Exclude pull requests and pull request comments

Based on your review workflow, use regular expressions to exclude pull requests (PRs) and PR comments from your reports and metrics.

For Flow to represent your most relevant and important data, exclude PRs you don't want included in your metrics, such as:

- Work in progress PRs (WIP)
- Draft PRs

**Note:** You cannot exclude pull requests based on the status of the pull request.

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Permissions

You need the Configurations permission to exclude PRs and PR comments from your reports.

Excluding pull requests

To exclude PRs:

1. Click Settings in Flow's top navigation bar.
2. In the left navigation under Report Settings, click Configurations.
3. On the General tab of the Configuration page, under Pull request to exclude, click Create rule.
4. Add your regular expression and select where to match the expression on:
   - Match on user—Match your regular expression on the PR author
   - Match on title—Match regular expression on the title of the PR
5. Test your regular expression on existing PRs by clicking **Test a Regular Expression**. In this modal you can input specific PRs to test on, or to view the most recent 100 PRs. This helps you ensure that your regular expression is matching the PRs you want to exclude. If a PR matches your regular expression, it is labeled with **Matches**.

**Note**: By default, the regular expression matches from the beginning of the text. Either include all characters from the beginning of the text in the Regular expression box, or use a wildcard like `.*`.

6. Once you've added your rules, click **Save Changes** at the bottom of the page and click **Confirm**. You will be prompted to reprocess your PRs based on the exclusion rules.

**Note**:Changing Pull Request Tracking can cause slight delays in processing pull requests.

Once the PR reprocessing finishes, PRs appear as excluded in your reports. Excluded PRs display differently in
Excluding pull request comments

To exclude pull request comments:

1. Click **Settings** in Flow’s top navigation bar.
2. In the left navigation under **Report Settings**, click **Configurations**.
3. On the **General** tab of the Configuration page, click **Create rule** under **Pull request comments to exclude**.
4. Add a regular expression to exclude PR comments by.
5. Select to match the expression on:
   - Match on user—Match on comment author
   - Match on text—Match on comment text

6. Click **Test a Regular Expression** to test your regular expression on existing PR comments.

7. Input your regular expression and test it against the most recent 100 PR comments. This helps ensure your regular expression matches the PR comments you want to exclude. Any comments that match your regular expressions have a blue **Matches** label on the right.

8. When you finish adding rules, click **Yes, save changes** at the bottom of the page and confirm.

After saving your new exclusion rules, click **Reprocess** to reprocess your PRs based on the exclusion rules.

Once the PR reprocessing finishes, excluded PR comments appear in your reports. Excluded PRs display differently in each report. Excluded PR comments do not count toward PR comment-based collaboration metrics.

Excluded PR comments appear in the PR comment lane of the Work log report with a slash through them. Learn more about **Work log**.
Excluded PR comments appear in the Review workflow report as a gray bar on a PR’s timeline. Learn more about Review workflow.

If you need help, please email support@pluralsight.com for 24/7 assistance.