# Design Studio: 4.032 / 4.033 Information and Visualization

PROGRAMMING PART

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At the end of the course, you should be able to plan, conceptualize, develop and refine a data visualization project of any type.

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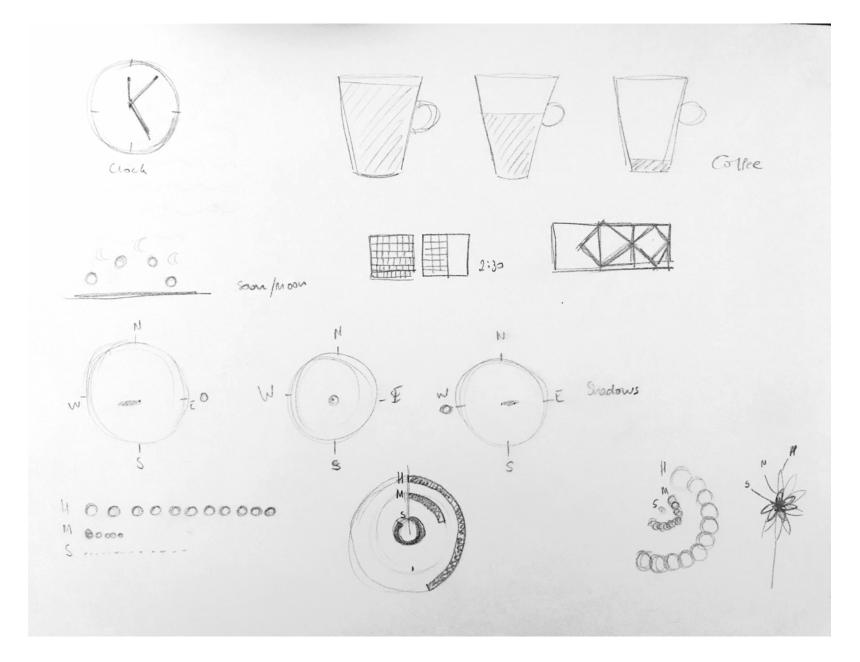
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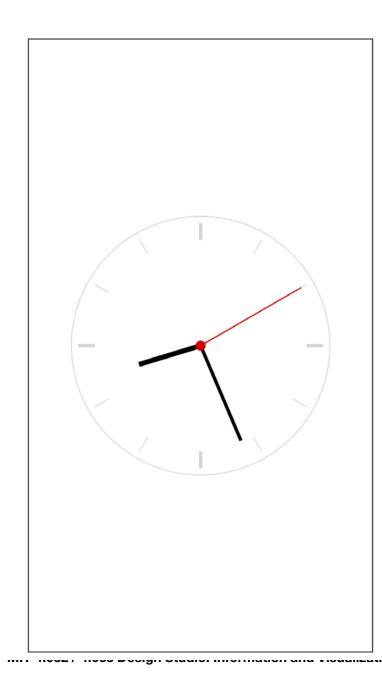
#### **PROCESS**

Work individually.

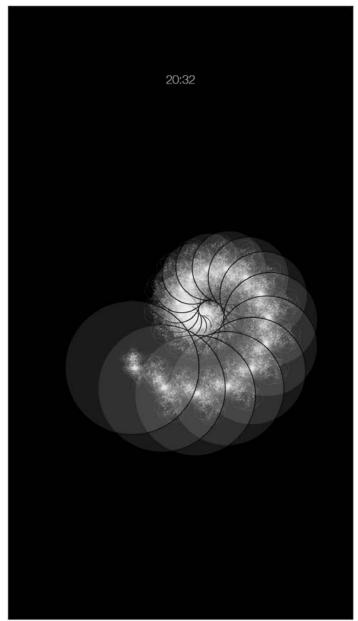
Create twenty sketches on paper, then select 3 to pursue.

Draw them with JavaScript.









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- Complete exercise by uploading it on GitHub by Feb 14

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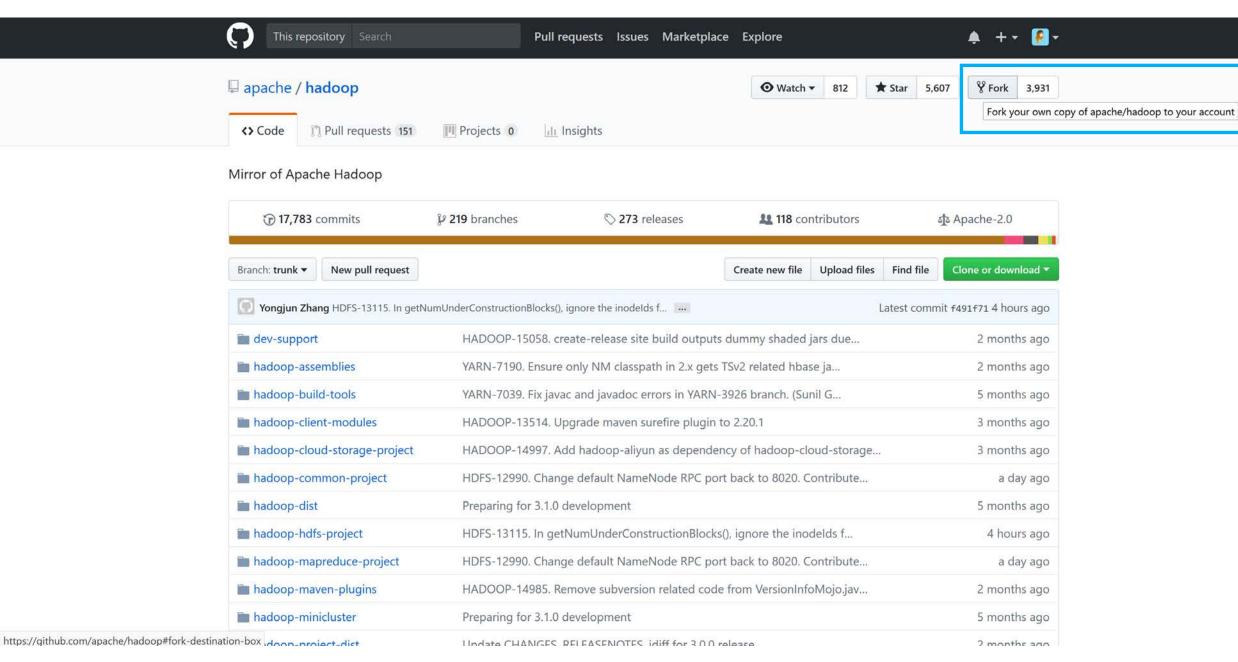
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- The visualization should be optimized for viewing on a mobile device: approximately 414 x 736 pixels.

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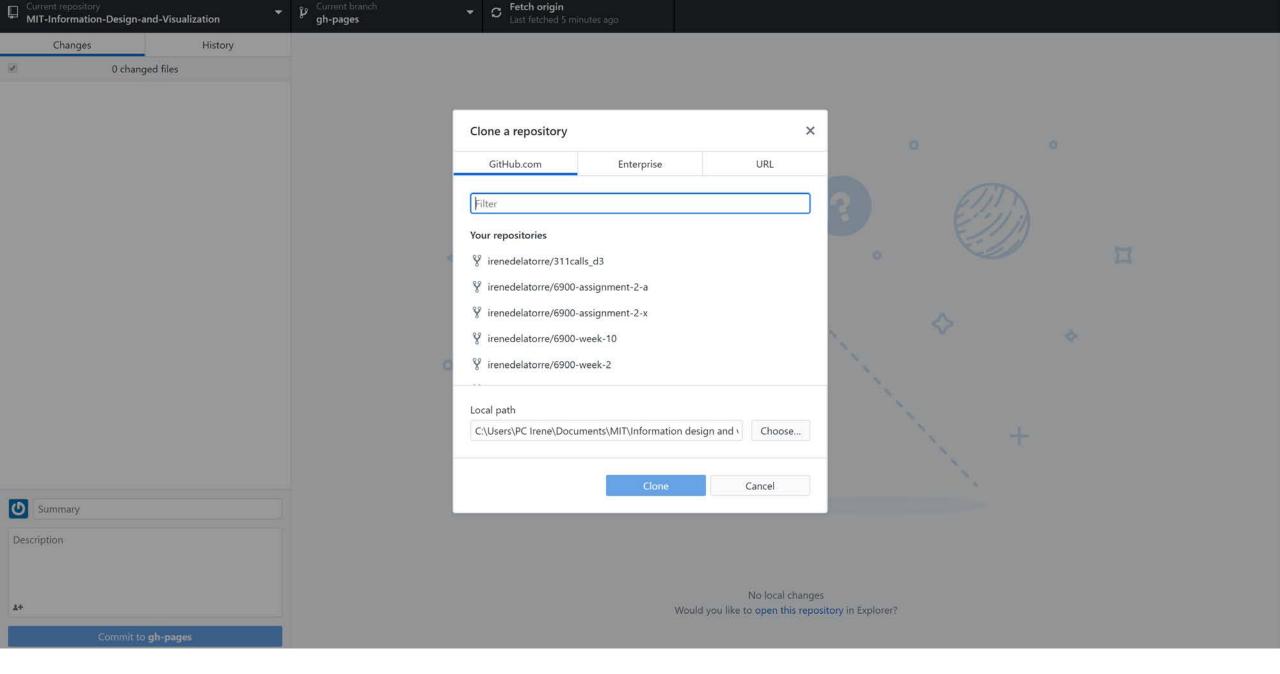
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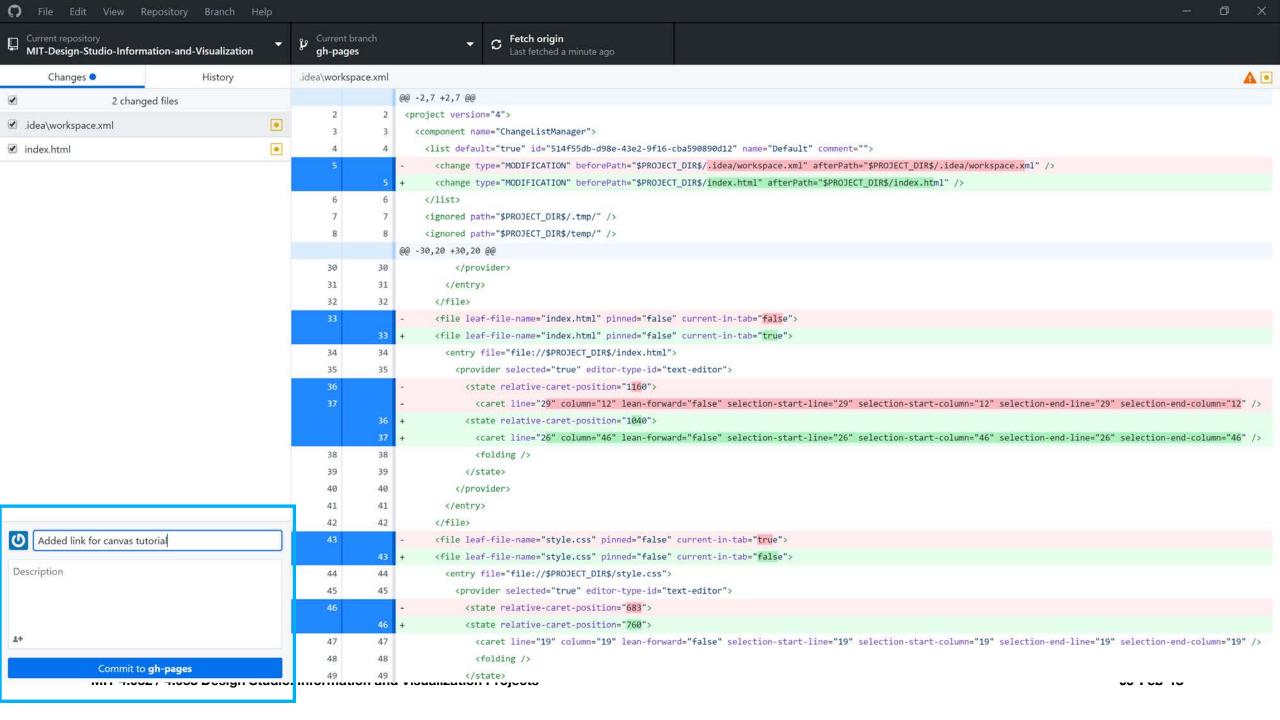
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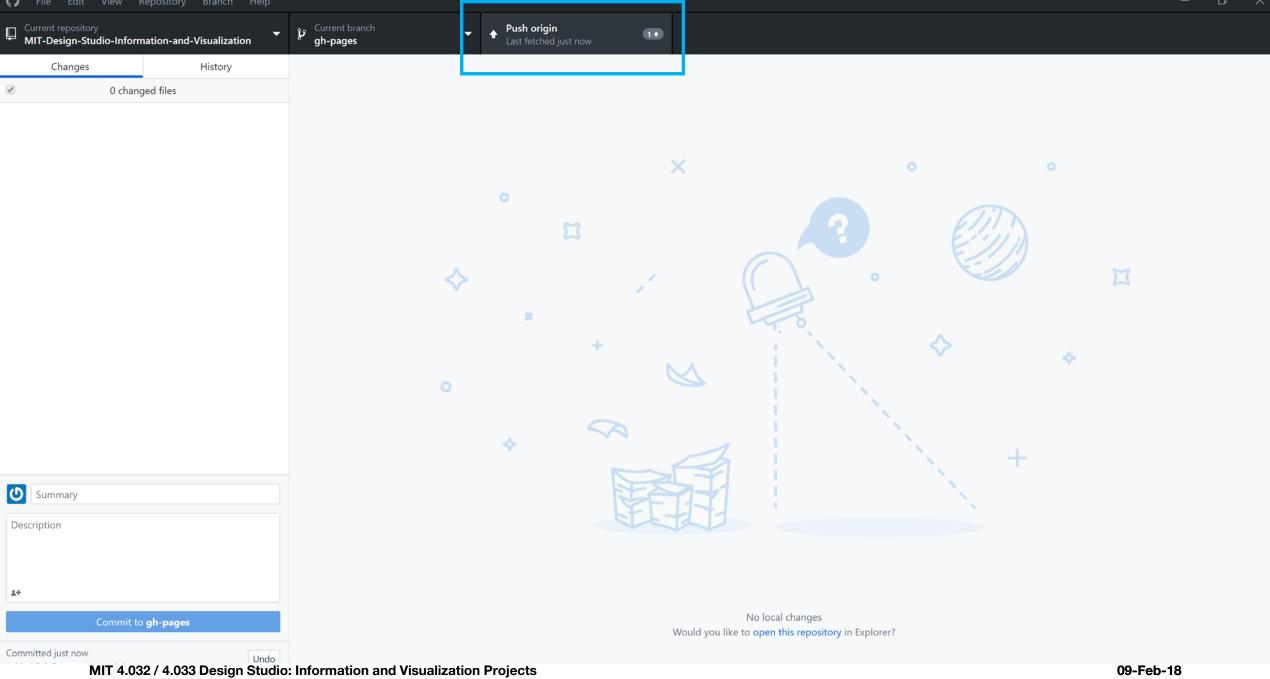
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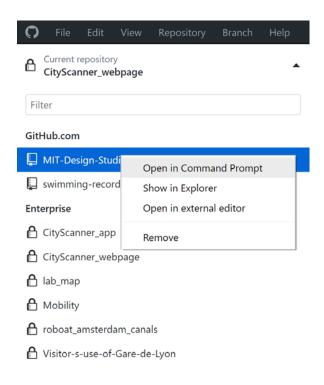


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- 2. GitHub also gives you the possibility of creating branches, where the code might be different imagine that you want to test some code without losing the original one. Later, you can merge those branches together.

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$ git fetch upstream
remote: Counting objects: 75, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (53/53), done.
remote: Total 62 (delta 27), reused 44 (delta 9)
Unpacking objects: 100% (62/62), done.
From https://github.com/ORIGINAL_OWNER/ORIGINAL_REPOSITORY
  * [new branch] master -> upstream/master
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$ git merge upstream/master
Updating 34e91da..16c56ad
Fast-forward
README.md | 5 +++--
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)
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