

GitLab End of Support: Repo Migration Guide

End of Support: From 1st August 2025, GitLab will no longer be supported in Aridhia DRE Workspaces.

We are transitioning to Gitea as our primary version control system. Read more about how to use Gitea within a Linux VM here: [Aridhia Knowledge Base | Using Git Within a Linux VM](#)

Why the Change?

We're making this change to enhance the security and integrity of DRE Workspaces. Gitea offers a more secure alternative and Workspace equivalent to GitLab.

What Does This Mean for You?

Migration of Repositories: If you currently have repositories in GitLab, you will need to migrate them to Gitea. We appreciate this might be an inconvenience, but we're here to assist you through the process if you need us. Detailed instructions are provided here and on our [Knowledge Base](#) to ensure a smooth transition.

Next Steps

1. **Migrate:** If you have repos to migrate, use the step-by-step instructions below.
2. **Need help?** If you encounter any issues, reach out to us at servicedesk@aridhia.com.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we make this transition to improve the security and functionality of Workspaces. Thank you for your continued trust in Aridhia DRE.

Migration

Use this guide if you have repos on GitLab that you wish to migrate to Gitea. For users that do not have content to migrate, no action is needed.

In these steps, users will create a local "migration user" on Gitlab (this user cannot have the same login credentials as your DRE user). The migration user will be given access to projects to be transferred.

The migration feature in Gitea can then be used to migrate projects into Gitea using the migration user credentials.

Steps

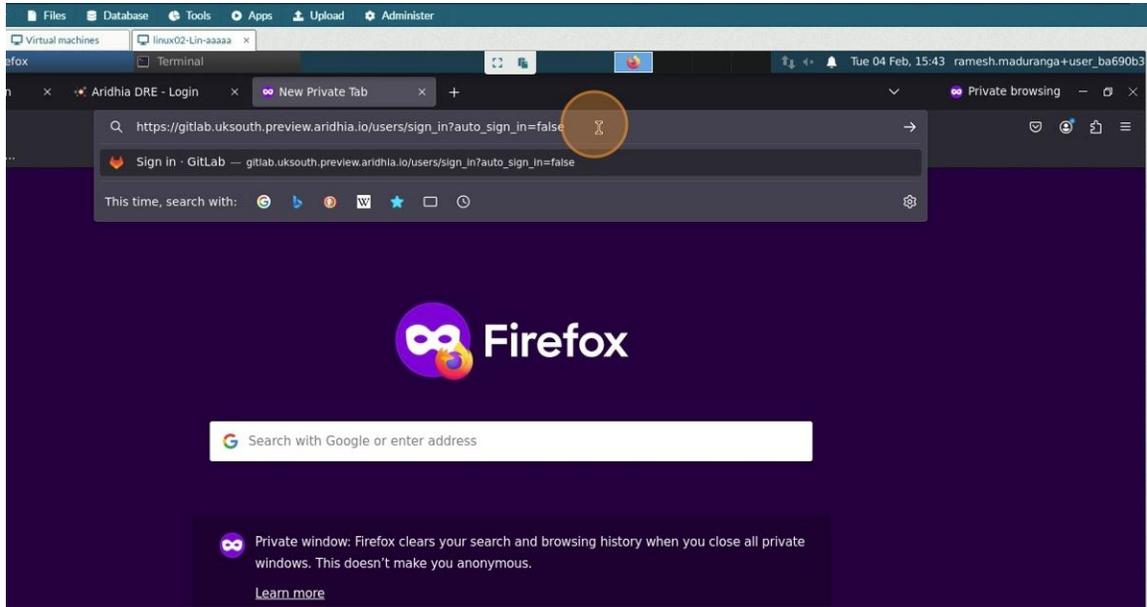
1. Within your workspace, start a Linux VM and open the internet browser.

2. Enter the link below into the VM browser, replacing the blue placeholder with your hub domain:

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https://gitlab.<hub_domain_url>/users/sign_in?auto_sign_in=false
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Example:

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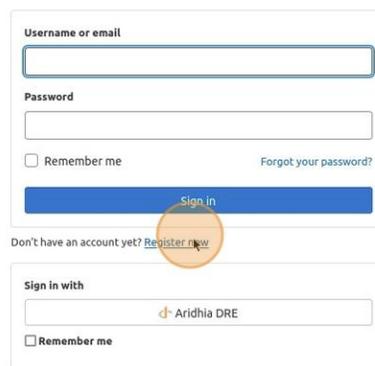
3. Register a new user by clicking **Register now**.

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This is a self-managed instance of GitLab.



Username or email

Password

Remember me [Forgot your password?](#)

[Sign in](#)

Don't have an account yet? [Register now](#)

Sign in with

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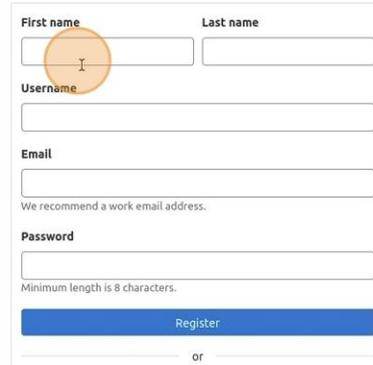
4. Create an account for your “migration user” by filling out the form details – **do not use the same email** as your DRE user account.

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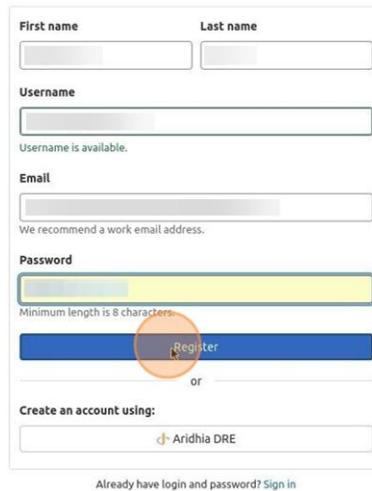
- First name (highlighted)
- Last name
- Username
- Email
- Password (Minimum length is 8 characters)
- Register button

5. Click **Register**.

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Registration form fields (after registration attempt):

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- Last name
- Username (Username is available)
- Email
- Password (Minimum length is 8 characters)
- Register button (highlighted)
- Create an account using: Aridhia DRE
- Already have login and password? Sign in

6. Select your role and interest, then click **Get Started**.

Welcome to GitLab, Migration!

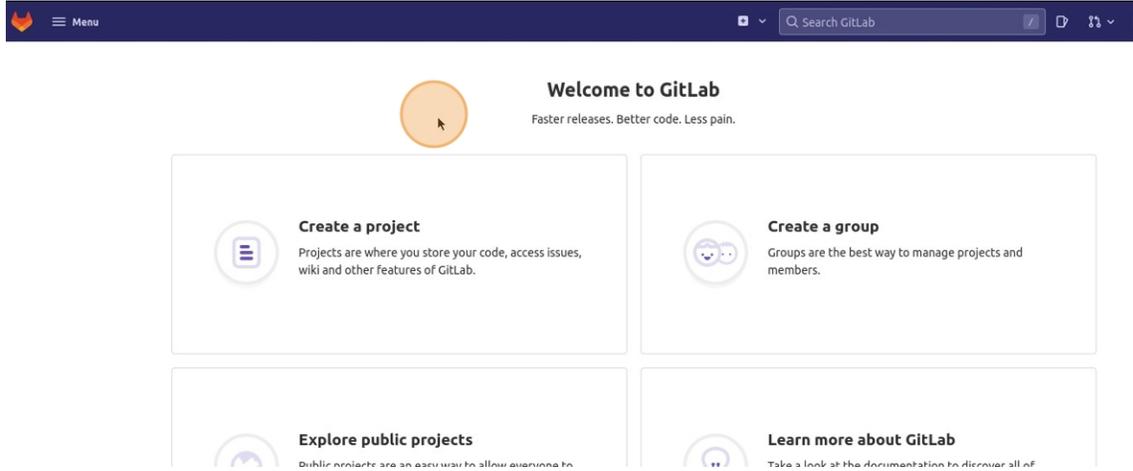
To personalize your GitLab experience, we'd like to know a bit more about you. Don't worry, this information isn't shared outside of your self-managed GitLab instance.



Welcome form fields:

- Role (dropdown menu, highlighted)
- I'm signing up for GitLab because: (dropdown menu)
- Get started! button

7. You are now signed into GitLab with your new migration user.

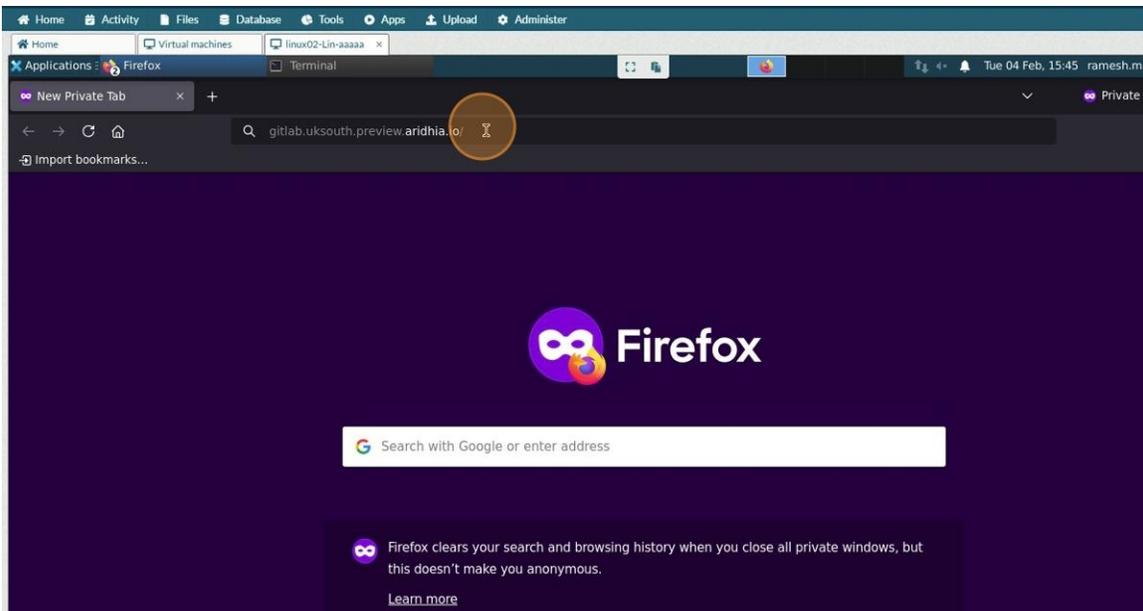


8. From your VM internet browser, open a new **private browser tab** and navigate to...

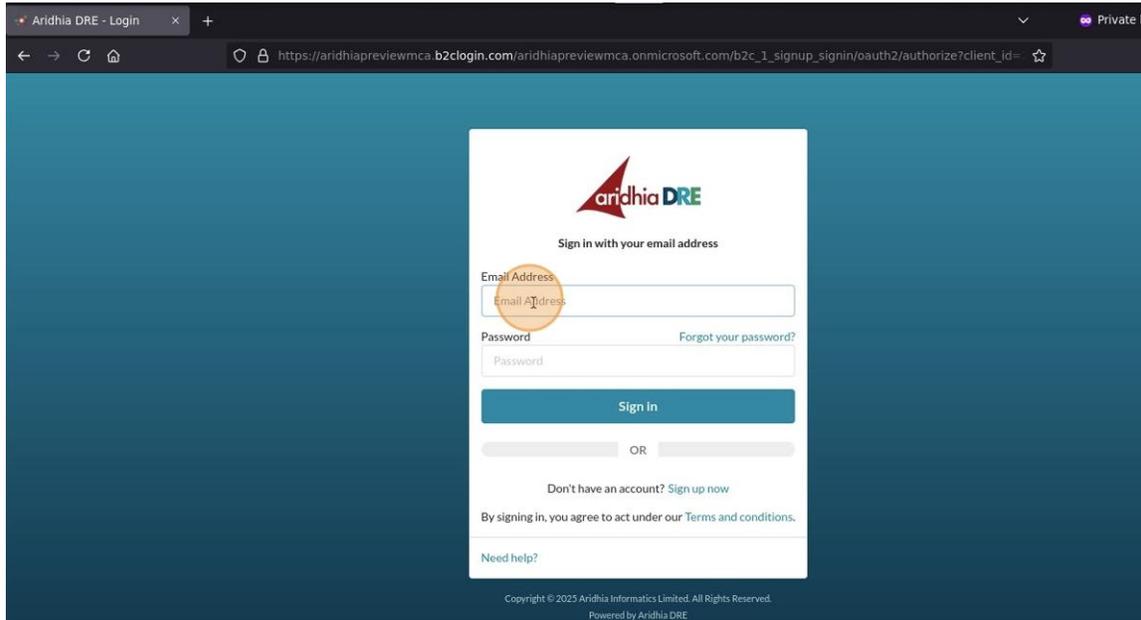
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https://gitlab.<hub_domain_url>/
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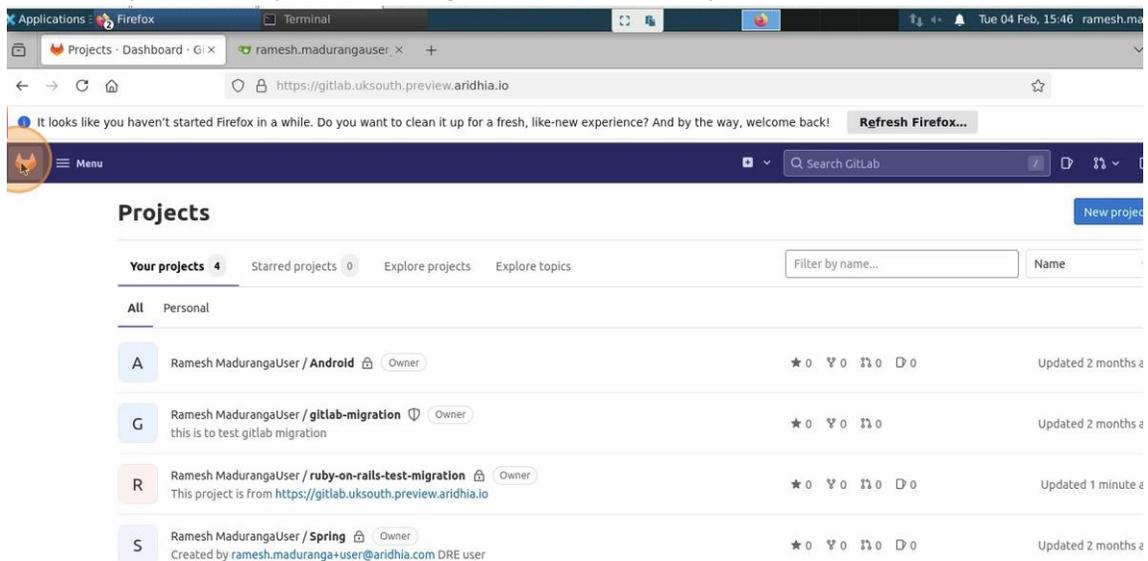
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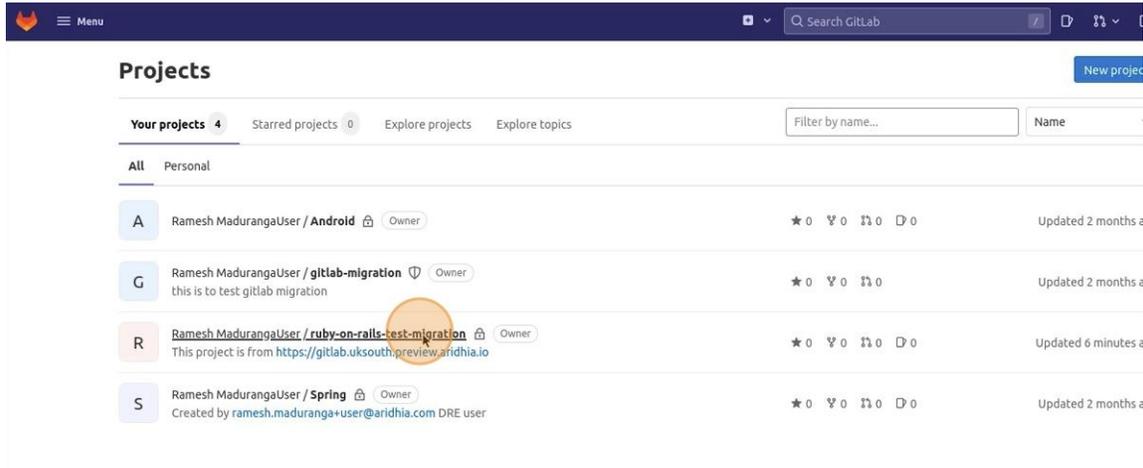
9. Sign in with your normal DRE login.



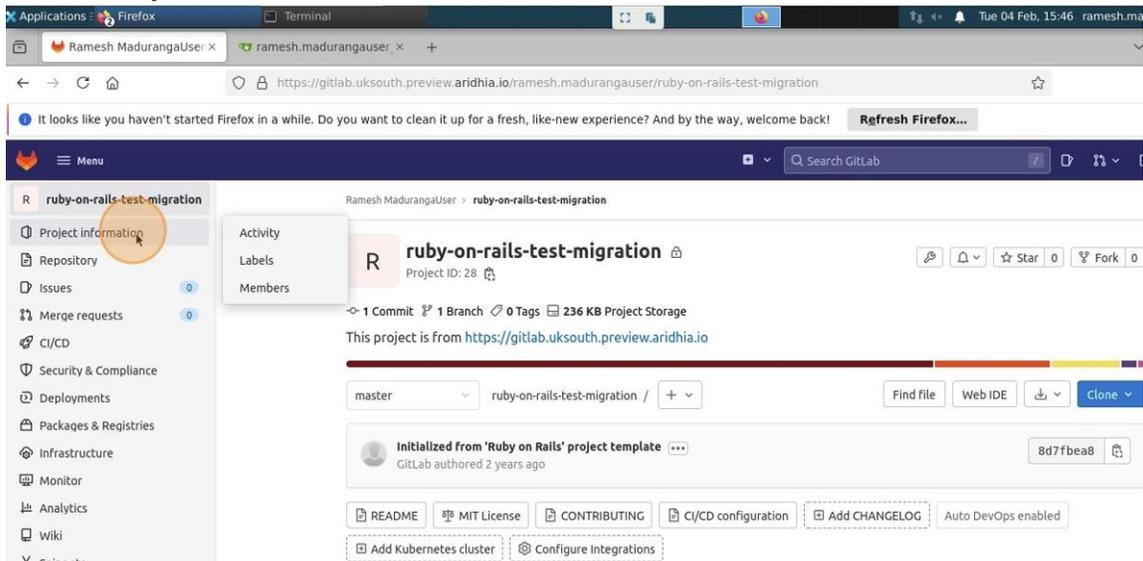
10. In this private tab, you are now signed into GitLab with your normal DRE user account.



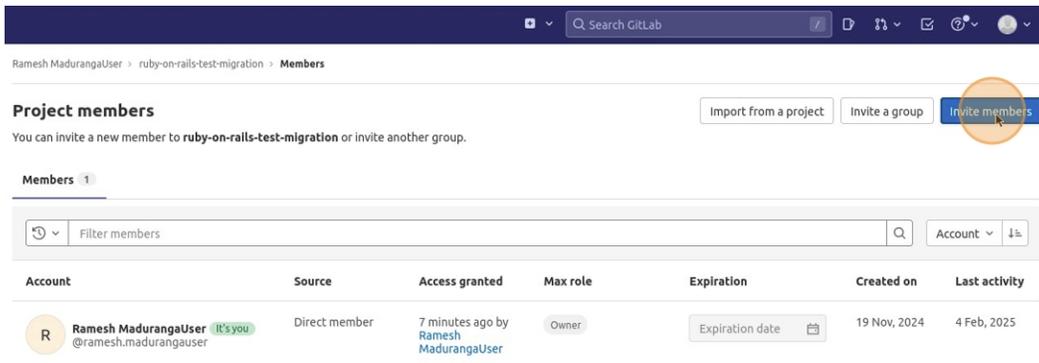
11. Select the project that you wish to migrate to Gitea.



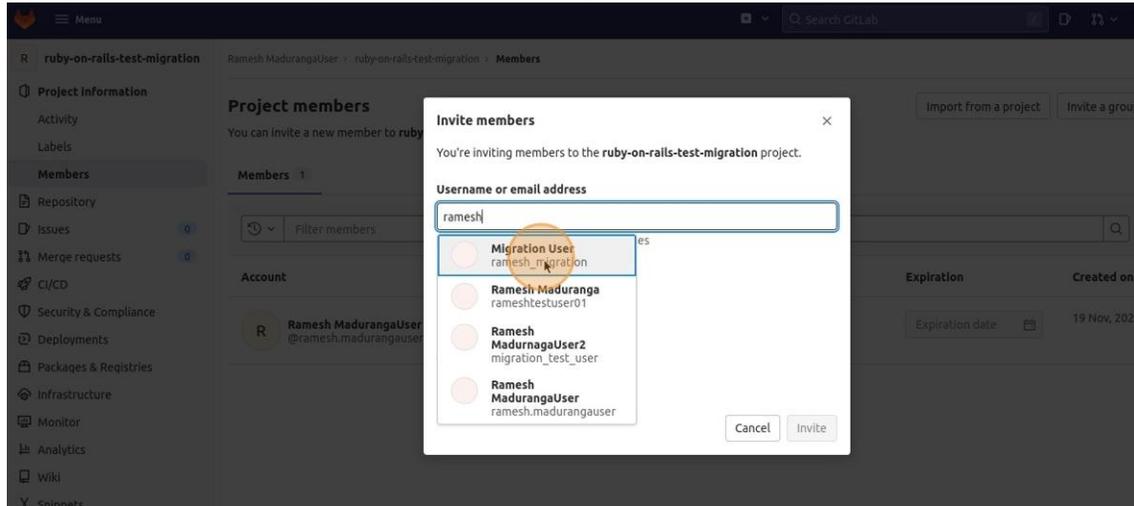
12. Click Project Information then click Members.



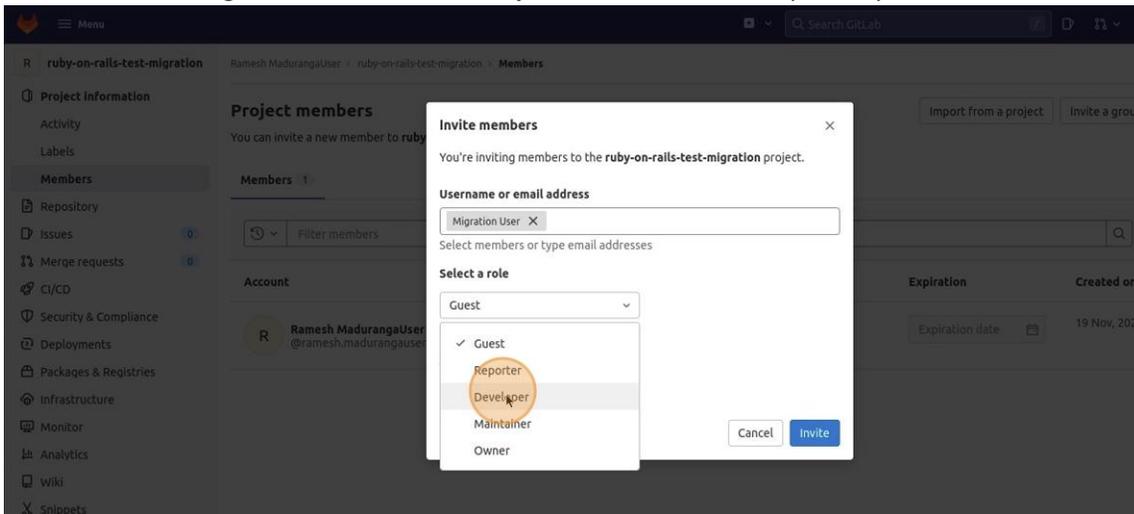
13. Click Invite members.



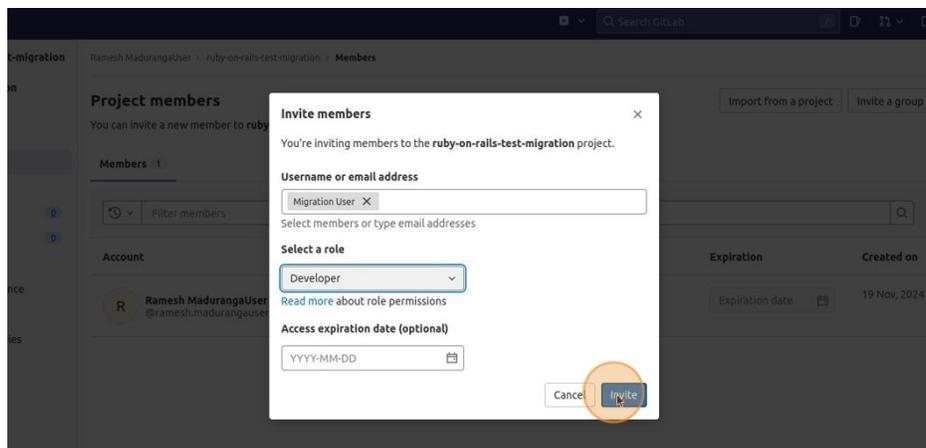
14. Type the username of your newly created migration user.



15. Provide the migration user with **Developer** access to the Git repository.



16. Click **Invite**.



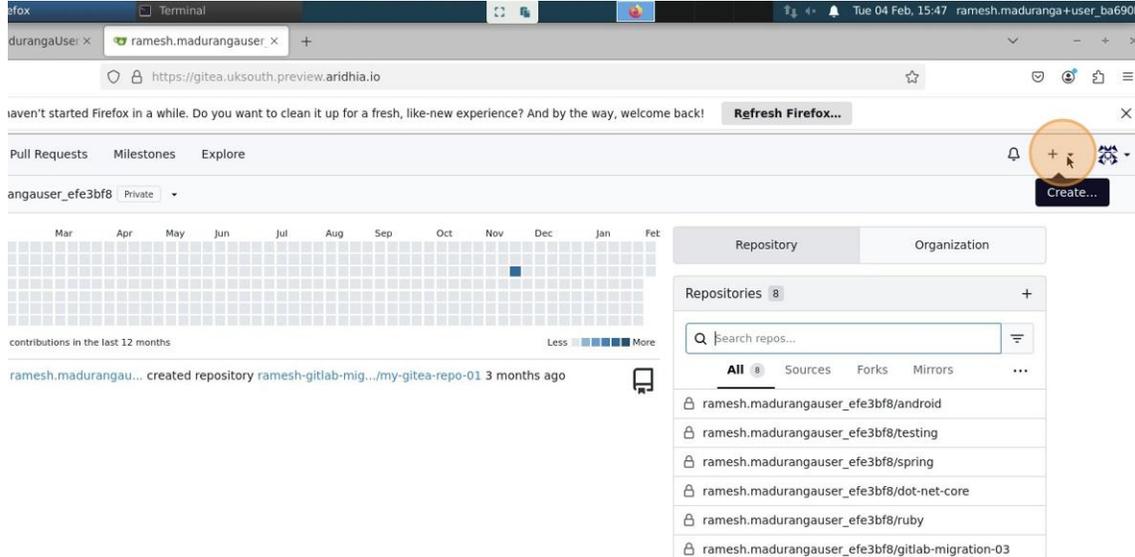
17. In the same browser window, navigate to Gitea:

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https://gitea.<hub_url>/
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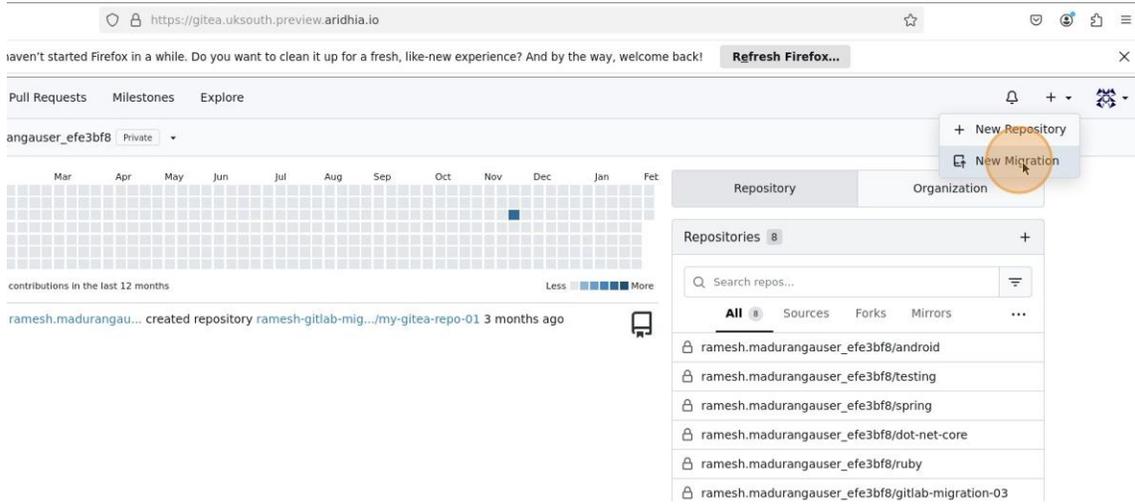
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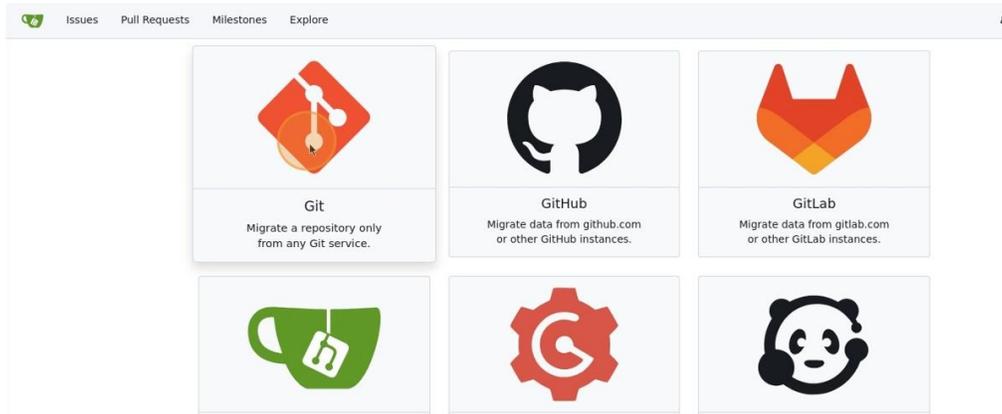
18. Click **[+] Create**.



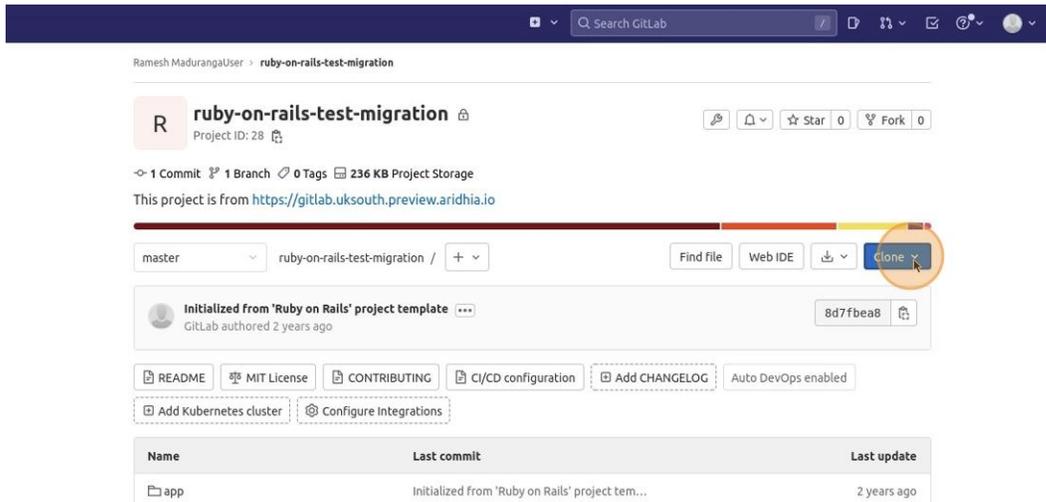
19. Click **New Migration**.



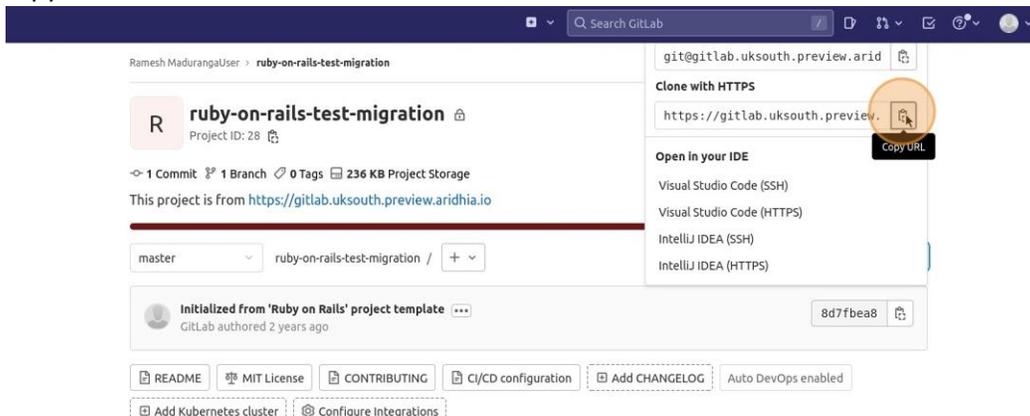
20. Select the option for **Git**.



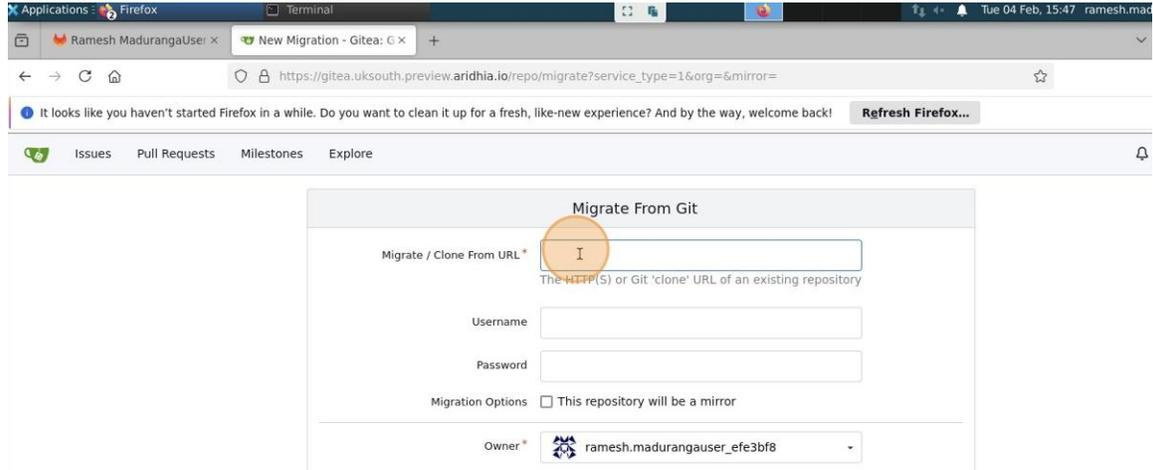
21. Go back to the GitLab repository and select **Clone**.



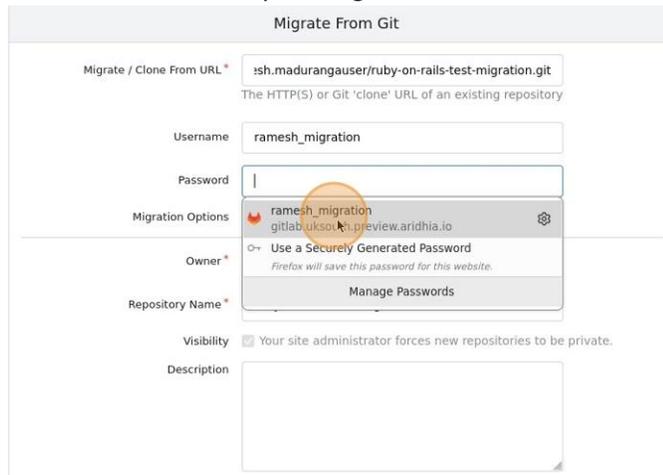
22. Copy the **Clone with HTTPS URL**.



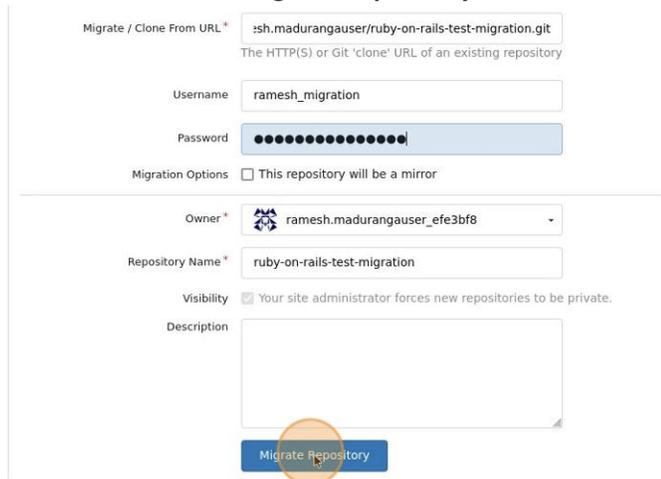
23. Return to your Gitea migration tab and follow the migration steps.



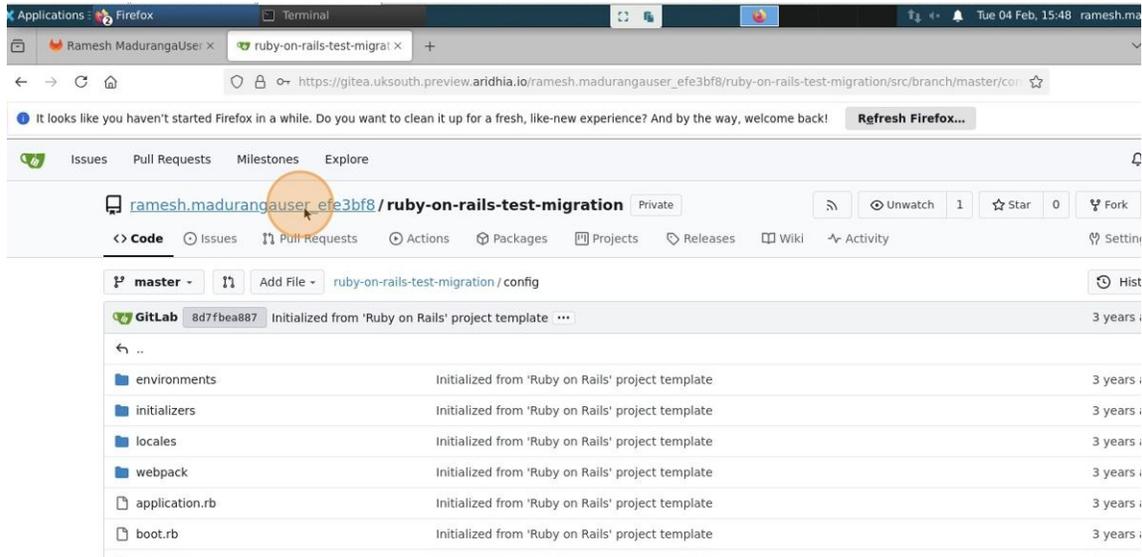
24. Add the copied URL and the credentials of your migration user account.



25. Fill in the relevant information and click **Migrate Repository**.



26. After the migration task is complete, you will see the migrated repository in Gitea.



27. Repeat these steps as needed to access migrated work on Gitea.

