

Introduction to GIT Version Control

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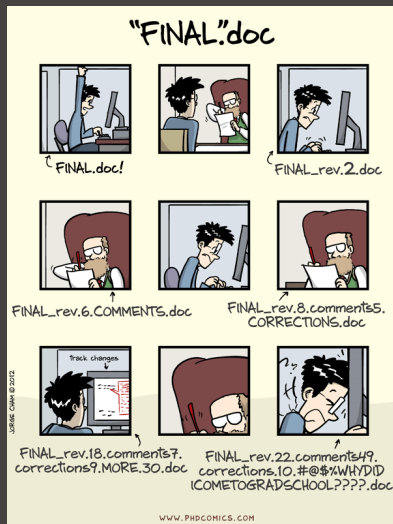
Section 1

Version Control

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- A STORY TOLD IN FILE NAMES:
- Location: C:\user\research\data
- | Filename | Date Modified | Size | Type |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| data_2010.05.28_test.dat | 3:37 PM 5/28/2010 | 420 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.28_re-test.dat | 4:29 PM 5/28/2010 | 421 KB | DAT file |
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| data_2010.05.28_WTF.dat | 9:58 PM 5/28/2010 | 30 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_aaanrrgh.dat | 12:37 AM 5/29/2010 | 30 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_#&!@.dat | 2:40 AM 5/29/2010 | 0 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_crap.dat | 3:22 AM 5/29/2010 | 437 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_notbad.dat | 4:16 AM 5/29/2010 | 670 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_woohoo!.dat | 4:47 AM 5/29/2010 | 1,349 KB | DAT file |
| data_2010.05.29_USETHISONE.dat | 5:08 AM 5/29/2010 | 2,894 KB | DAT file |
| analysis_graphs.xls | 7:13 AM 5/29/2010 | 455 KB | XLS file |
| ThesisOutlinel.doc | 7:26 AM 5/29/2010 | 38 KB | DOC file |
| Notes_Meeting_with_ProfSmith.txt | 11:38 AM 5/29/2010 | 1,673 KB | TXT file |
| JUNK... | 2:45 PM 5/29/2010 | | Folder |
| data_2010.05.30_startingover.dat | 8:37 AM 5/30/2010 | 420 KB | DAT file |
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Why use version control?

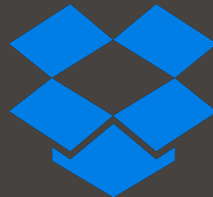
- Makes collaboration easier
- Helps you stay organised
- Allows you to keep track of changes without keeping duplicated copies of the same file
- Allows reproducibility
- When something goes wrong, you can back up to the last “working” copy
- It can be used for writing code, writing papers, it is especially powerful for text-based documents
- It is considered a **must** in professional software development



You may be familiar with the main features of Version Control already:

- Google Docs/Sheets/Slides
- Overleaf
- Dropbox
- Microsoft Word

These are **not** really Version Control though!



Section 2

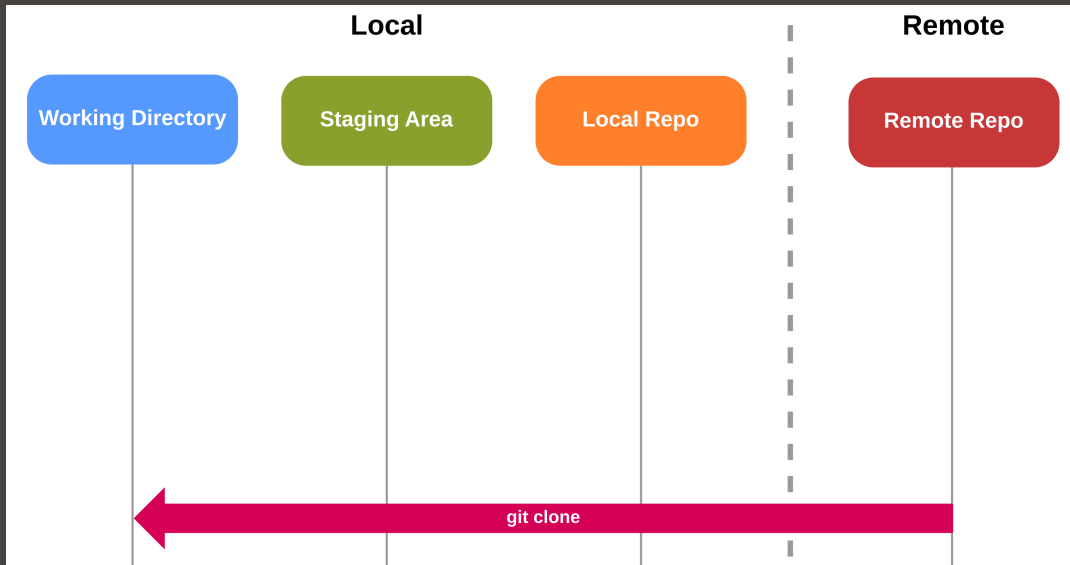
GIT

- Created by *Linus Towal*ds in 2005
- What does **GIT** stand for? (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Git#naming>)
- There are many types and approaches to version control
- GIT is just one implementation, but it has taken over as the most popular and is used all over the world
- Other implementations include: CVS, SVN, Mercurial, etc. . .
- Some IDEs incorporate VC systems in their GUIs (e.g. Rstudio, Visual Studio, etc. . .)
- And of course, as we will discuss later, there are web-based repositories that allow you to use VC/GIT from within a browser

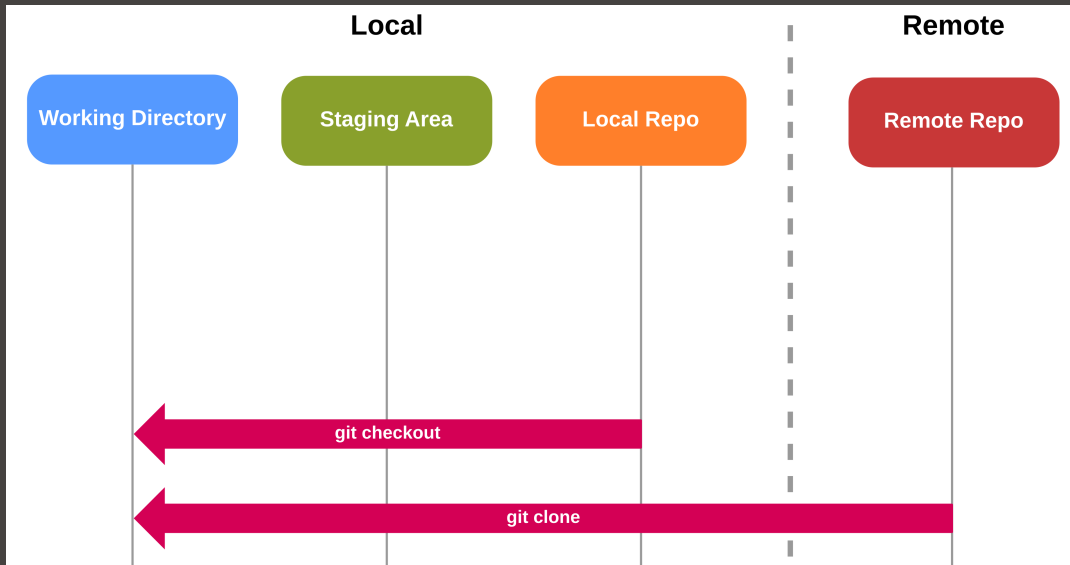
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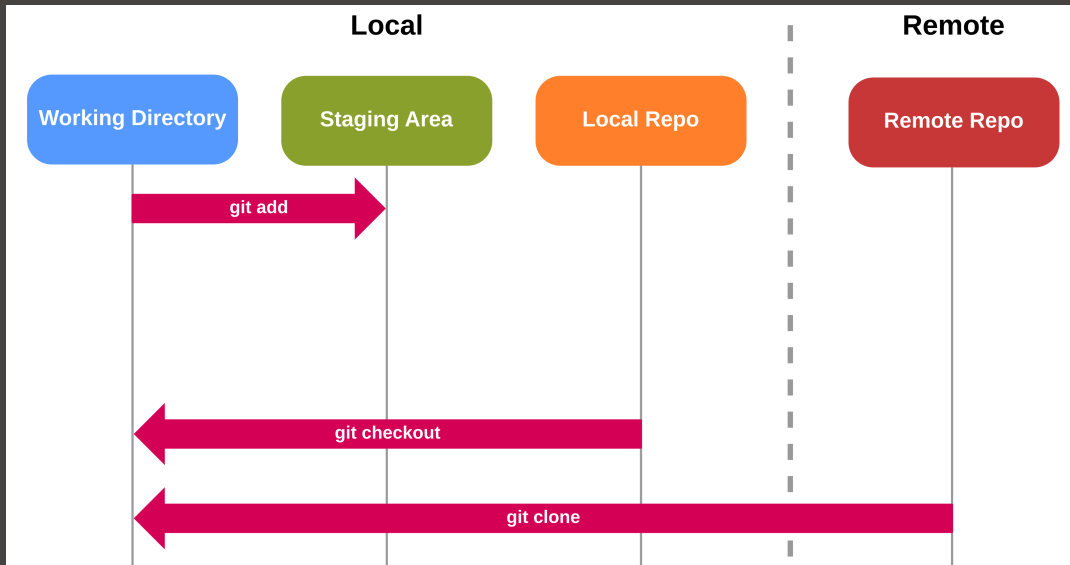
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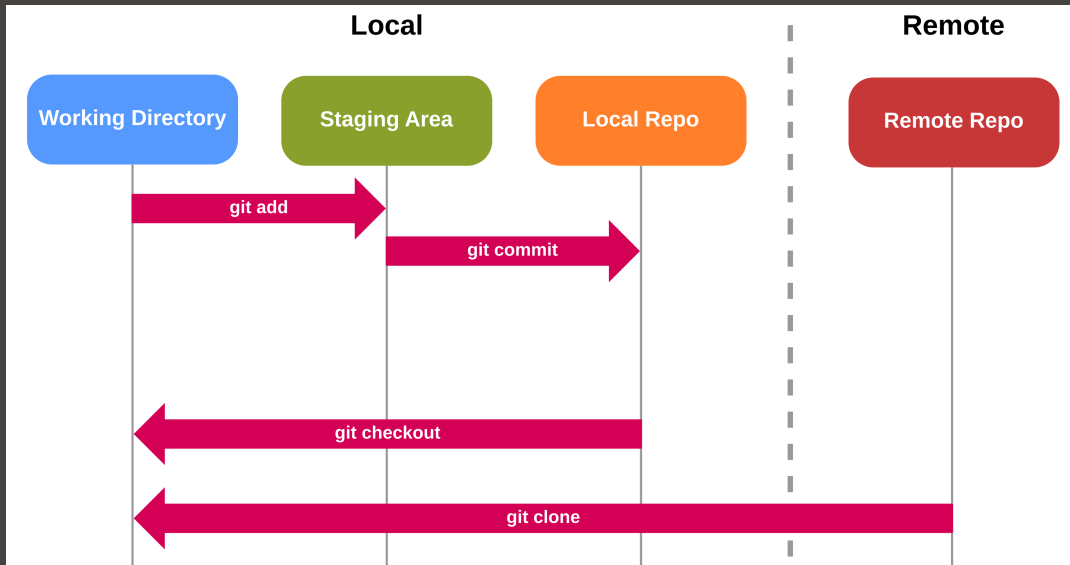
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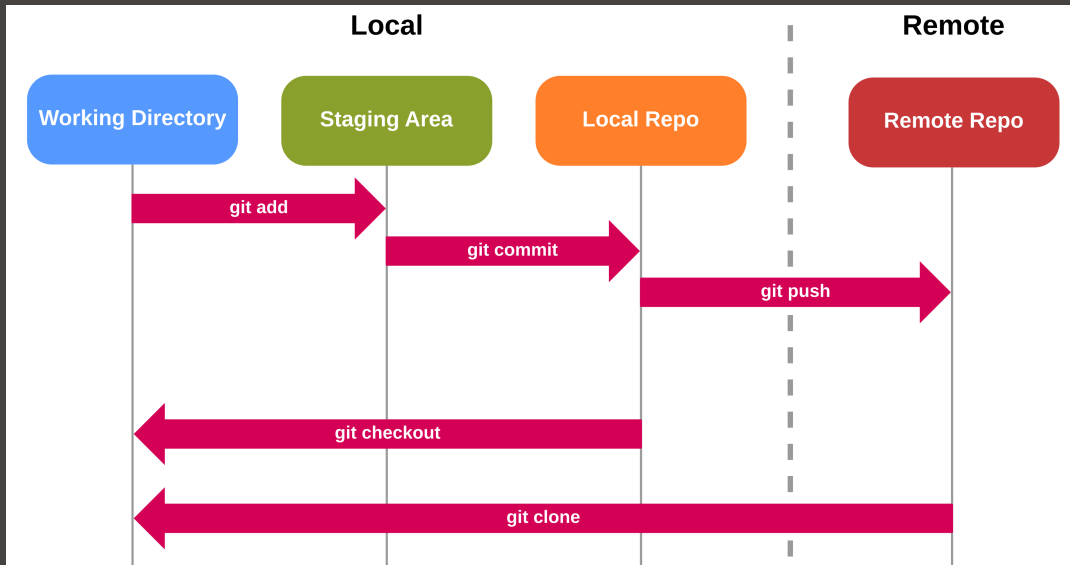
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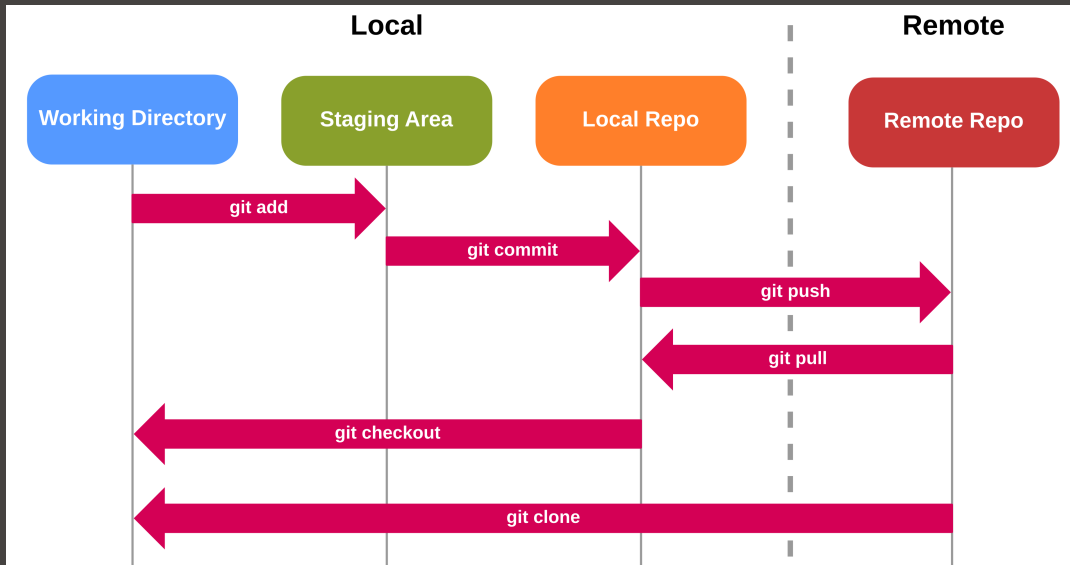
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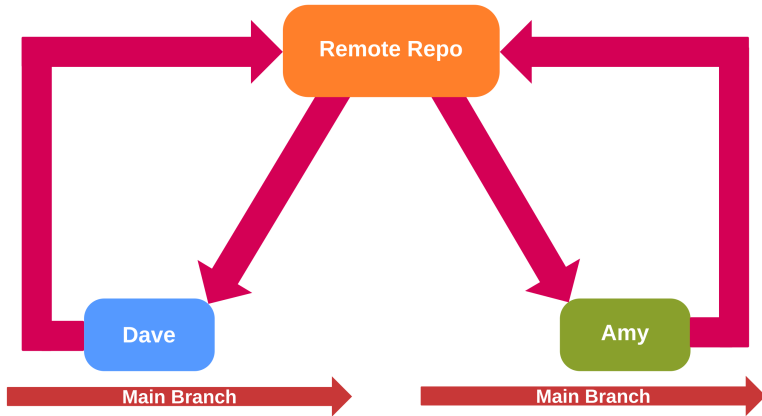


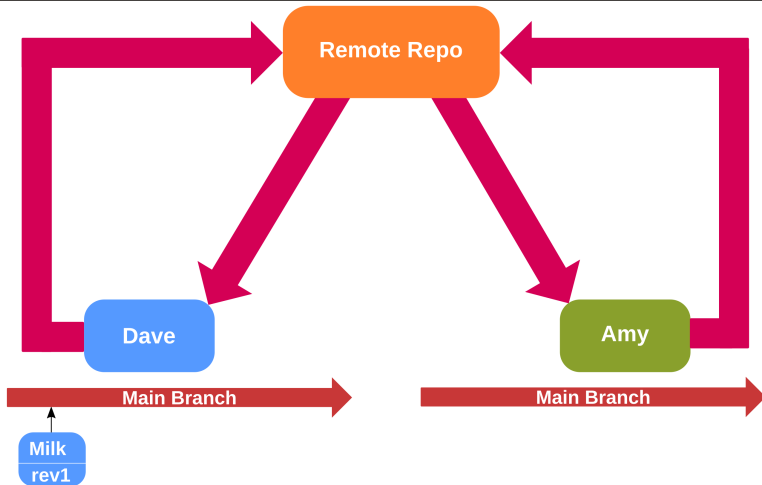
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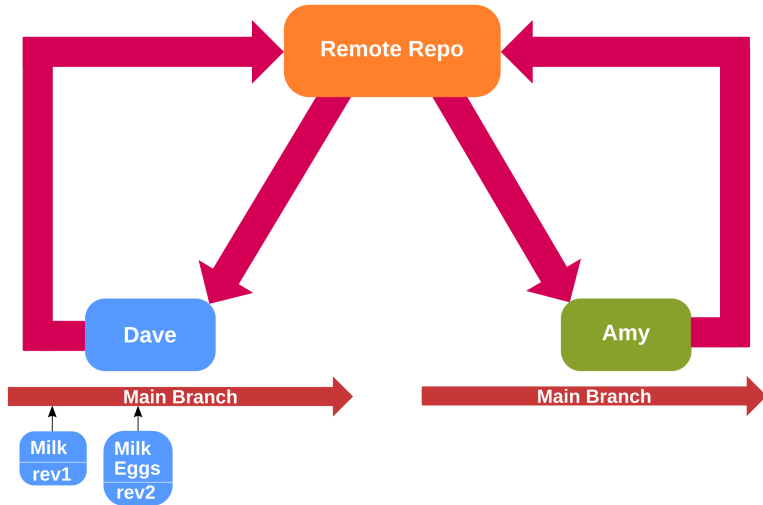


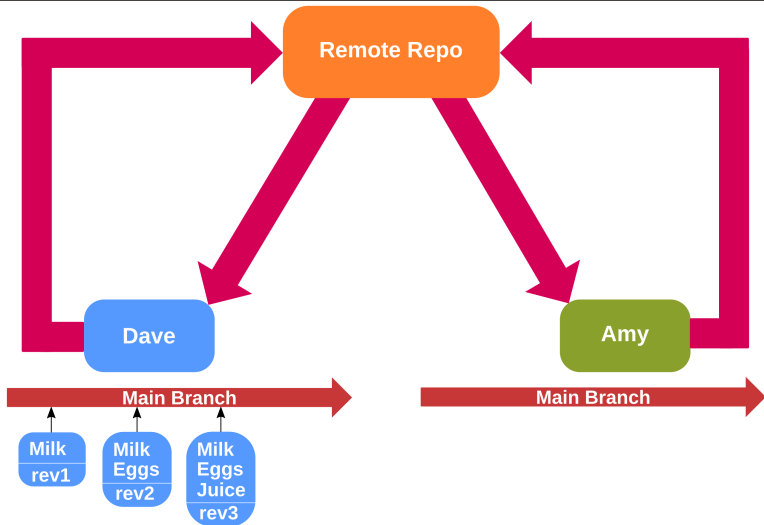
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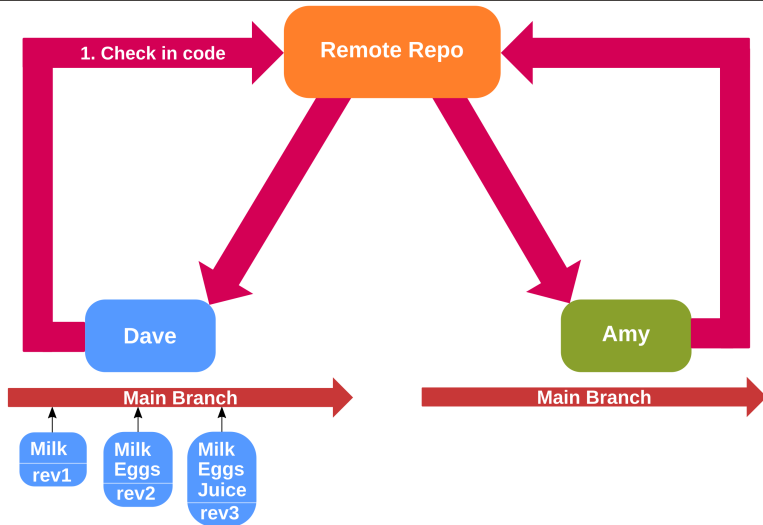


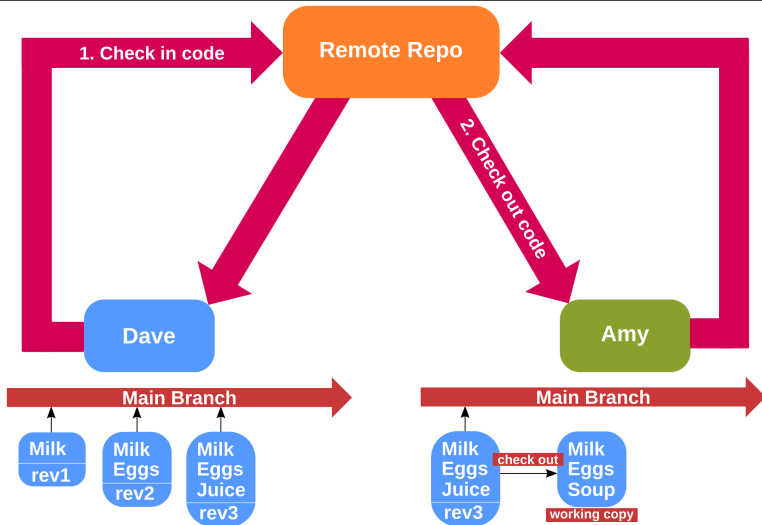


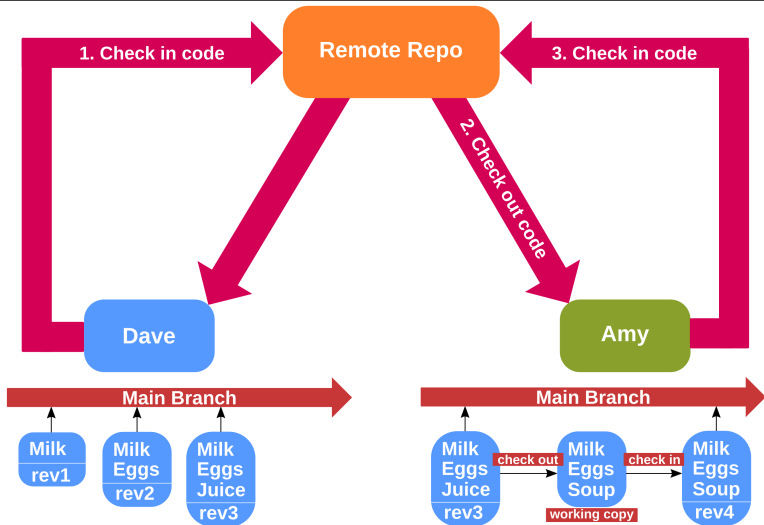


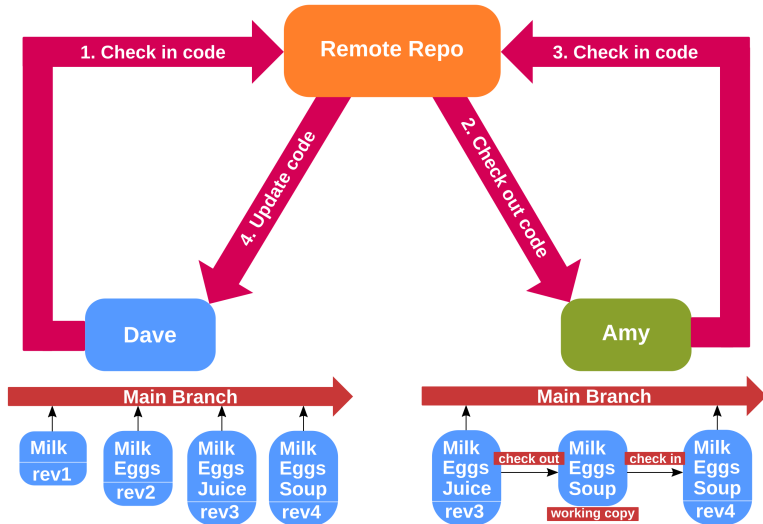












- *Repository*: “A collection of refs together with an object database containing all objects which are reachable from the refs.”
- *Commit*: “A single point in the Git history.”
- *Checkout*: “The action of updating all or part of the working tree with a tree object or blob from the object database.”
- *Branch*: “A branch is used to develop a feature that is merged into the *master* branch upon completion.”
- *Conflict*: “When two branches are merged and one branch overwrites changes from the other. All *conflicts* need to be resolved before completing the merge”.

- Step 0: Setup GIT on your computer
- Step 1: Initialise a GIT repo
- Step 2: Commit files to the repo
- Step 3: Edit/Modify/Add new or existing files
- Step 4: Commit changes
- Step 5: Push changes to remote repo
- Step 6: Repeat from Step 2

- Install GIT on Linux:

```
sudo apt install git-all
```

- Install GIT on MacOS:

```
git --version
```

(It should prompt you to install if it doesn't already exist)

- Install GIT on Windows by downloading packages from here: <https://git-scm.com/download/win>
- More information can be found here:
<https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git>

Section 3

GIT commands

- Find a location for your repo and initialise it:

```
laptop:~$ mkdir my-repo
laptop:~$ cd my-repo
laptop:~/my-repo$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/willlis/my-repo/.git/
```

- This creates a `.git` repo in the `my-repo` directory, which contains the repo information:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ ls -a
.  ..  .git
```

Note: The `-a` option for `ls` shows **all** files, which includes *hidden* files that start with `.`

- The first time you try to use git to commit something, it might complain that cannot identify you:

```
*** Please tell me who you are.
```

```
Run
```

```
git config --global user.email "youremail@example.com"
```

```
git config --global user.name "FirstName LastName"
```

```
To set your account's default identity.
```

```
Omit --global to set the identity only in this repository.
```

```
fatal: empty indent name (for <(null)>) not allowed
```

- You can also check in advance using:

```
laptop:~$ git config user.name
```

```
laptop:~$ git config user.email
```

GIT: Adding files to the repo

Adding files to a repository, requires two steps:

- Step 1: Add files to the *staging* area:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ echo "some data" > datafile.dat
laptop:~/my-repo$ cp datafile.dat replicated_data.dat
laptop:~/my-repo$ ls
datafile.dat  replicated_data.dat
laptop:~/my-repo$ git add datafile.dat replicated_data.dat
```

- Step 2: Commit files to the repo:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git commit datafile.dat replicated_data.dat -m "Adding data from
experiment X."
[master (root-commit) d67dfb5] Adding data from experiment X.
2 files changed, 2 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 datafile.dat
create mode 100644 replicated_data.dat
```

- Suppose we have to update some data and we would like to compare it with the files already in the repo:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ echo "updated data" >> datafile.dat
laptop:~/my-repo$ git diff datafile.dat
diff --git a/datafile.dat b/datafile.dat
index 4268632..db1d6b5 100644
--- a/datafile.dat
+++ b/datafile.dat
@@ -1,2 @@
  some data
+updated data
laptop:~/my-repo$ git commit datafile.dat -m "Updating data from new experiments."
```

- Look at the history of the repo:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git log
commit 5afbe1a660ba831026542e2df9474213eb42237f (HEAD -> master)
Author: willis <james.willis@scinet.utoronto.ca>
Date:   Wed Mar 2 14:22:09 2022 -0500
```

Updating data from new experiments.

```
commit d67dfb567d6d9d92a3a4e0aac1924ab10dda3a61
Author: willis <james.willis@scinet.utoronto.ca>
Date:   Wed Mar 2 12:56:50 2022 -0500
```

Adding data from experiment X.

- Recover a specific version:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git checkout d67dfb56
```


- Delete file:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git rm replicated_data.dat
laptop:~/my-repo$ git commit -m "Removed replicated data."
[master 8ee5a01] Removed replicated data.
1 file changed, 1 deletion(-)
delete mode 100644 replicated_data.dat
```

- Note: when you delete a file from the repo like this, it is also deleted from your computer. To remove it from the repo only use the `--cached` option:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git rm --cached replicated_data.dat
```

Command	Scope	Common use cases
<code>git reset</code>	Commit-level	Discard commits in a private branch or uncommitted changes
<code>git reset</code>	File-level	Unstage a file
<code>git checkout</code>	Commit-level	Switch between branches or inspect old snapshots
<code>git checkout</code>	File-level	Discard changes in the working directory
<code>git revert</code>	Commit-level	Undo commits in a public branch
<code>git revert</code>	File-level	N/A

- Check the status of files in the local repo:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

```
Changes to be committed:
```

```
(use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
```

```
new file:   new_file.txt
```

```
Changes not staged for commit:
```

```
(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
```

```
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
```

```
modified:   replicated_data.dat
```

```
Untracked files:
```

```
(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
```

```
output.log
```

- Get a comprehensive list of git commands with `git --help`:

These are common Git commands used in various situations:

start a working area (see also: `git help tutorial`)

`clone` Clone a repository into a new directory

`init` Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one

work on the current change (see also: `git help everyday`)

`add` Add file contents to the index

`mv` Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink

`restore` Restore working tree files

`rm` Remove files from the working tree and from the index

`sparse-checkout` Initialize and modify the sparse-checkout

examine the history and state (see also: `git help revisions`)

`bisect` Use binary search to find the commit that introduced a bug

`diff` Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc

`grep` Print lines matching a pattern

`log` Show commit logs

...

- git commands can be quite long to type repeatedly. They can be shortened with aliases
- For example, to shorten `git checkout` to `git co` run:

```
laptop:~$ git config --global alias.co checkout
```

- Useful aliases:

```
laptop:~$ git config --global alias.br branch  
laptop:~$ git config --global alias.ci commit  
laptop:~$ git config --global alias.st status  
laptop:~$ git config --global alias.d difftool
```

Note: all git configuration options can be found in your HOME directory in `~/.gitconfig`

- It may feel like more work in the short term, but USE IT! It will save you from future headaches
- Commit often!
- Include sensible commit messages
- Do not commit derivative files e.g. log files, executables, compiled modules
- It is useful for different kinds of projects: code development, collaborations, papers etc.
- There are different version control systems: GIT, HG, SVN, CVS

- Install GIT on your local machine
 - `sudo apt install git-all` (Linux)
 - `git --version` (MacOS - It should prompt you to install if it doesn't already exist)
- If that fails, GIT is also installed on Niagara
- Create a local repository
- Add some files
- Experiment with different GIT commands (`git --help` for full list)
- Hints:

```
laptop:~$ git init
laptop:~$ git add file.dat
laptop:~$ git commit file.dat -m "Commit message"
```

Section 4

Web-based GIT Repos

- GitHub: <https://github.com>
- BitBucket: <https://bitbucket.org>
- GitLab: <https://gitlab.com>



Section 5

GitHub

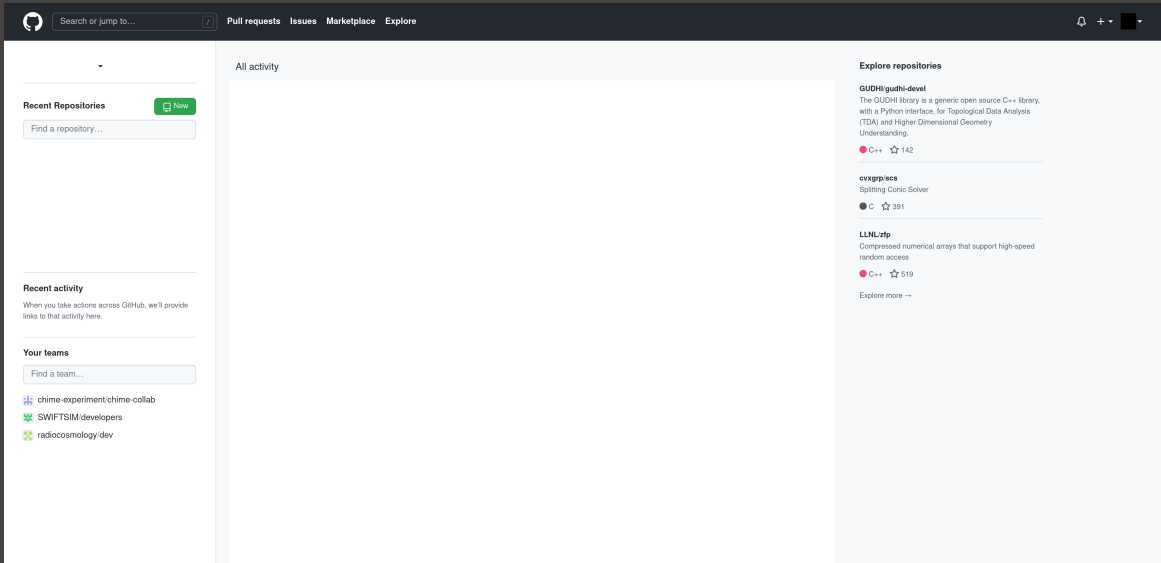
- What is GitHub and why use it?
- Integrating a local repository with GitHub

- Create a repository in GitHub
- *Push* a repository from your computer to GitHub
- *Pull* a repository from GitHub to your computer
- Create and accept a *pull request*

- Git and GitHub *are not the same thing*
- Hosted at github.com
 - Accounts are free
 - Ability to create private repositories
- Heavily used
- Collaborate
- Find code to adapt for you own projects
- Contribute to other code bases

- You have a **local** repository on your computer
- GitHub hosts **remote** repositories
- You can **push** from your local repository to a remote repository
- You can **pull** from a remote repository to a local repository
- You can make a **pull request**, in which you ask someone to **pull** your repository into theirs

GitHub: How to create a repo



The screenshot shows the GitHub homepage with a dark header bar. On the left, there's a sidebar with sections: 'Recent Repositories' (with a 'New' button and a search bar), 'Recent activity' (with a description), and 'Your teams' (with a search bar and a list of teams). The main content area is titled 'All activity' and is currently empty. On the right, there's a section titled 'Explore repositories' which lists three repositories: 'GUDHI/gudhi-devel' (C++ library), 'cvxgrp/scs' (Conic Solver), and 'LLNL/zfp' (compressed numerical arrays). Each repository entry includes a description, language, and star count.

Recent Repositories [New](#)

Find a repository...

Recent activity

When you take actions across GitHub, we'll provide links to that activity here.

Your teams

Find a team...

- chime-experiment/chime-collab
- SWIFTSIM/developers
- radioc cosmology/dev

All activity

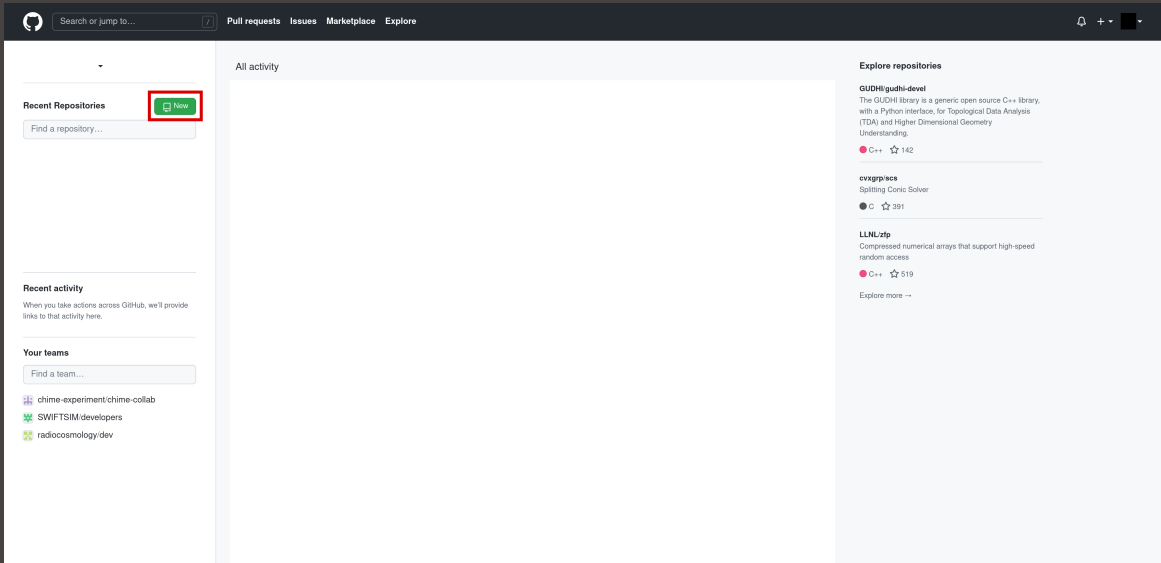
Explore repositories

GUDHI/gudhi-devel
The GUDHI library is a generic open source C++ library, with a Python interface, for Topological Data Analysis (TDA) and Higher Dimensional Geometry Understanding.
C++ ☆ 142





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C++ ☆ 519
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Repository template

Start your repository with a template repository's contents.

No template ▾


Owner *

Repository name *


/

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [musical-palm-tree](#)?

Description (optional)

☒  **Public**

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐  **Private**

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

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Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

☐ **Add a README file**

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


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


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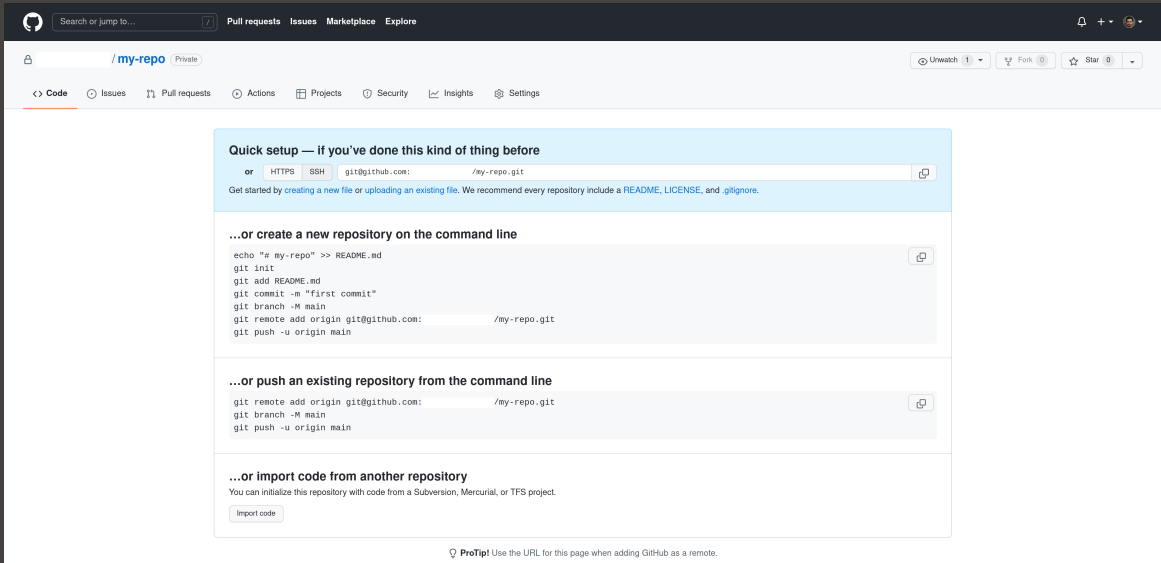
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Search or jump to... / Pull requests Issues Marketplace Explore


 /my-repo Private Unwatch 1 Fork 0 Star 0

[Code](#) [Issues](#) [Pull requests](#) [Actions](#) [Projects](#) [Security](#) [Insights](#) [Settings](#)


Quick setup — if you've done this kind of thing before

or HTTPS SSH `git@github.com:` `/my-repo.git` 

Get started by [creating a new file](#) or [uploading an existing file](#). We recommend every repository include a [README](#), [LICENSE](#), and [.gitignore](#).

...or create a new repository on the command line 

```
echo "# my-repo" >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
git commit -m "first commit"
git branch -M main
git remote add origin git@github.com: /my-repo.git
git push -u origin main
```


...or push an existing repository from the command line 

```
git remote add origin git@github.com: /my-repo.git
git branch -M main
git push -u origin main
```

...or import code from another repository

You can initialize this repository with code from a Subversion, Mercurial, or TFS project.

[Import code](#)

 **ProTipt!** Use the URL for this page when adding GitHub as a remote.

- Let the local repo know where to find the remote GitHub repo:

```
laptop:~$ cd my-repo/  
laptop:~/my-repo$ git remote add origin git@github.com:username/my-repo.git
```

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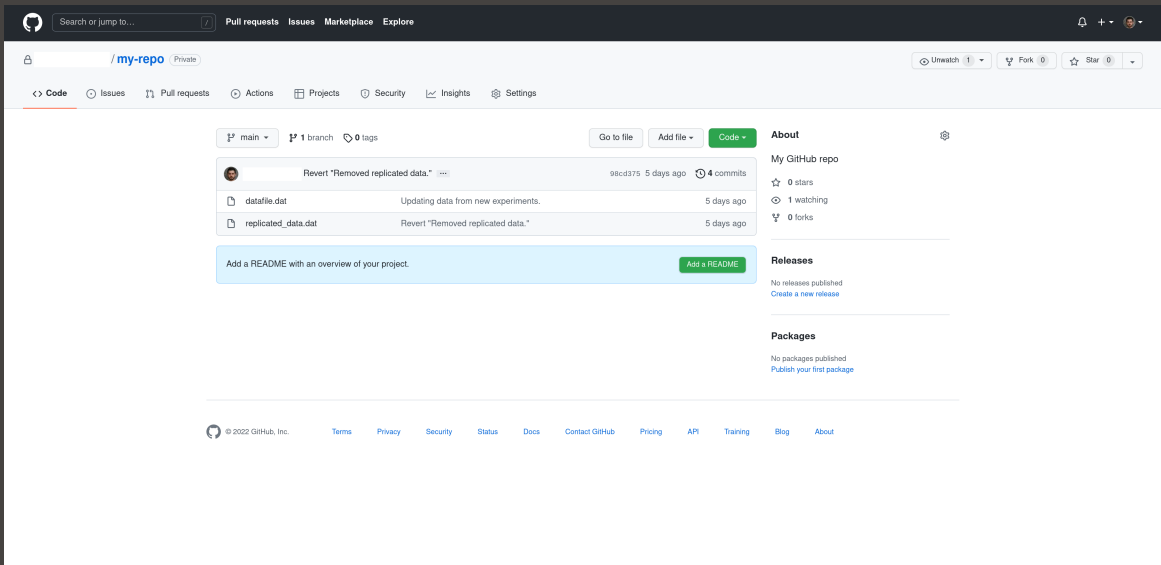
- Create the main branch and call it main:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git branch -M main
```

- Push your local branch to the remote (origin) GitHub repo:

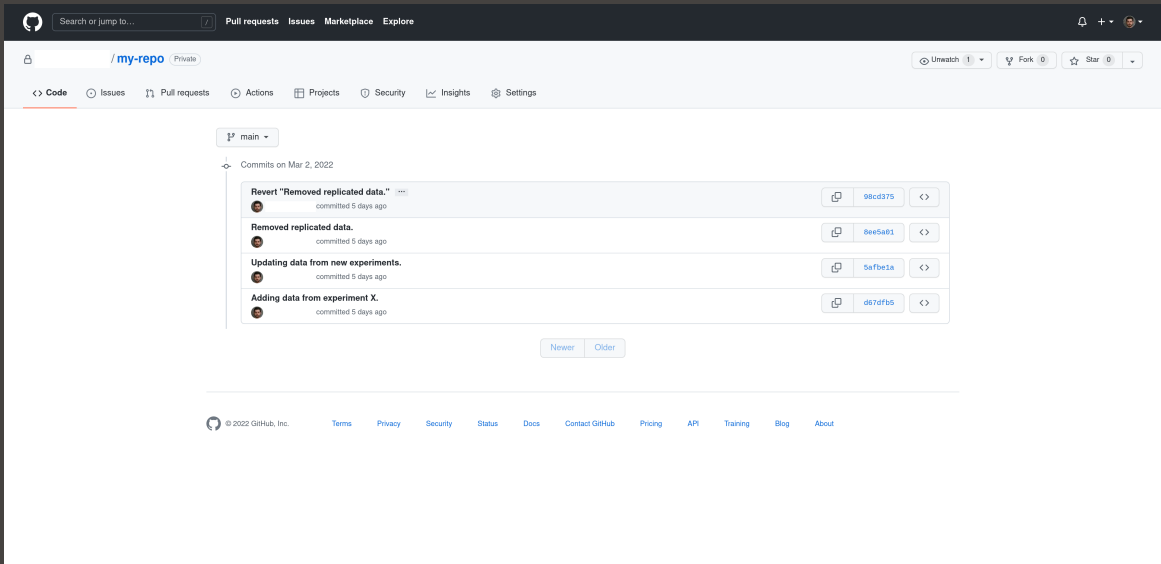
```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git push -u origin main
Enumerating objects: 9, done.
Counting objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (6/6), done.
Writing objects: 100% (9/9), 903 bytes | 903.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 9 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), done.
To github.com:username/my-repo.git
 * [new branch]      main -> main
Branch 'main' set up to track remote branch 'main' from 'origin'.
```

View repo on GitHub



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main


Commits on Mar 2, 2022


Revert "Removed replicated data." committed 5 days ago	98cd375	<>
Removed replicated data. committed 5 days ago	8ee5a01	<>
Updating data from new experiments. committed 5 days ago	5afbe1a	<>
Adding data from experiment X. committed 5 days ago	d67dfb5	<>

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Updating data from new experiments.

 committed 7 days ago 1 parent d67dfb5 commit 5afbe1a668ba831026542e2df9474213eb42237f

Showing 1 changed file with 1 addition and 0 deletions. Split Unified

▼ 1 datafile.dat










... 00 -1 +1,2 00

1 some data

1 some data

2 + updated data

0 comments on commit 5afbe1a Lock conversation

 Write Preview H B I        

Leave a comment

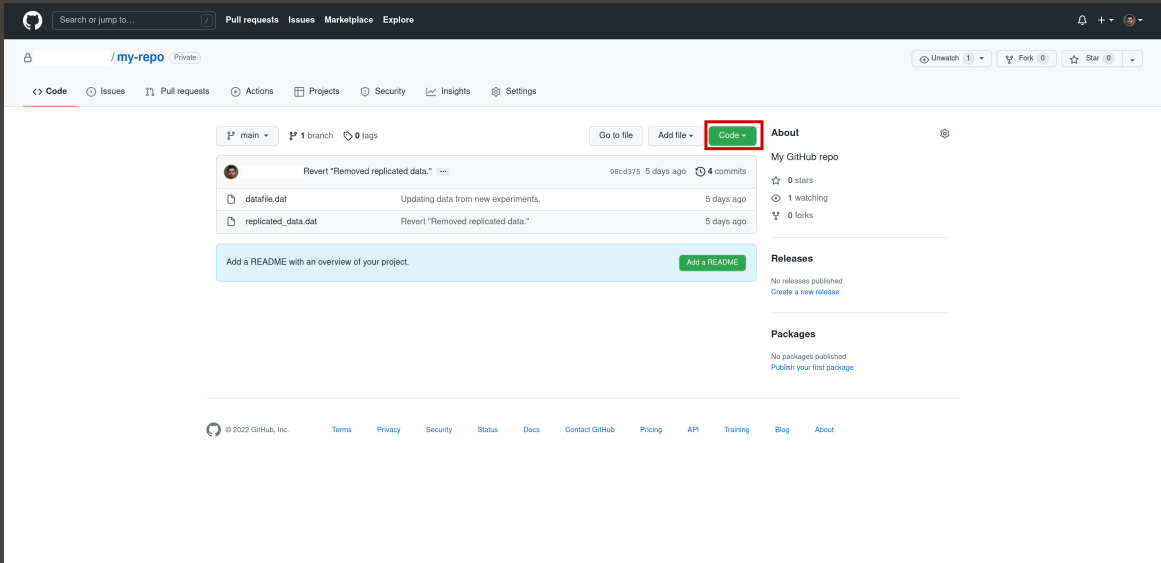
Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

Comment on this commit

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You're receiving notifications because you're watching this repository.

Pull repo from GitHub



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main 1 branch 0 tags

Go to file Add file Code

Commit Hash	Message	Time
98cd375	Revert "Removed replicated data."	5 days ago 4 commits
datafile.dat	Updating data from new experiments.	5 days ago
replicated_data.dat	Revert "Removed replicated data."	5 days ago

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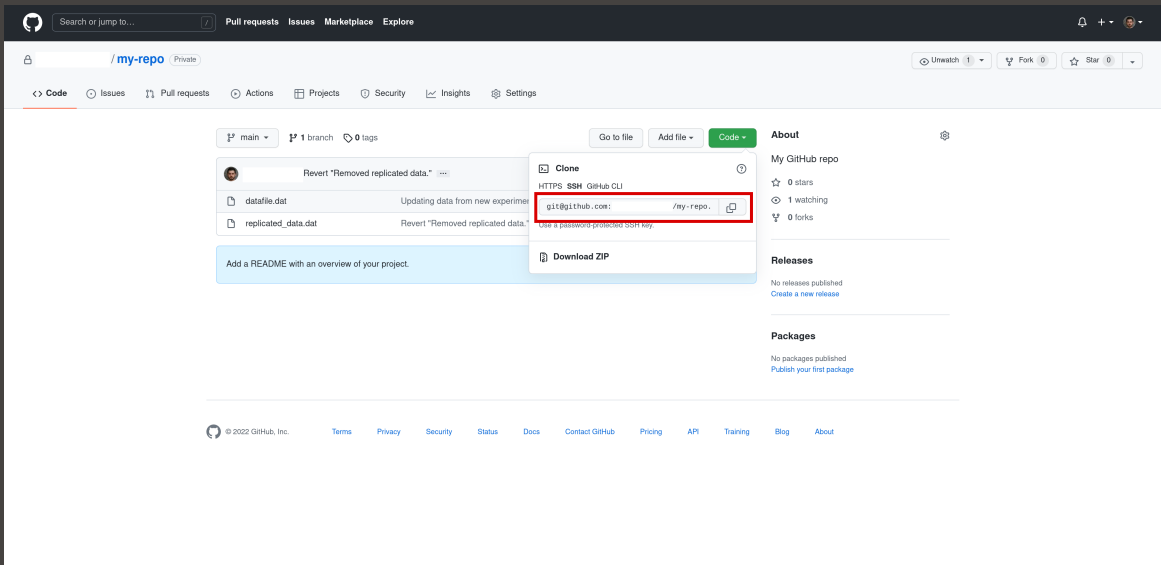
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The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for a repository named 'my-repo'. The repository is private and has 0 stars, 1 watching, and 0 forks. The 'Code' button is highlighted, and the 'Clone' dropdown menu is open, showing options to clone the repository using HTTPS, SSH, or the GitHub CLI. The SSH option is selected, and the URL 'git@github.com: /my-repo.' is highlighted with a red box. Below the repository name, there is a table of files and their commit messages. The table has two columns: 'File' and 'Commit Message'. The first row shows 'datafile.dat' with the commit message 'Updating data from new experimen'. The second row shows 'replicated_data.dat' with the commit message 'Revert "Removed replicated data."'. Below the table, there is a blue box with the text 'Add a README with an overview of your project.'.

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Code

main 1 branch 0 tags

Go to file Add file Code

Clone

HTTPS SSH GitHub CLI

git@github.com: /my-repo.

Use a password-protected SSH key.

Download ZIP

Revert "Removed replicated data."

datafile.dat Updating data from new experimen

replicated_data.dat Revert "Removed replicated data."

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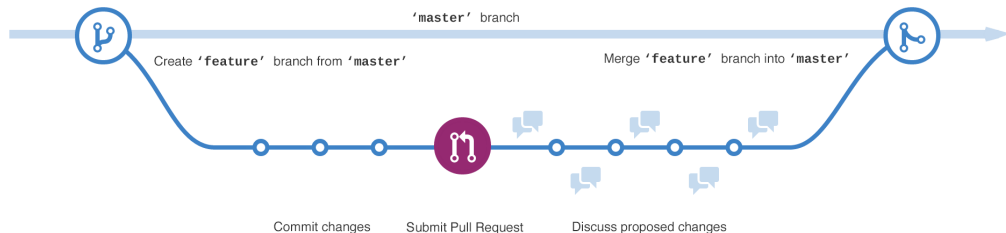
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- Pull my-repo from GitHub onto *Niagara*:

```
laptop:~$ ssh -A niagara
user@nia-login02:~$ git clone git@github.com:username/my-repo.git
Cloning into 'my-repo'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 9, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (9/9), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
remote: Total 9 (delta 1), reused 9 (delta 1), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), done.
```

- Pull requests are a way to *merge* changes from a new branch into the main branch
- They allow teams to review and either accept or reject new changes
- Powerful tool to help prevent new changes from breaking old code
- Can also run regression tests in GitHub CI (Continuous Integration)
- More info on GitHub CI here:
<https://docs.github.com/en/actions/automating-builds-and-tests/about-continuous-integration>



Source: <https://uoft-oss.github.io/git-workflow/>

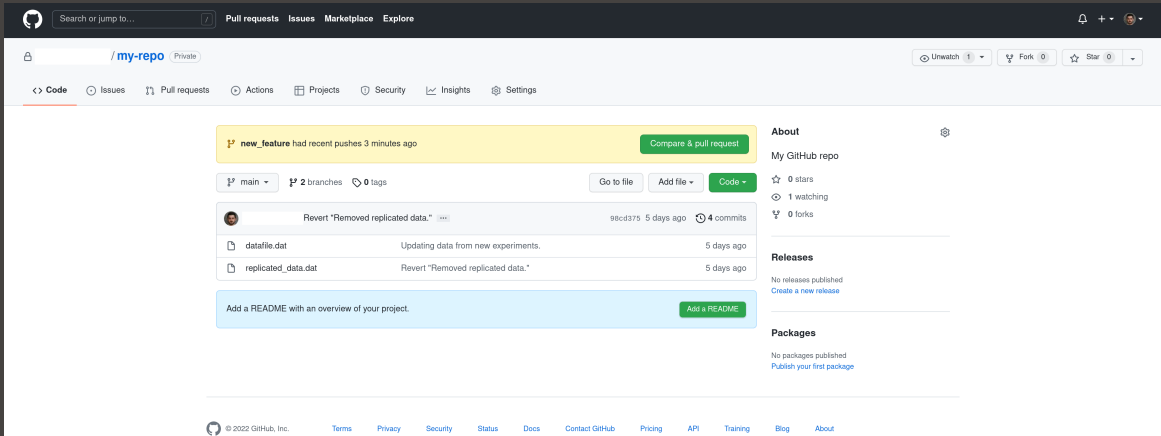
- Create a new branch and add some changes locally:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git checkout -b new_feature
Switched to a new branch 'new_feature'
laptop:~/my-repo$ git add hello.c
laptop:~/my-repo$ git commit hello.c -m "Hello world program."
[new_feature f3a4091] Hello world program.
1 file changed, 7 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 hello.c
laptop:~/my-repo$ git commit datafile.dat -m "Fixed error."
[new_feature f2b6fe3] Fixed error.
1 file changed, 2 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```


- Push new branch to GitHub:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git push
Enumerating objects: 8, done.
Counting objects: 100% (8/8), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Writing objects: 100% (6/6), 703 bytes | 703.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 6 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'new_feature' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:   https://github.com/username/my-repo/pull/new/new_feature
remote:
To github.com:username/my-repo.git
 * [new branch]      new_feature -> new_feature
```

GitHub: Create a pull request



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new_feature had recent pushes 3 minutes ago [Compare & pull request](#)

main 2 branches 0 tags [Go to file](#) [Add file](#) [Code](#)

Avatar	Commit Message	Commit Hash	Time	Commits
	Revert "Removed replicated data."	98cd375	5 days ago	4
	datafile.dat		Updating data from new experiments.	5 days ago
	replicated_data.dat		Revert "Removed replicated data."	5 days ago

Add a README with an overview of your project. [Add a README](#)

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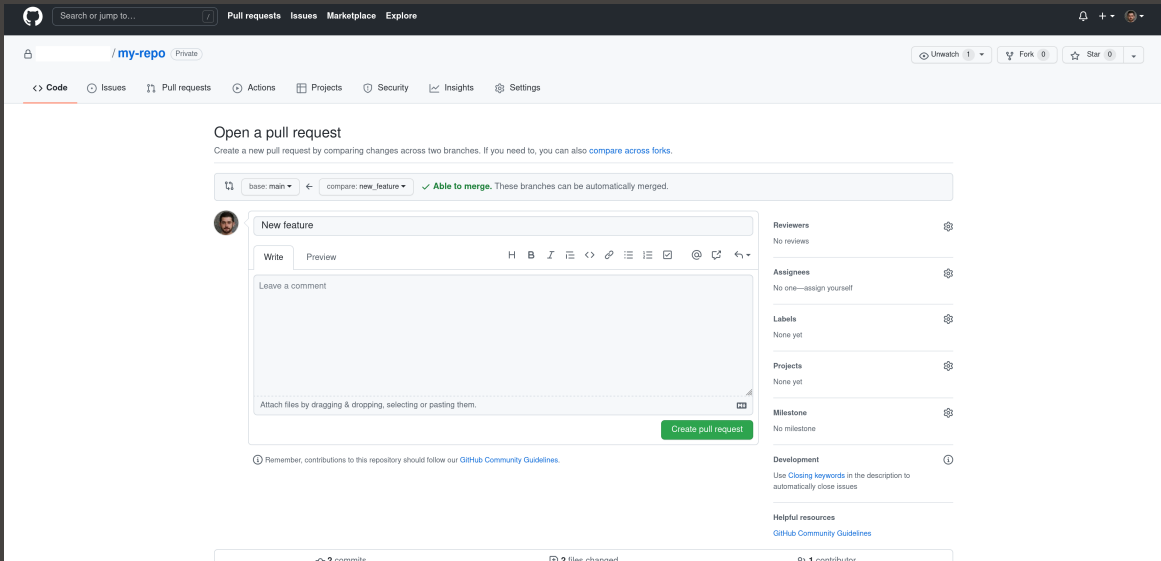
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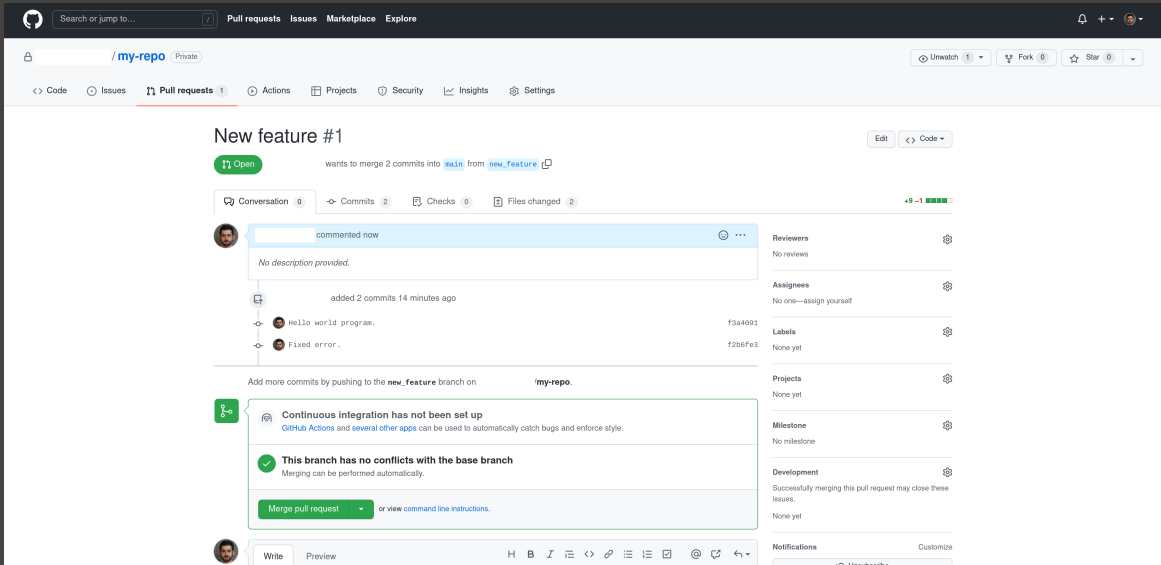
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GitHub: Create a pull request




The screenshot shows the GitHub web interface for creating a pull request. At the top, the navigation bar includes a search bar, links for Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore, and user avatars. Below this, the repository path is shown as /my-repo (Private). The main navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Security, Insights, and Settings. The main content area is titled "Open a pull request" and includes a sub-header "Create a new pull request by comparing changes across two branches. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#)." Below this, a comparison bar shows "base: main" and "compare: new_feature" with a green checkmark and the text "Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged." The main form area is titled "New feature" and includes a "Write" tab, a "Preview" tab, and a rich text editor with a "Leave a comment" placeholder. Below the editor is a dashed line indicating where to attach files. A green "Create pull request" button is at the bottom right of the form. To the right of the form, there are several sections: "Reviewers" (No reviews), "Assignees" (No one—assign yourself), "Labels" (None yet), "Projects" (None yet), "Milestone" (No milestone), and "Development" (Use [Closing keywords](#) in the description to automatically close issues). At the bottom right, there are "Helpful resources" including the [GitHub Community Guidelines](#). At the bottom of the page, there is a status bar showing "2 commits", "2 files changed", and "1 contributor".


GitHub: Create a pull request



The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the repository name is `/my-repo` (Private). Navigation tabs include Code, Issues, Pull requests (1), Actions, Projects, Security, Insights, and Settings. The pull request title is "New feature #1" with an "Open" status. It shows "wants to merge 2 commits into `main` from `new_feature`". Below the title, there are tabs for Conversation (0), Commits (2), Checks (0), and Files changed (2). A comment from a user states "commented now" with "No description provided." Below the comment, a commit history shows two commits: "Hello world program." (f3a4991) and "Fixed error." (f2b6fe3). A green box highlights the status: "Continuous integration has not been set up" (with a link to GitHub Actions) and "This branch has no conflicts with the base branch" (allowing automatic merge). A "Merge pull request" button is visible. On the right, there are sections for Reviewers, Assignees, Labels, Projects, Milestone, Development, and Notifications.

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New feature #1

Edit Code

Open wants to merge 2 commits into [main](#) from [new_feature](#)

Conversation 0 Commits 2 Checks 0 Files changed 2 +9 -1

Changes from all commits File filter Conversations Jump to 0 / 2 files viewed Review changes

3 datafile.dat

... -1, 2 +1, 3

1 some data

2 - updated data

1 some data

2 + fixed data

3 + new data

Viewed

7 hello.c

... -0, 0 +1, 7

1 + #include <stdio.h>

2 +

3 + int main() {


4 +

5 + printf("Hello World!\n");

6 +

7 + }

Viewed

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- Add an SSH key to your GitHub account (<https://docs.github.com/en/authentication/connecting-to-github-with-ssh/generating-a-new-ssh-key-and-adding-it-to-the-ssh-agent>)
- Create a repository on GitHub
- *Push* a repository from your computer to GitHub:

```
laptop:~/my-repo$ git remote add origin git@github.com:username/my-repo.git  
laptop:~/my-repo$ git branch -M main  
laptop:~/my-repo$ git push -u origin main
```

- *Pull* your repository from GitHub to your computer:

```
laptop:~$ git clone git@github.com:username/my-repo.git
```

- Create and accept a *pull request*

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