

LArSoft migration to GitHub

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- LArSoft central repositories moving from Redmine to GitHub
 - Better collaboration tools
 - More performant platform, e.g., for browsing / searching code
 - Aligned with direction SCD is moving
 The Redmine repositories will remain, but will be read-only
 New repositories in the LArSoft organization on GitHub: https://github.com/LArSoft
- Accompanying the move
 - We are adopting a pull-request model for code integration
 - Widely used within GitHub community
 - Pull requests will trigger a testing and approval workflow
 - Modeled after that used by CMS for the past 5-6 years
 - Based on a combination of custom scripts and GitHub features



The pull-request code integration model

- Most aspects of code development remain the same but...
 - ...users no longer push code directly to the central repositories, or merge branches into develop
 - Central repositories are owned by the LArSoft organization on GitHub
 - Write access limited to a few people



The pull-request code integration model

Instead

- Code is committed to repositories in *personal* GitHub accounts
 - Accounts / repositories owned by the individual developers
 - The personal repositories there are "forked" (ie, cloned) from the central repos
- Then use GitHub to create a "pull-request" on a LArSoft repository
 - A request to take code from a branch in the source (personal) repository, and merge it into a branch (develop) in the target (central) repository
 - Provides an opportunity to run CI tests and review code before it is merged
 - An improvement over current system, which runs CI tests *after* the fact



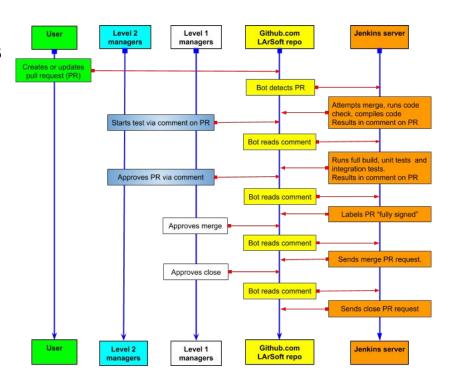
Overview of the pull-request testing & approval workflow

- Based on a sequence of automated tests run on CI system mediated by "level 2 managers" with each experiment
 - Tests include:
 - a set of "code checks"...
 - Potentially checks formatting and coding convention compliance.
 - Nothing at present
 - ...full build...
 - ...run of complete CI test suite...
 - ...final L2 approval...
- Code is then merged by "level 1 managers"
 - Members of SciSoft team

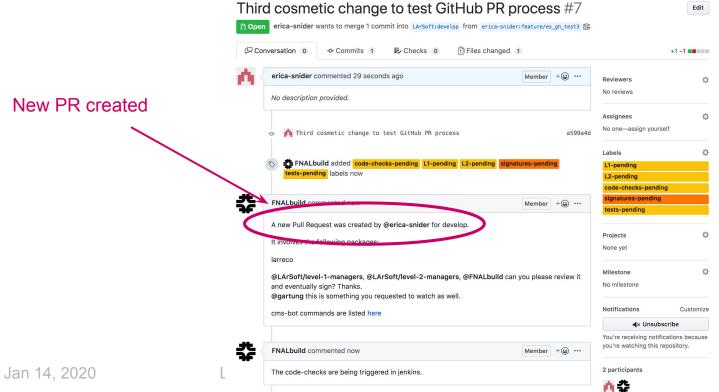


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- The workflow operates via scripts that read and post comments attached to the pull-request
 - CI jobs launched in response to comments by L2 / L1 managers
 - The CI system posts comments with test results, updates labels attached to PRs
 - The labels indicate the status / state of the approval workflow

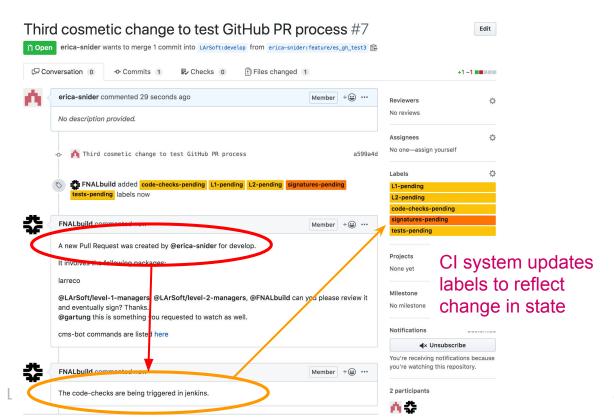




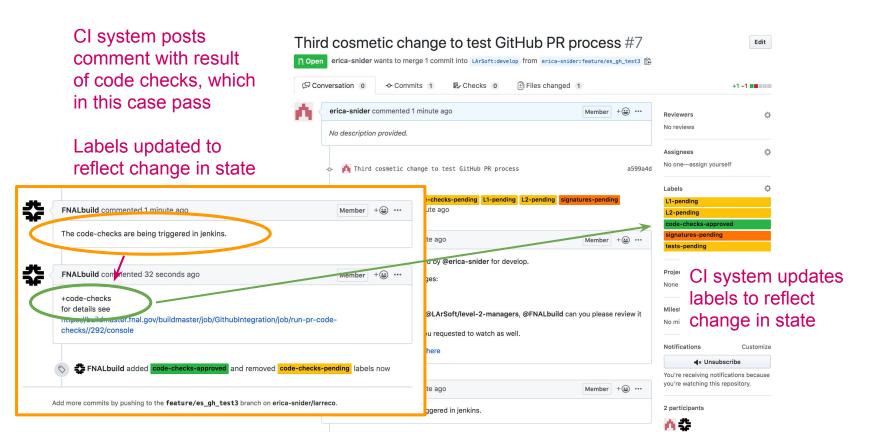




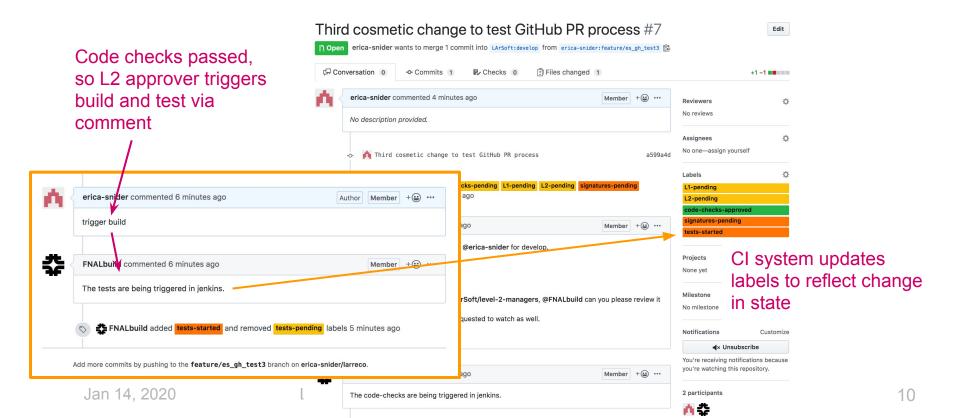
Workflow scripts detect new PR and launch code checks



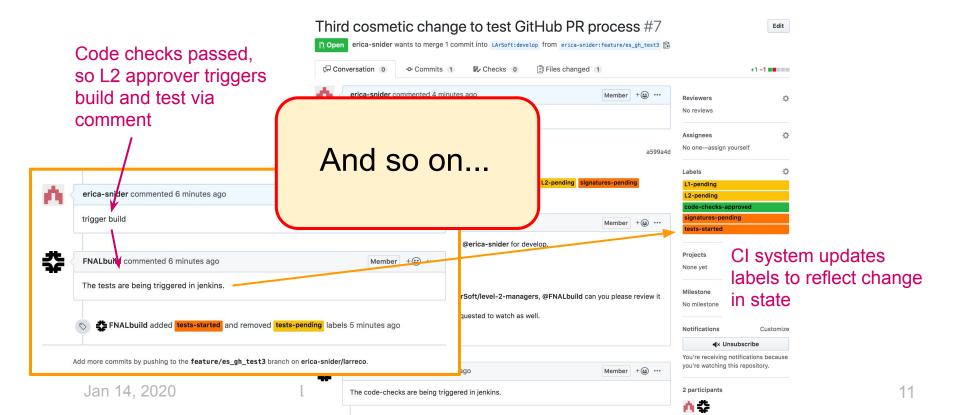














The Level 1 and Level 2 managers

- The approval workflow managers
 - Level 1 managers
 - Lynn Garren, Patrick Gartung, Erica Snider

https://github.com/orgs/larsoft/teams/level-1-managers/members for live list of active L1 managers

- Level 2 managers
 - DUNE: David Adams, Christoph Alt, Tom Junk, Tingjun Yang
 - ICARUS: Tracy Usher

 - MicroBooNE: Herb Greenlee
 - SBND: Roxanne Guenette, Andrzej Szelc
 - SBN: Andy Mastbaum

https://github.com/orgs/larsoft/teams/level-2-managers/members for live list of active L2 managers



GitHub migration deployment plan

- System nearing end of testing phase now
 - Available to experiment offline leaders for several months now
 - Seeking further input asap
- Plan to perform the migration on Tues or Wednesday of next week
 - Jan 21 or 22
- Procedure: estimate 4 hours total
 - Delete contents of current LArSoft organization repositories on GitHub
 - Freeze commits to Redmine repository (early am Chicago time)
 - Clone repositories into GitHub
 - Final checks
 - Open the system



GitHub migration deployment plan

Should unforeseen problems occur:

- Fallback 1
 - Migrate repositories, but do not operate full testing workflow
- Fallback 2
 - Re-open Redmine repositories and postpone migration



Resources and documentation

- Documentation on LArSoft wiki (still under development -- comments welcome)
 - Top level page: "Working with GitHub"
 - https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/larsoft/wiki/Working with GitHub
 - This page linked from "Quick links" and "Developing with LArSoft" pages
 - Contains quick overview and navigation links to other pages
 - Important pages to note
 - Overview of PR testing and approval system
 - https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/larsoft/wiki/Pull_request_testing_and_approval_workflow
 - Basics of working with LArSoft on GitHub
 - https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/larsoft/wiki/WorkingWithLArSoftGithubRepos
 - Moving existing feature branches from Redmine to GitHub
 - https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/larsoft/wiki/Migrating Redmine Feature Branches
 - For L1 and L2 managers, executing the workflow
 - https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/larsoft/wiki/Executing the pull request approval workflow
 - Also, explanations of labels, PR comment "commands", etc



Resources and documentation

Other resources

- Google for help with GitHub issues
- o SciSoft team members for approval workflow issues
- Level 2 managers for your experiment to approve your code changes



The end