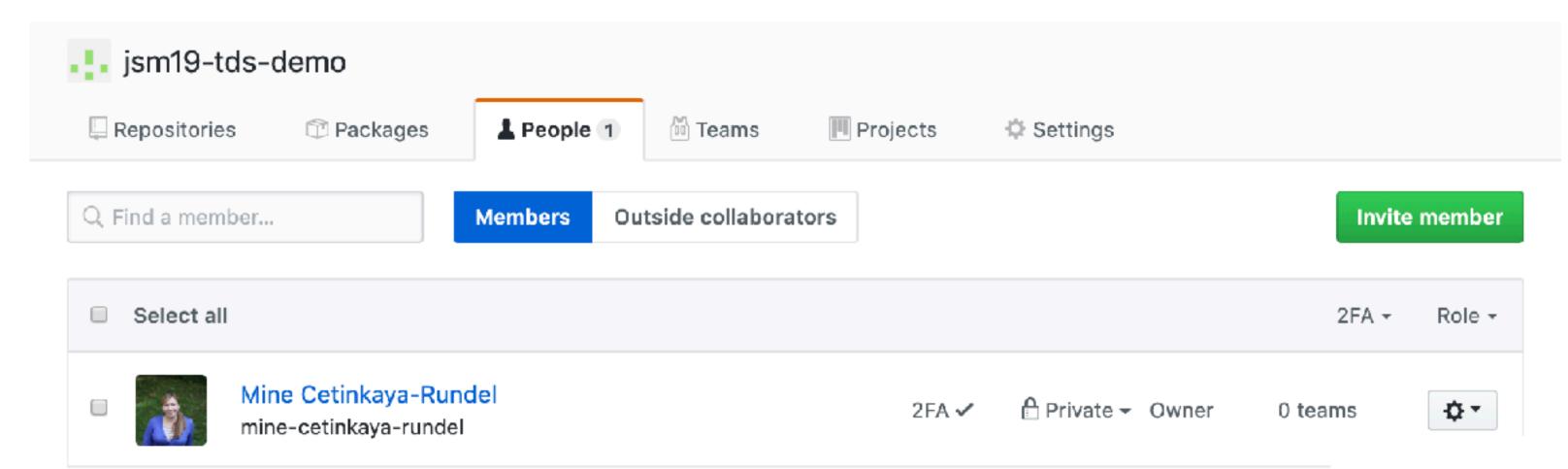
Allow members to create teams

If enabled, any member of the organization will be able to create new teams. If disabled, only organization owners can create new teams.

Save



4. invite students



Invite Mine's testing agent to ghclass-demo

Give them an appropriate role in the organization and add them to some teams to give access to repositories.

Role in the organization

Member

Members can see all other members, and can be granted access to repositories. They can also create new teams and repositories.

Owner

Owners have full administrative rights to the organization and have complete access to all repositories and teams.



automate invitations

Inviting students to the organization only needs to be done once be class, but the process gets tedious for more than a handful of students.

We have developed an R package that automates this (and other class related tasks) called ghclass.

```
library(devtools)
install_github("rundel/ghclass")
```



GitHub tokens

ghclass uses the GitHub API to interact with your course organization and reposthe API verifies your identity using a personal access token which must be created and saved in such a way that ghclass can find and use it.

These tokens can be created here and once created should be saved to ~/.github/token or assigned to the GITHUB_TOKEN environmental variable.



check tokens

If the token is found and works correctly the following code should run without error:

```
library(ghclass)
test github token()
```

If instead the token is invalid or not found, you will see something like the following:

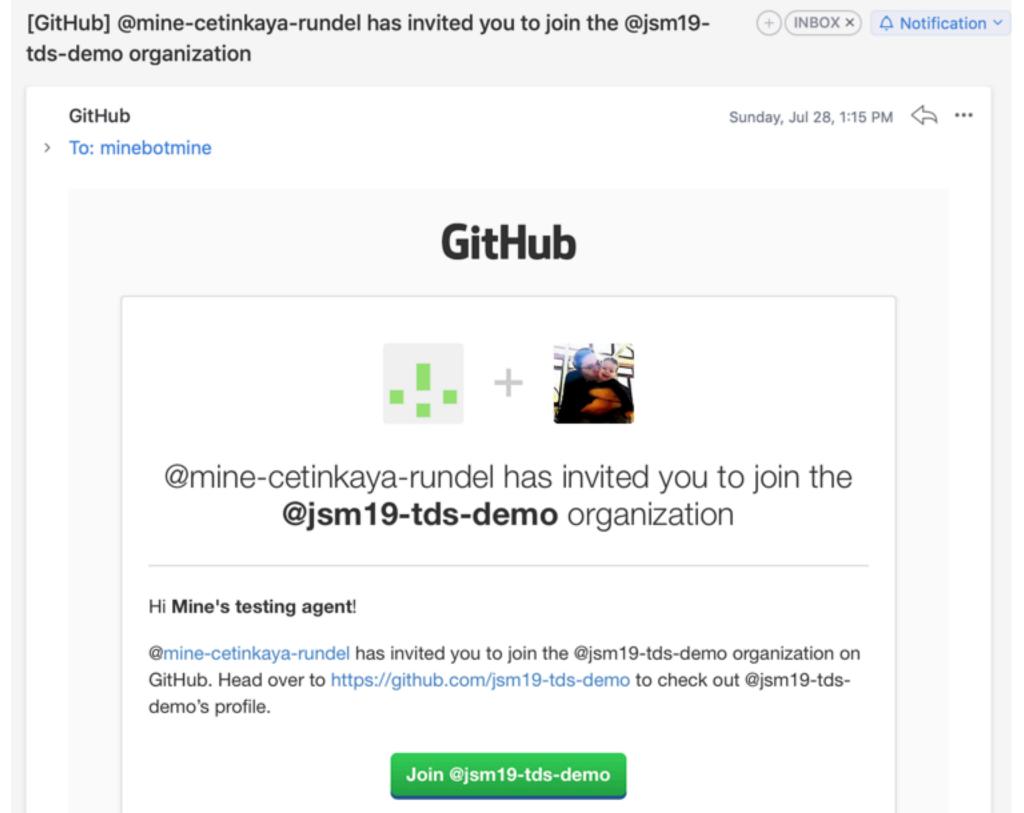
```
test_github_token("MADE UP TOKEN")
  Error in gh("/user", .token = token): GitHub API error (401): 401 Unauthorized
###
    Bad credentials
```



invite students

org_invite("ghclass-demo", roster\$ghname)

✓ Invited user 'minebotmine' to org 'jsm19-tds-demo'.





check student status

```
org_members("ghclass-demo")
[1] "mine-cetinkaya-rundel"
org_pending_members("ghclass-demo")
[1] "minebotmine"
```



4. create assignments

There are a few moving parts here, so we will break it down into several steps. For each assignment we do the following:

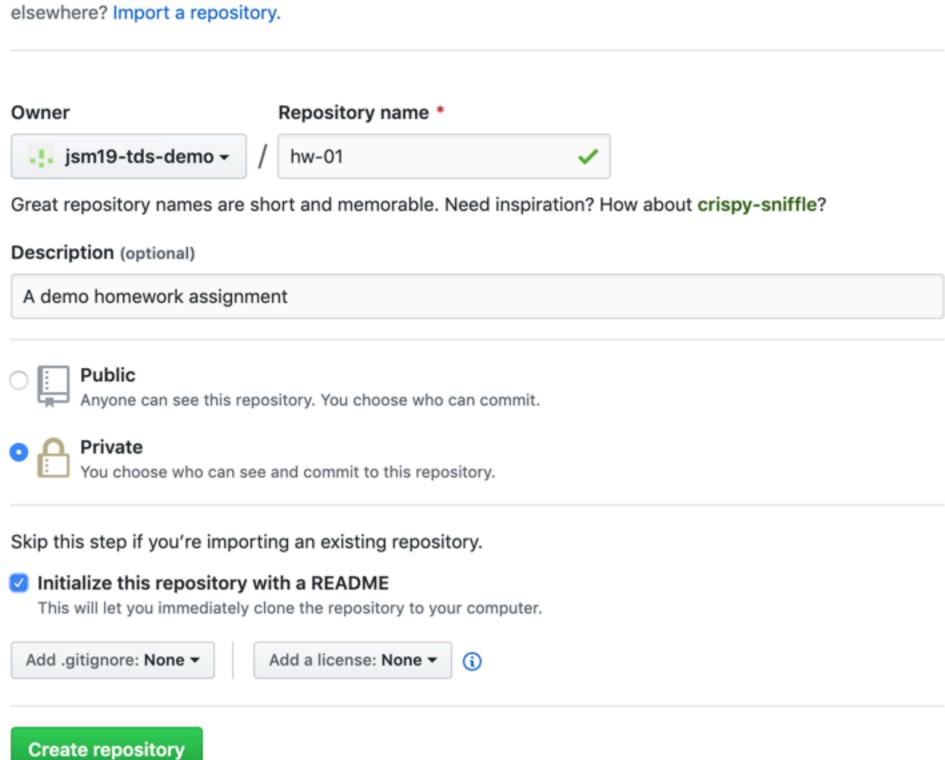
- Create a template repository that contains starter documents for an assignment
- 2. Create assignment

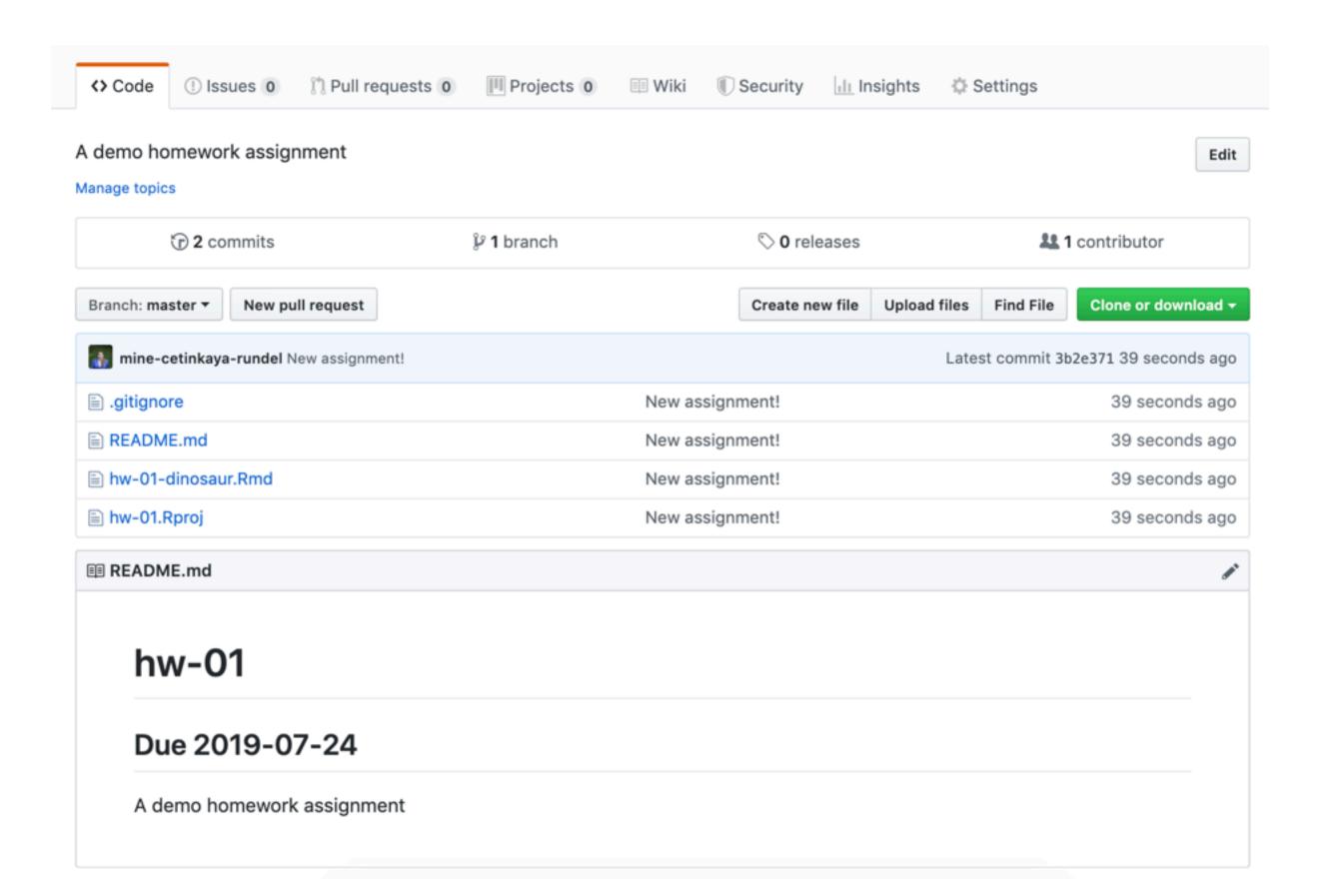


4.1 create template repository

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? Import a repository.







4.2 create assignment

```
org_create_assignment(org = "ghclass-demo",
                      repo = paste0("hw-01-", roster$ghname),
                      user = roster$ghname,
                      source_repo = "ghclass-demo/hw-01")
```

- Created repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01-minebotmine'.
- ✓ Added user 'minebotmine' to repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01-minebotmine'.
- Cloned 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01'.
- ✓ Pushed (mirror) 'hw-01' to repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01-minebotmine'.
- ✓ Removed local copy of 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01'



> Your turn!

First, I will create your repositories...

You're the student:

- Go to github.com/ghclass-demo and locate your HW 01 repository.
- Create a new project from GitHub in the RStudio Cloud workspace for this workshop: rstd.io/teach-ds-cloud
- In the Console, run the following:

```
library(usethis)
use_git_config(user.name = "Jane", user.email =
"jane@example.org")
```

- Make changes to the Rmd file, stage, commit, push

create teams

GitHub supports the creation of teams within an organization, these teams can then be assigned a shared repository.

We can use gholass to create these teams and add students to them.

```
team_create(org = "ghclass-demo", unique(teams))
Created team 'team4' in org 'jsm19-tds-demo'.
team_invite(org = "ghclass-demo",
            user = roster$ghname,
            team = roster$team)
```

✓ Added 'minebotmine' to team 'team4'.



create team assignments

GitHub supports the creation of teams within an organization, these teams can then be assigned a shared repository.

```
org_create_assignment(org = "ghclass-demo",
                      repo = paste0("hw-02-", roster$team),
                      user = roster$ghname,
                      team = roster$team,
                      source_repo = "ghclass-demo/hw-02")
```

- Created repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-02-team4'.
- ✓ Added 'minebotmine' to team 'team4'.
- ✓ Added team 'team4' to repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-02-team4'.
- ✓ Cloned 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-02'.
- ✓ Pushed (mirror) 'hw-02' to repo 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-02-team4'.
- ✓ Removed local copy of 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-02'



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> Your turn!

You're the student:

Make some more changes to your HW 01 and "submit" by making one last push.

Let's review the collecting process together.



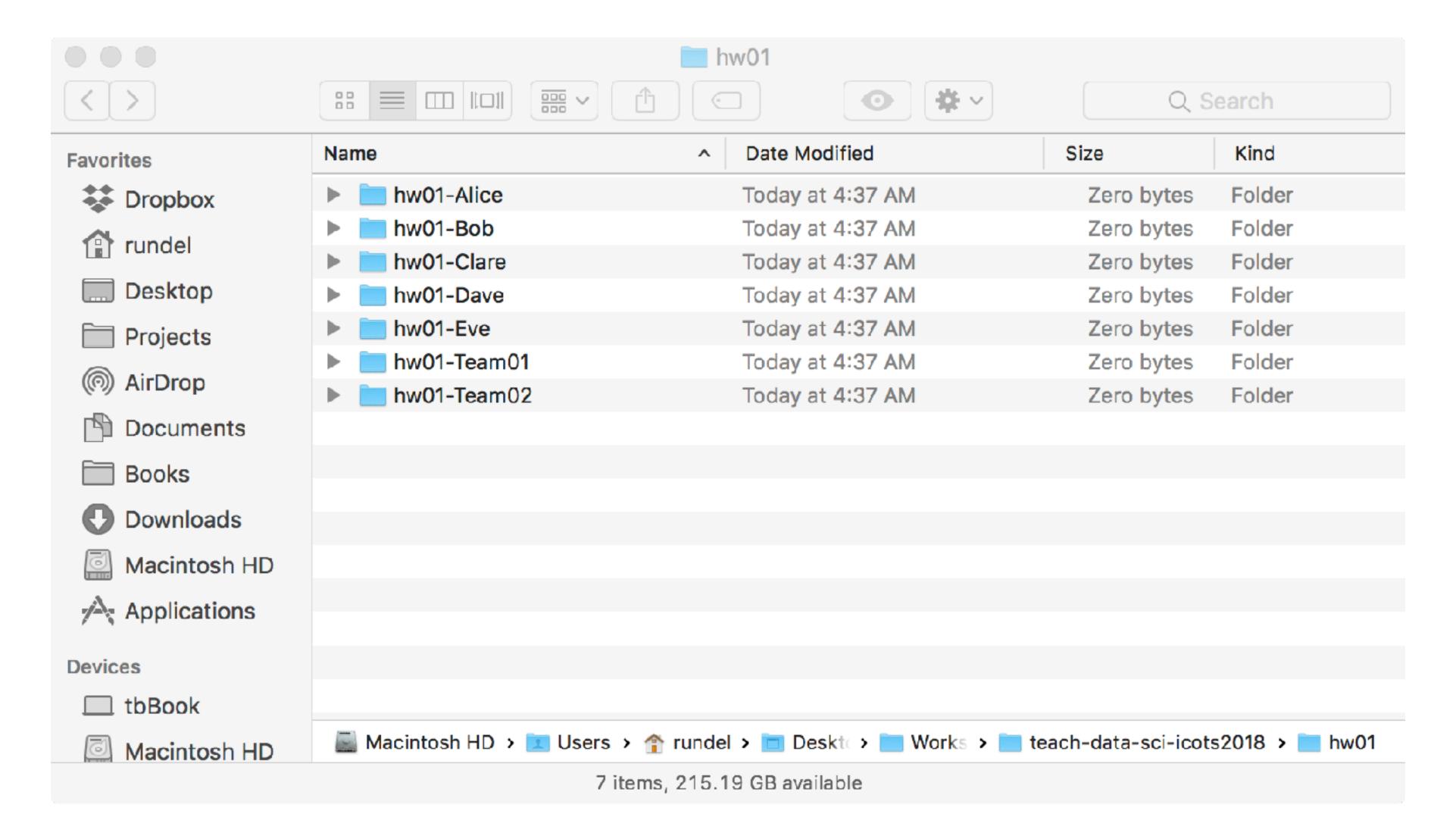
5. collect assignments

```
hw01_repos ← org_repos(org = "ghclass-demo", filter =
"hw-01-")
local_repo_clone(repo = hw01_repos,
                 local_path = "hw-01-collect")
```

✓ Cloned 'jsm19-tds-demo/hw-01-minebotmine'.



6. grade assignments





feedback - issues

Instructors (and TAs) can view all repositories within the course organization:

- You can open issues in a repository with feedback for the students.
- Use the blame view to get specific line references.
- Make sure to @ mention the student so that they are notified when an issue is opened.

Note: You might want to consider keeping points out of issues.



feedback - peer review

- Once an assignment is completed you can let other students/teams into a repository and they can provide peer review.
- Peer review is an incredibly effective learning experience for both the reviewers and the reviewees, however it does require coordination and being able to carve out sufficient time in the course schedule.

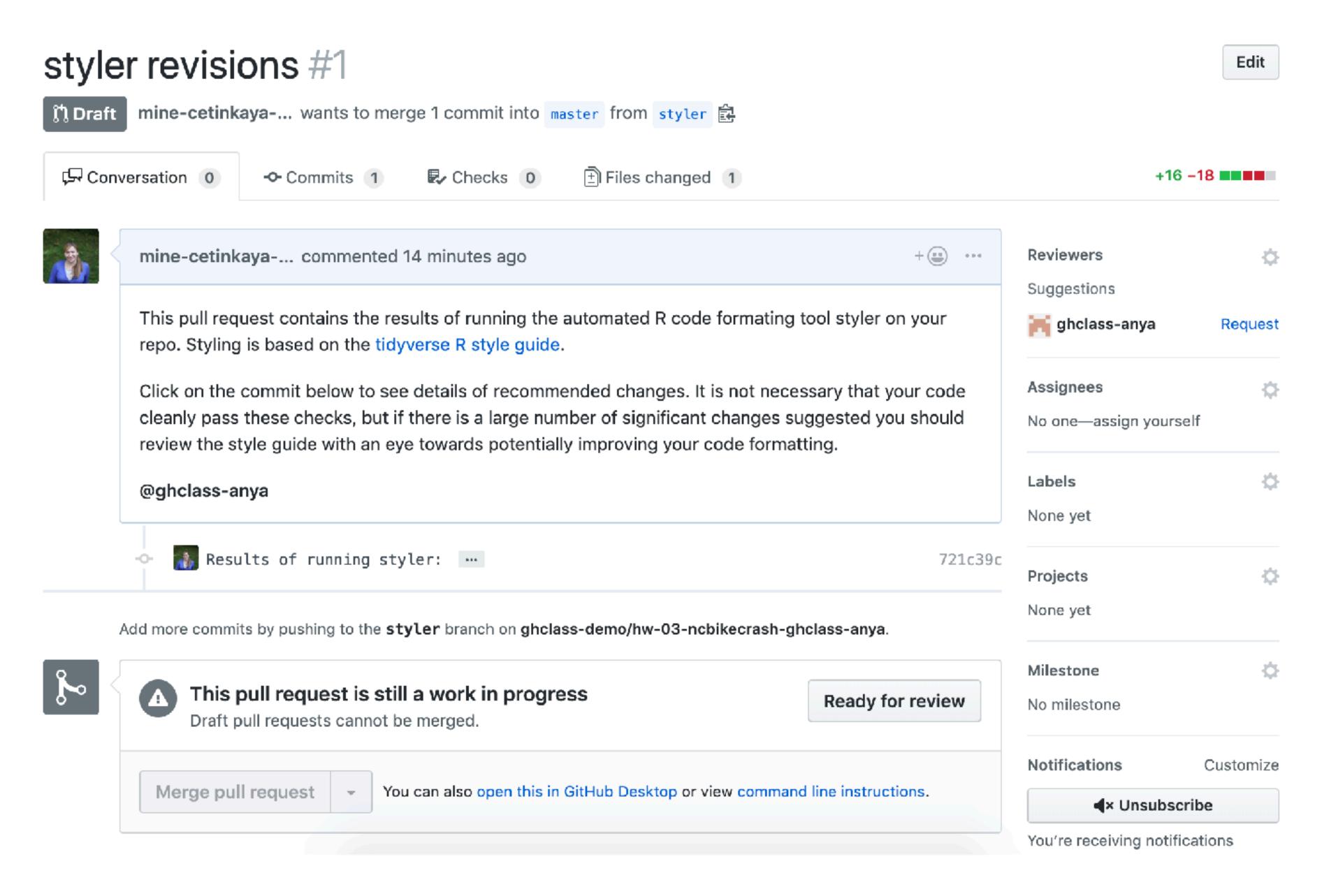
Tip: Do not solely count on peer review for feedback as some reviewers might be less diligent than others. Teams reviewing teams, as opposed to individual reviewing individuals, might address this issue partially.



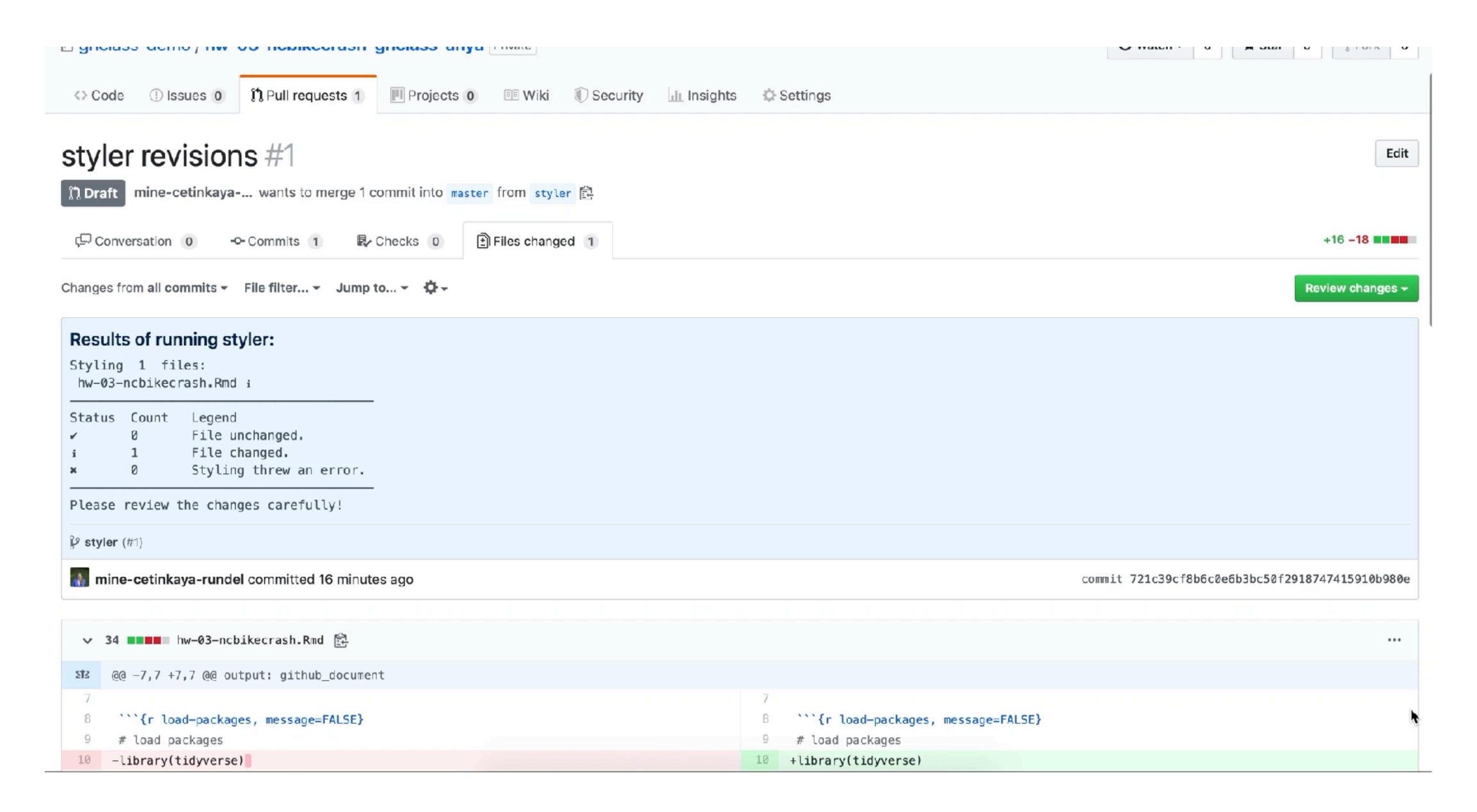
feedback - pull requests

- Another option is to open pull requests for your students' work where you directly edit their work and ask them to approve the edits.
- This can be effective as students will see your corrections and review them before accepting them.
- However this also does mean that you're directly correcting their work as opposed to giving them higher level instructions on how to correct it.











Git + GitHub — lessons learned

if you plan on using git in class, start on day one, don't wait until the "right time"

first assignment should be individual, not team based to avoid merge conflicts

students need to remember to pull before starting work

impossible (?) to avoid shell intervention every once in a while

remind students on that future projects should go on GitHub with PI approval

