

CogLab: jsPsych conditionals

WEEK 5

logistics: group project

- milestone #3 feedback returned
 - notes sent to some students to stop by office hours
- milestone #4
 - link to ONE github repository with preliminary code
 - review [project document](#) for details
 - make a list of stimuli files, plugins, etc. your experiment will need
 - the more you do now, the more we can help!

recap: Sep 21, 2023

- what we covered:
 - importing stimuli into jsPsych
 - repeating sequence of events for different items
- your to-dos were:
 - *prep:* conditional timelines and providing feedback
 - *prep:* design draft (project milestone #4)

going back to our experiment

- open Visual Studio Xcode and open the jsPsych experiment you created last week
- also open the index.html file in your browser to remind yourself of what we did!

experiment recap

training

sentence

space

novel word?

<response>

association x 3

word

<response>

x 3

priming

+



prime



target



A / L

where we left off...

- use the `<script>` tags as before
- change the stimulus parameters for the `image` plugin trial to the column that stores the names of the images that need to be displayed

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>My experiment</title>
5     <script src="https://unpkg.com/jspsych@7.3.3"
6     <script src="https://unpkg.com/@jspsych/plugin-
7     <link href="https://unpkg.com/jspsych@7.3.3/c
8     <script src="https://unpkg.com/@jspsych/plugin-
9     <script src="jspsych/modified-image-plugin.js
10    <script src="sentences.js"></script>
11    <script src="association.js"></script>
12    <script src="priming.js"></script>
13  </head>
```

```
1 var practice_stimuli = [
2   {
3     "block_number": "practice",
4     "triad": 1,
5     "target_image_pair": "apple-horse",
6     "part": "priming",
7     "prime_word": "boff",
8     "target_word": "apple",
9     "type": "novel",
10    "relatedness": "novel",
11    "correct_response": 1,
12    "image_path": "applehorse.png",
13    "correct_key": "A"
14  },
15  {
16    "block_number": "practice",
17    "triad": 2,
18    "target_image_pair": "apple-horse",
19    "part": "priming",
20    "prime_word": "nuppical",
```

```
var image = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  choices: "NO_KEYS",
  trial_duration: 500,
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: "<span style='font-size:200%><br><br></span>"
};
```

modifying prime and target trials: 1

- inside `priming.js`, what column names contain the words to be displayed on prime and target trials?
 - `prime_word`
 - `target_word`
- modify the prompt parameter accordingly

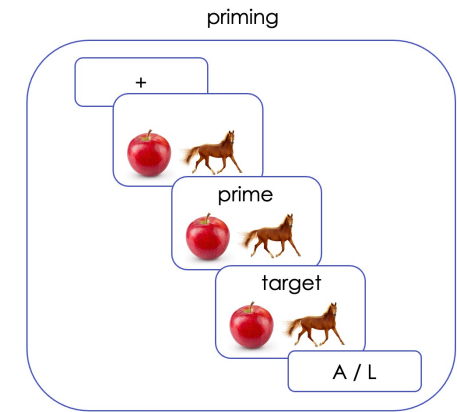
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20   "part": "priming",
21   "prime_word": "nuppical",
```

```
var prime = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  trial_duration: 300,
  choices: "NO_KEYS",
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: jsPsych.timelineVariable('prime_word')
}

var target = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  choices: ['A', 'L'],
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: jsPsych.timelineVariable('target_word')
}
```

creating a priming procedure

- create a timeline variable `priming_proc` that has a sequence of events that all use the `priming.js` file
- **testing hack**: reduce `trial_duration` for fixation, image, prime & target trials
- run this priming procedure
- save and reload `index.html` in your browser



```
var priming_proc = {  
  timeline: [fixation, image, prime, target],  
  timeline_variables: practice_stimuli,  
  randomize_order: true  
};
```

```
jsPsych.run([priming_proc]);
```

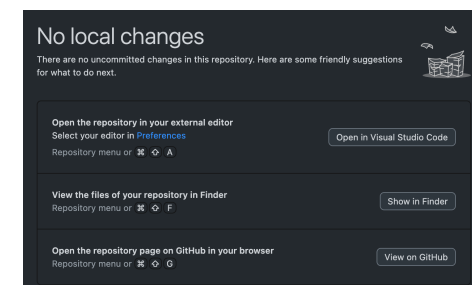
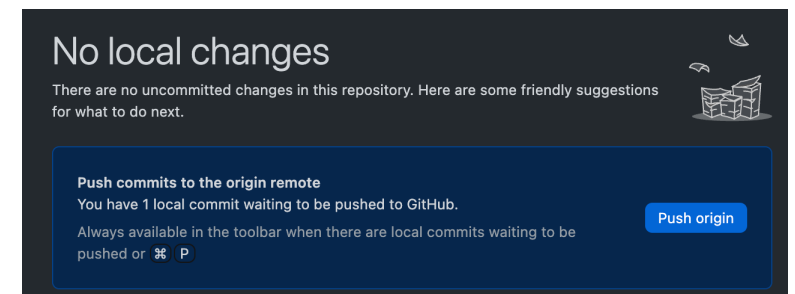
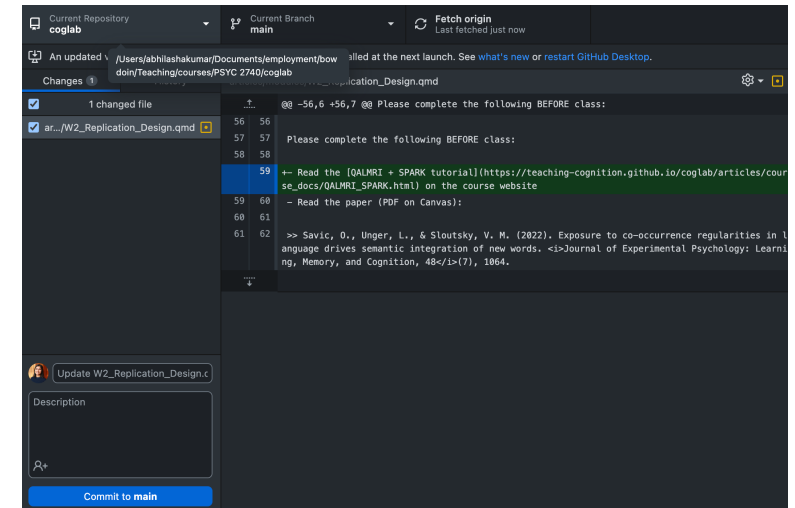

sum of the parts!

- now, we have a version of the experiment where training sentences are presented, free association happens, and the priming task is conducted
- **modify the run statement** to see the current experiment workflow

```
jsPsych.run([training_plus_association, priming_proc]);
```

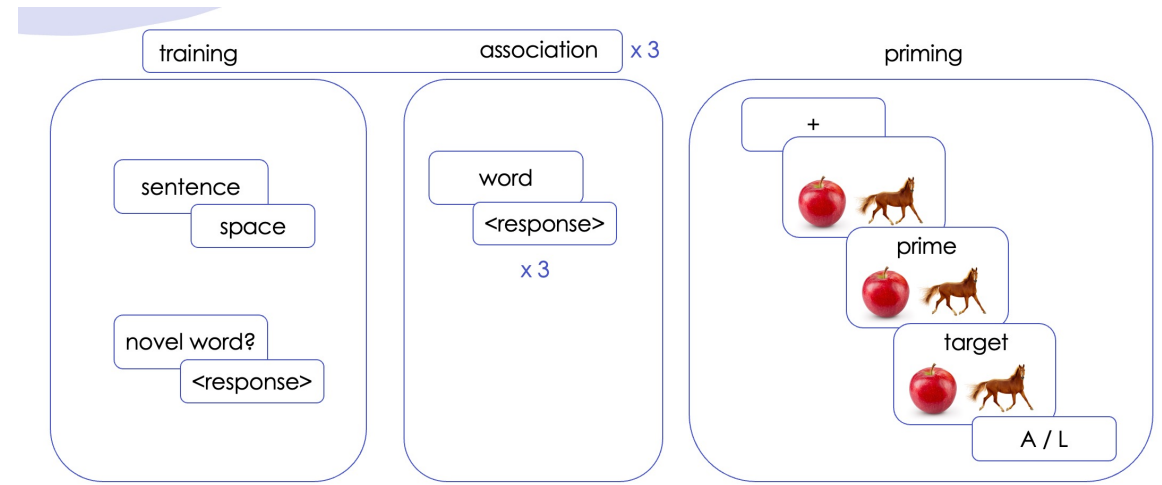
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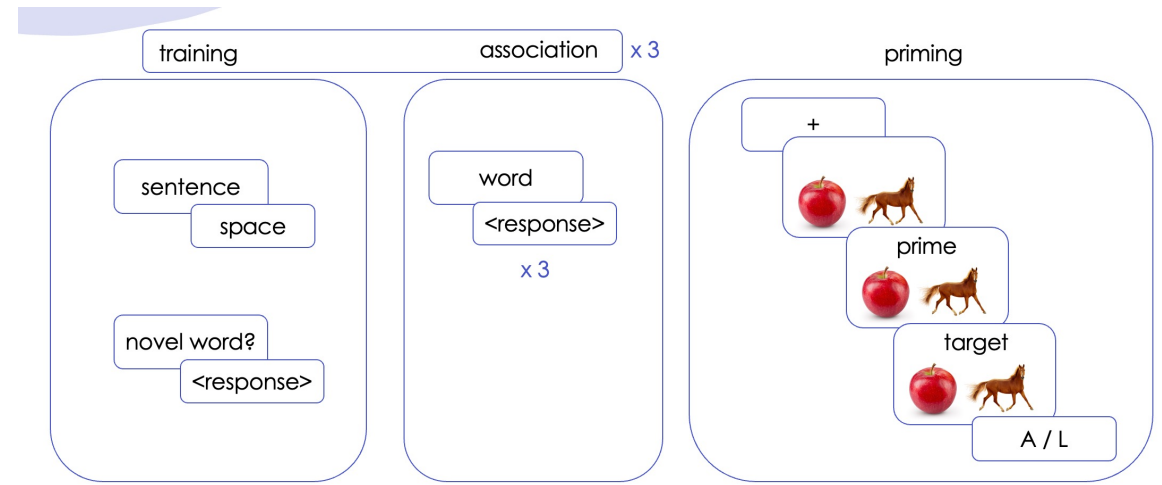
outstanding issues

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today's agenda: outstanding issues

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prime/target presentation

- previously, we had added breaks (`
`) and styling (``) to the prompt
- we need to add this back in a way that is **compatible** with the value returned by the `jsPsych.timelineVariable()` function

before

```
var target = {  
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: "applehorse.png",  
  choices: ['A', 'L'],  
  stimulus_width: 500,  
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,  
  prompt: "<span style= 'font-size:170%'>apple<br><br></span>"  
}
```

after

```
var target = {  
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),  
  choices: ['A', 'L'],  
  stimulus_width: 500,  
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,  
  prompt: jsPsych.timelineVariable('target_word')  
}
```

modifying prime plugin

- instead of directly assigning prompt the value returned by the timelineVariable, we instead assign it the value from a function that returns a string of formatted primes

```
var prime = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  trial_duration: 300,
  choices: "NO_KEYS",
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: function(){
    return "<span style= 'font-size:200%'><br>" + String(jsPsych.timelineVariable('prime_word')) + "<br></span>";
  },
}
```

modifying target plugin

- repeat for target plugin
- save and reload

```
var target = {  
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),  
  choices: ['A', 'L'],  
  stimulus_width: 500,  
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,  
  prompt: function(){  
    return "<span style= 'font-size:200%'><br>" + String(jsPsych.timelineVariable('target_word')) + "<br></span>";  
  },  
}
```

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adding instruction screens

- adding instructions is a crucial part of guiding the participant through your experiment
- load the [instructions plugin](#)
- add three instruction trials
 - at the start of the experiment
 - before association
 - before priming

```
var initial_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'page 1 instructions',
    'page 2 instructions',
    'page 3 instructions.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}

var association_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'Done with sentences. Association time.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}

var priming_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'Priming task about to begin.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}
```

incorporating instruction trials

- `initial_instructions` can directly be part of the `jsPsych.run()` call
- `association_instructions` need to be displayed at the end of each sentence block
- `priming_instructions` need to be displayed at the end of the `training_plus_association` sequence
- save and reload

```
jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_proc]);
```

```
var training_plus_association = {  
  timeline: [training_procedure, association_instructions, association_procedure],  
  repetitions: 3  
}
```

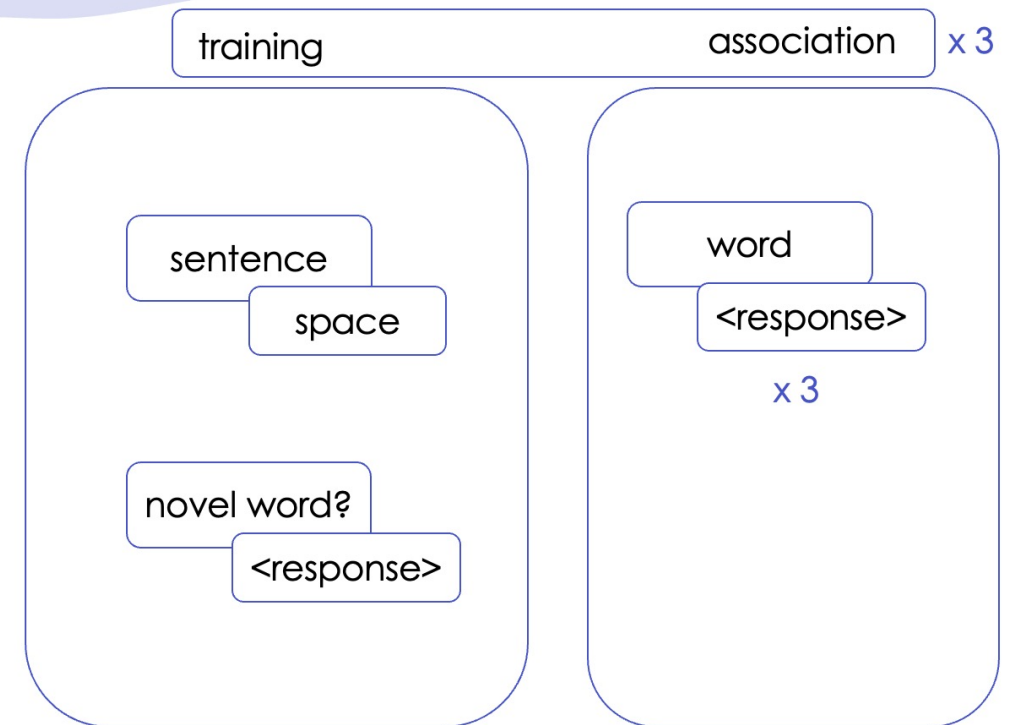
```
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```

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logic of attention check

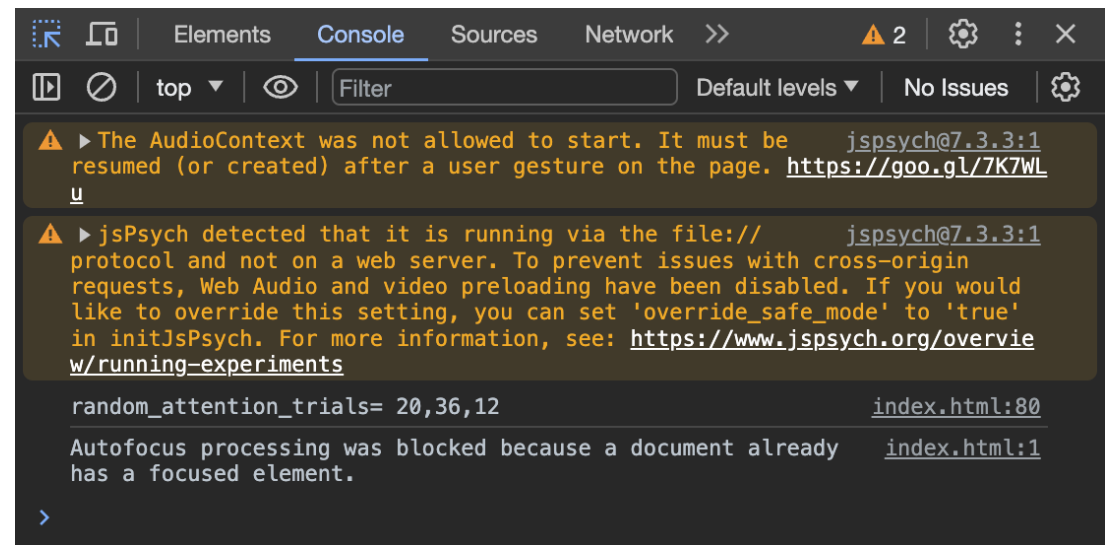
- we want the attention check to appear at **random points** during the experiment
 - “each block contained attention check questions and a free association task”
 - “attention checks followed three randomly selected Training sentences”
- this means attention checks are **conditional**



choosing random trials

- we need to randomly select **any three trials** from all the sentence trials
- we have 40 sentences, and counts start at 0 and end at 39 in JavaScript
- we define a variable that uses the `jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement()` function to get 3 random numbers between 0 and 40
- we also **print the values** to the console so we can look at them in the inspector!
- save and reload page, and open the inspector via **Command + Option + I**

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(40).keys()], 3);  
  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```



The screenshot shows a browser's developer console with the following content:

- Two warning messages from jsPsych:
 - "The AudioContext was not allowed to start. It must be resumed (or created) after a user gesture on the page." with a link to <https://goo.gl/7K7WL>.
 - "jsPsych detected that it is running via the file:// protocol and not on a web server. To prevent issues with cross-origin requests, Web Audio and video preloading have been disabled. If you would like to override this setting, you can set 'override_safe_mode' to 'true' in initJsPsych. For more information, see: <https://www.jspsych.org/overview/running-experiments>
- A log message: `random_attention_trials= 20,36,12` from `index.html:80`.
- A message: "Autofocus processing was blocked because a document already has a focused element." from `index.html:1`.

range of random trials

- currently, the attention check could happen even on the first sentence trial, which would be strange
- we can restrict this by modifying our code slightly
- we **sample from 0 to 34** and **add 5** to the random sample
 - minimum / maximum?
- save and reload, open inspector

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(40).keys()], 3);  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(35).keys()].map(x => x + 5), 3);  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```

keeping track of the sentence number

- once we have the random trials chosen, we need to have an attention check at those times
- so we need to keep **a count of sentences**
- for this, we modify the sentence plugin trial track the trials where sentences are presented using the **on_finish** parameter
- save and reload
- open the inspector

```
var sentence_number = 0;

var sentence = {
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('sentence'),
  choices: [''],
  trial_duration: 100,
  on_finish: function(data) {
    sentence_number = (sentence_number + 1)
    console.log("sentence_number= " + sentence_number);
  }
}
```

sentence_number= 1	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 2	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 3	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 4	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 5	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 6	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 7	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 8	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 9	index 2.html:91

restricting the trial number range

- our random_attention_trials will always be within 5 and 39 by design, but our sentence_number keeps increasing across blocks
- **solution**: we divide the index by 40 and keep the remainder, using the % operator
- save and reload

```
var sentence = {  
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('sentence'),  
  choices: [' '],  
  trial_duration: 100,  
  on_finish: function(data) {  
    sentence_number = (sentence_number + 1) % 40;  
    console.log("sentence_number= " + sentence_number);  
  }  
}
```

sentence_number= 34	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 35	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 36	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 37	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 38	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 39	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 0	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 1	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 2	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 3	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 4	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 5	index 2.html:91
sentence_number= 6	index 2.html:91

defining a conditional timeline

- we can now define a conditional timeline and use the `sentence_number` and the `random_attention_trials` to only display the attention trial if the `sentence_number` is in the `random_attention_trials`
- add `attention_conditional` to the `training_procedure`
- save and reload

```
var attention_conditional = {  
  timeline: [attention],  
  conditional_function: function() {  
    if(random_attention_trials.includes(sentence_number)) {return true;}  
    else {return false;}  
  }  
}
```

```
var training_procedure = {  
  timeline: [sentence, attention_conditional],  
  timeline_variables: sentences,  
  randomize_order: true  
};
```

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creating the feedback screen

- we first define a `slow_experiment_trial` that displays feedback to the participants

```
var slow_experiment_trial = {  
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: "<b>Too slow</b>! <br><br> Please try to respond faster.",  
  choices: "NO_KEYS",  
  trial_duration: 1000  
}
```

providing feedback on priming trials

- if we want to provide feedback, we have to retrieve the data provided by the participant on the specific trial
- we define a conditional `priming_feedback` trial to only run the `slow_experiment_trial` plugin if RT on the last trial is > 800 ms

```
var priming_feedback = {
  timeline: [slow_experiment_trial],
  conditional_function: function(){
    // get the data from the previous trial,
    // and check if rt is greater than 800 ms
    var rt = jsPsych.data.get().last(1).values()[0].rt;
    if (rt > 800){
      return true;
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  }
}
```

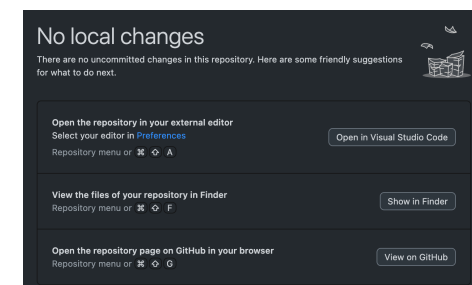
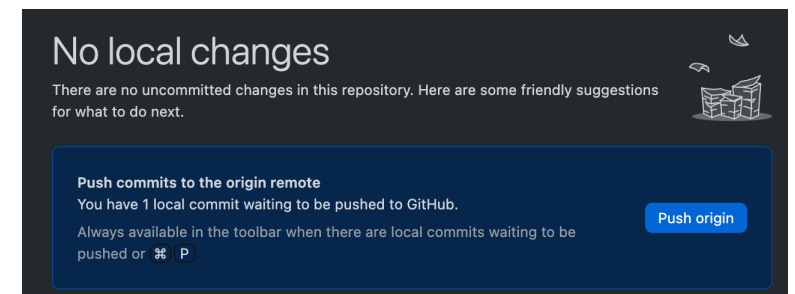
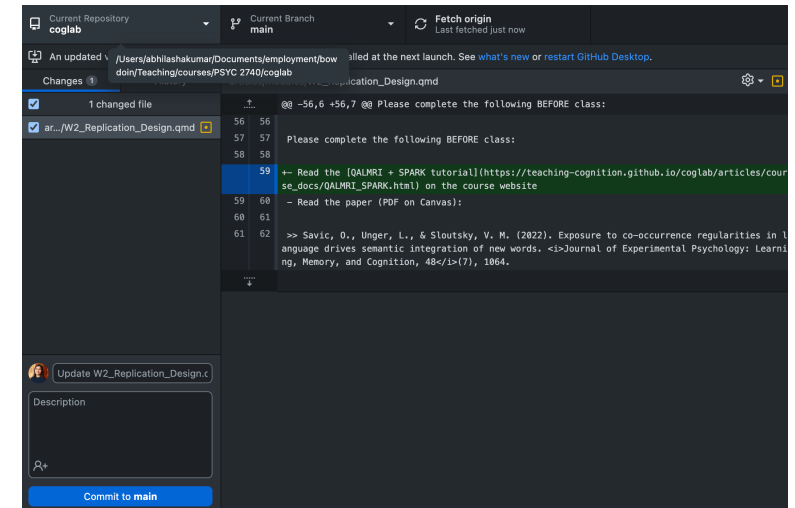
add feedback to priming procedure

- we add `priming_feedback` to our priming procedure
- we modify the `jsPsych.run()` sequence to test the new priming procedure
- save and reload

```
var priming_proc = {  
  timeline: [fixation, image, prime, target, priming_feedback],  
  timeline_variables: practice_stimuli,  
  randomize_order: true  
};  
  
//jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_instructions, priming_proc]);  
jsPsych.run([priming_proc]);
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complete experiment procedure

- initial instructions
- training plus association
 - sentences
 - some attention trials
 - association instructions
 - association trials
- priming procedure
 - priming instructions
 - fixation
 - image
 - prime
 - target
 - feedback

```
jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_instructions, priming_proc]);
```


HW: what data do we need for each plugin?

- initial instructions
- training plus association
 - sentences
 - some attention trials
 - association instructions
 - association trials
- priming procedure
 - priming instructions
 - fixation
 - image
 - prime
 - target
 - feedback

```
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```

HW: what does jsPsych automatically record?

- head over to the [plugins](#) page
- navigate to the pages for the plugins we are using
- look at the Data Generated sub-heading
 - [Nellaphen](#): instructions, sentences
 - [Semantic Snakes](#): attention, association
 - [Berries](#): priming procedure
- make note of what is being recorded and what else may be needed

next class

- **before** class

- *prep*: class HW (data being recorded + data needed)
- *try*: Week 5 quiz
- *apply*: project milestone #4 (design draft)
- *apply*: September class survey (extra credit)

- **during** class

- recording data
- going online!