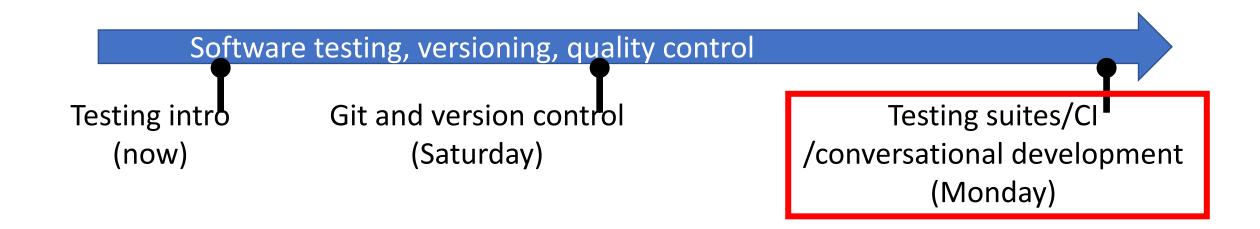
Collaborative coding: conversational development and Continuous Integration

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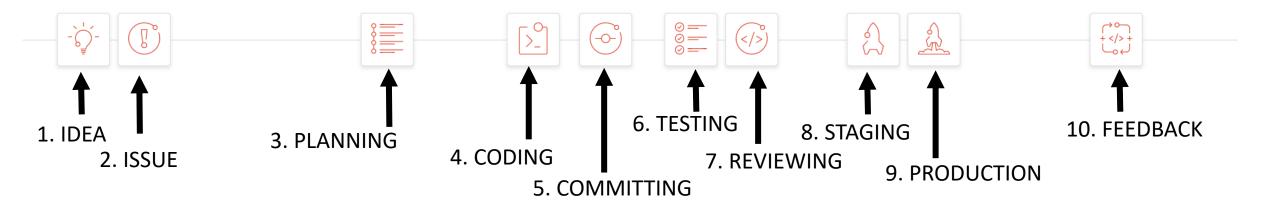
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The conversational development pipeline

Conversational development:

Development model => content & conversations between developers Fosters collaborations w/o centralized entities

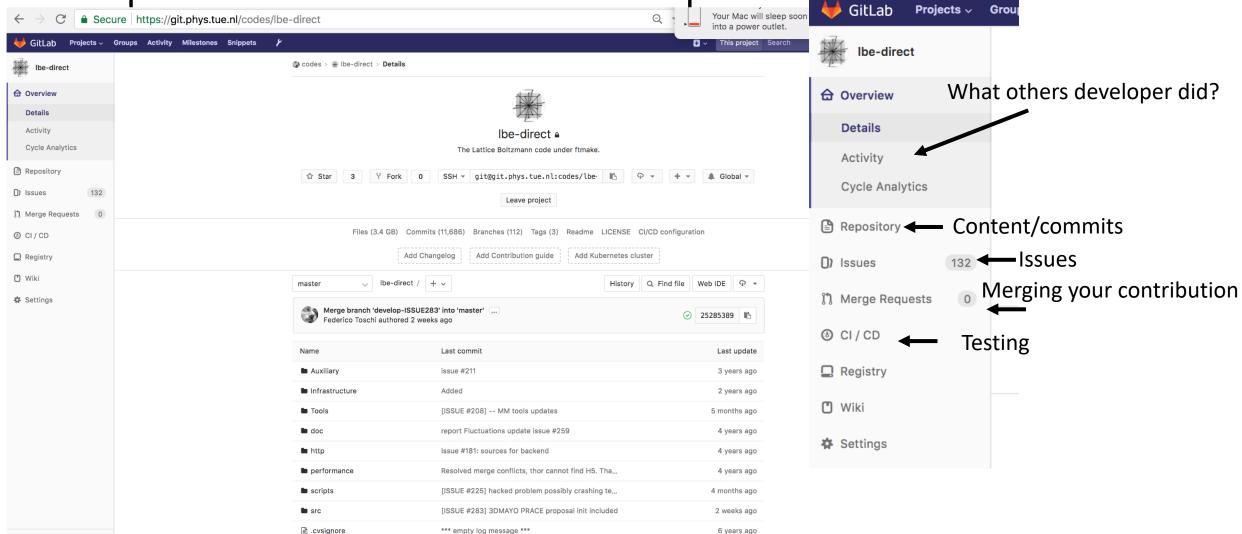


Gitlab (and github) are meant to support this development pipeline

Super-structure to a Git repository

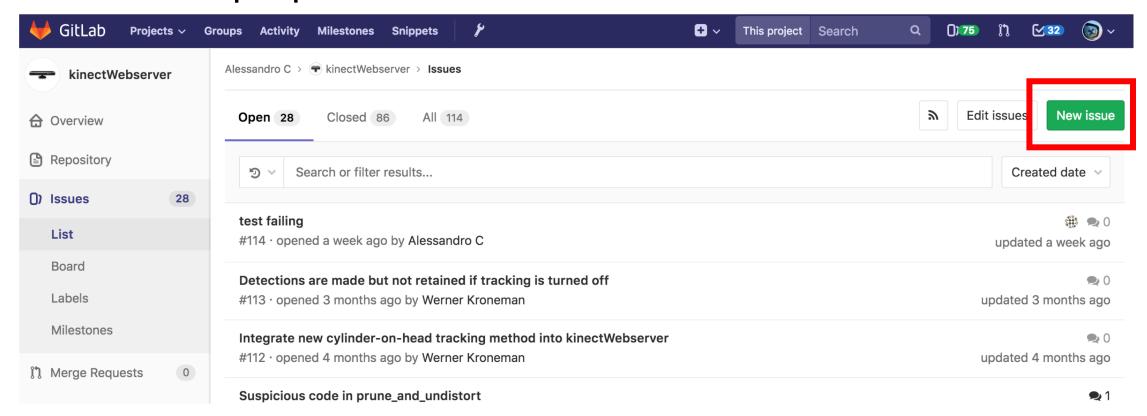
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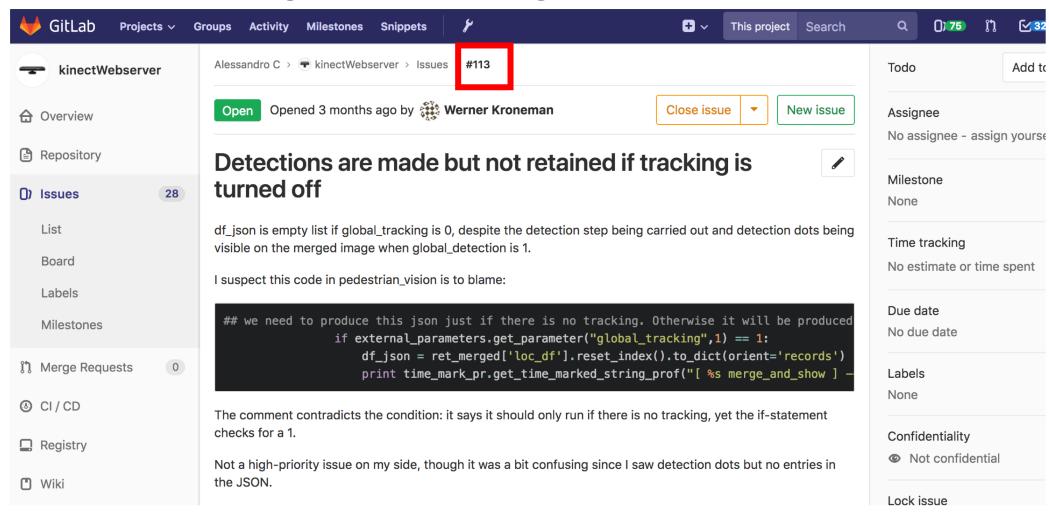
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- I have an idea
- There is a bug
- I want to propose a new feature

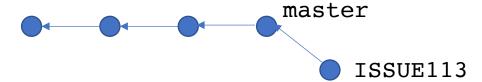


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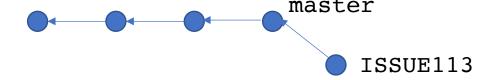
Case of a bug --> the issue got ticket number #113



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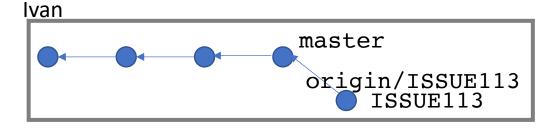
- Corrects bugs & make regression tests
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- git push origin ISSUE113

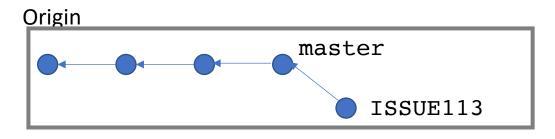
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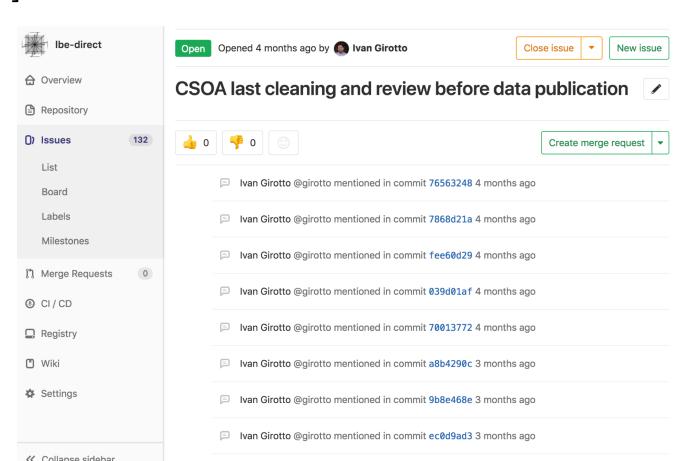
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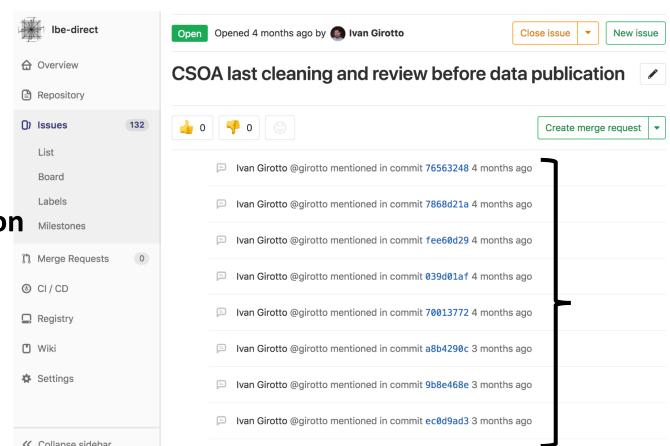
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ALWAYS DO specify the issue number in the commit message. This will link each contribution to the related motivation

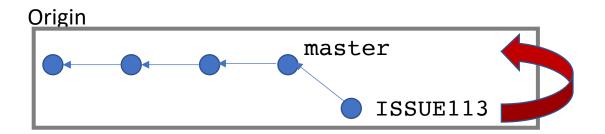


Code review

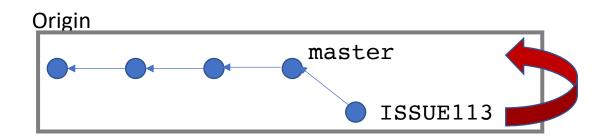
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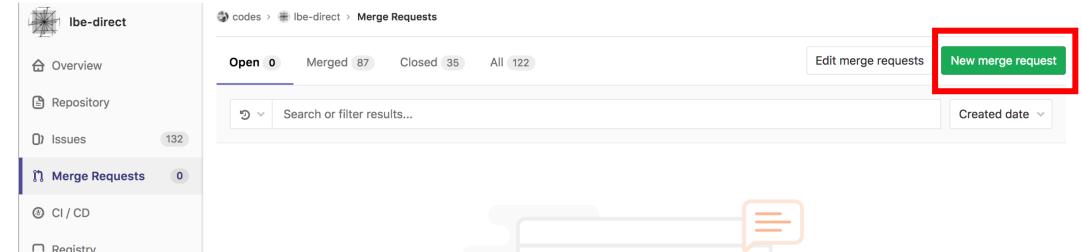


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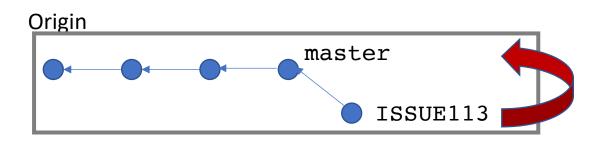


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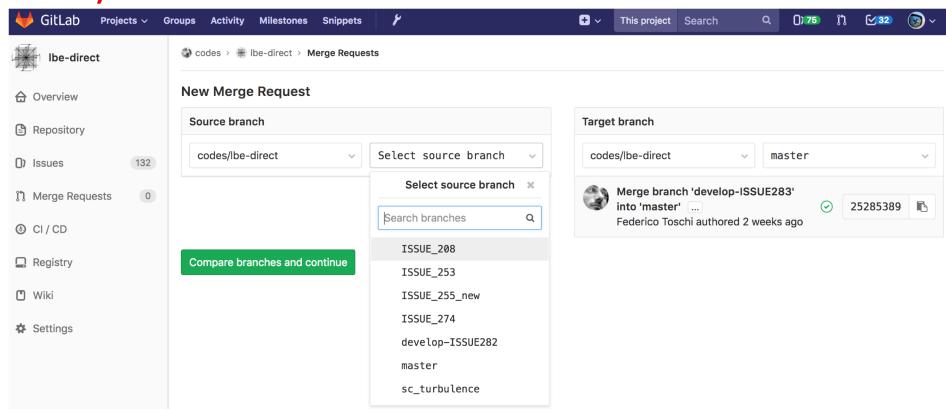
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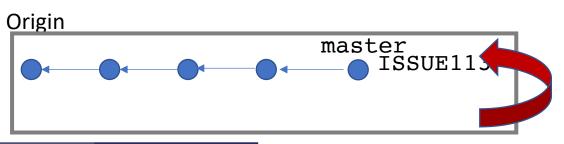


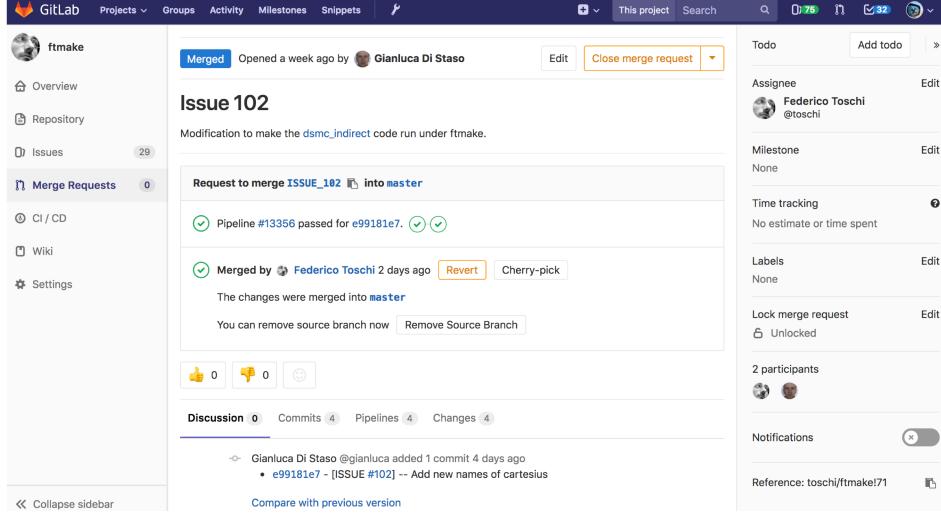
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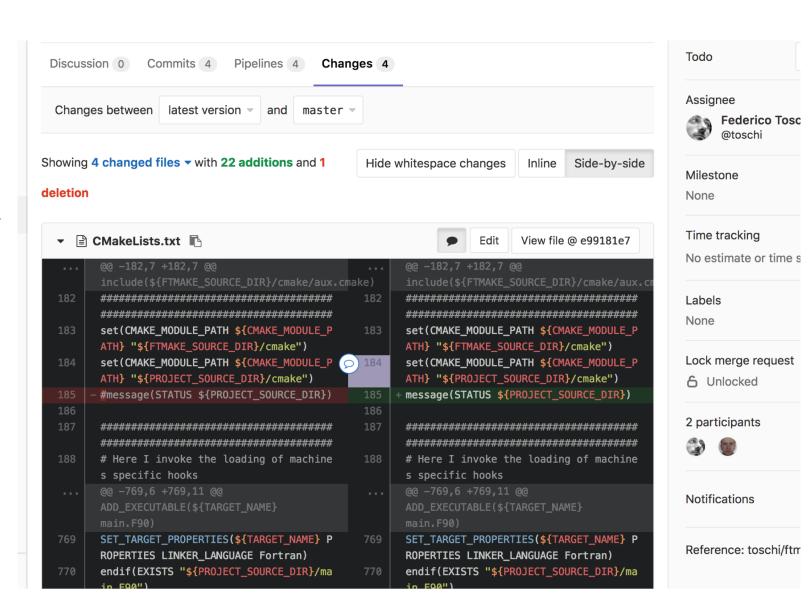
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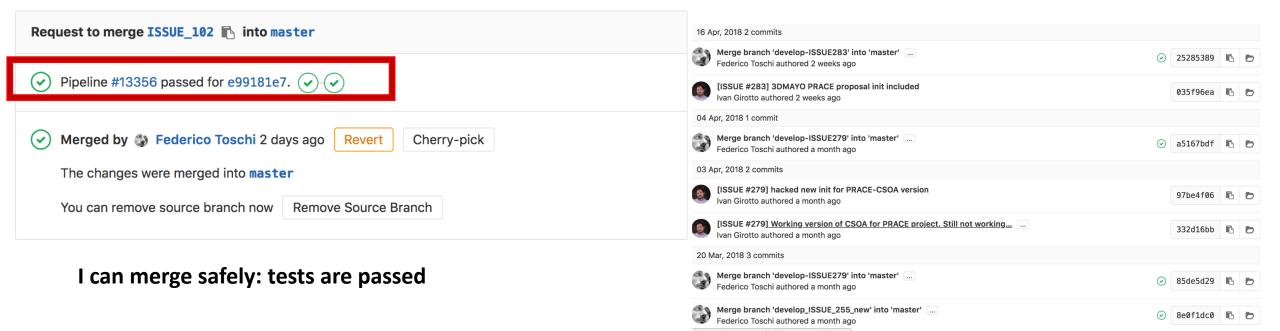
Code can (should) be reviewed before merging by an authority



Automated testing

We want to merge codes only if they pass tests!

Continuous integration
 each commit that we push to the origin is tested



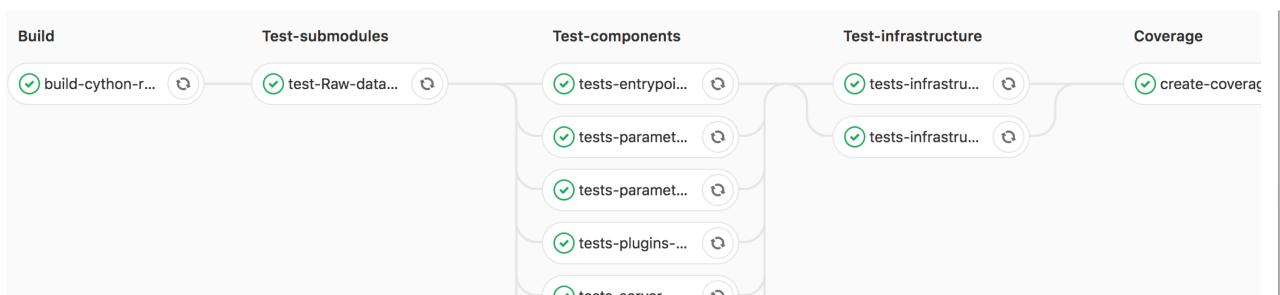
Continuous integration

- Each push undergoes automated remote testing
- All the users know in which state the committed code is

- If testing is quick, the development cycle until the merge to master can be done very frequently
 - Many github repos: hundreds merge per day after remote testing
- Continuous integration --> continuous deployment
 - clients receive frequently the updated code as soon as it is merged

Continuous integration in gitlab/python

- a file in the repo root
 .gitlab-ci.yml
 tells the server how to run tests and in which environment
- Can be one **single test** case or a very complicated testing pipeline with cross-test dependence.



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image: python:latest
variables:
 PIP CACHE DIR: "$CI PROJECT DIR/.cache"
                                                                       .gitlab-ci.yml
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 paths:
   - .cache/pip
   - venv/
before script:
  - python -V
                           # Print out python version for debugging
 - pip install virtualenv
  - virtualenv venv
  - source venv/bin/activate
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 - cd binary str 2 float
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.gitlab-ci.yml

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                                             We will run the tests in a "virtual linux machine" which runs
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                                            the latest python version. (Docker container)
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                                       Calls the tests and captures the value fail/pass return value
  script:
         binary str 2 float
                                       Result is sent back to the server.
  nosetests -v
```

Best practices

- Edits always follow issues
- Pull/commit/push/merge request often.
 - You don't want your version to diverge
- Make meaningful commit message
- Commit message should include ticket number
- NEVER commit products, just source.
 - (products can be made in cloud by continuous integration)
 - E.g. documentation can be generated by CI
- Never commit large binary files. Git does not properly understand those