



Computational Physics WS15/16

Dr. Götz Lehmann, Inst. f. Theoretische Physik I

## Agenda

1. Who is involved?
2. Outline of the lecture
3. Organizational things

## Who is involved?

- Friedrich Schluck
- Stella Glöckner
- Eckhard Suckow

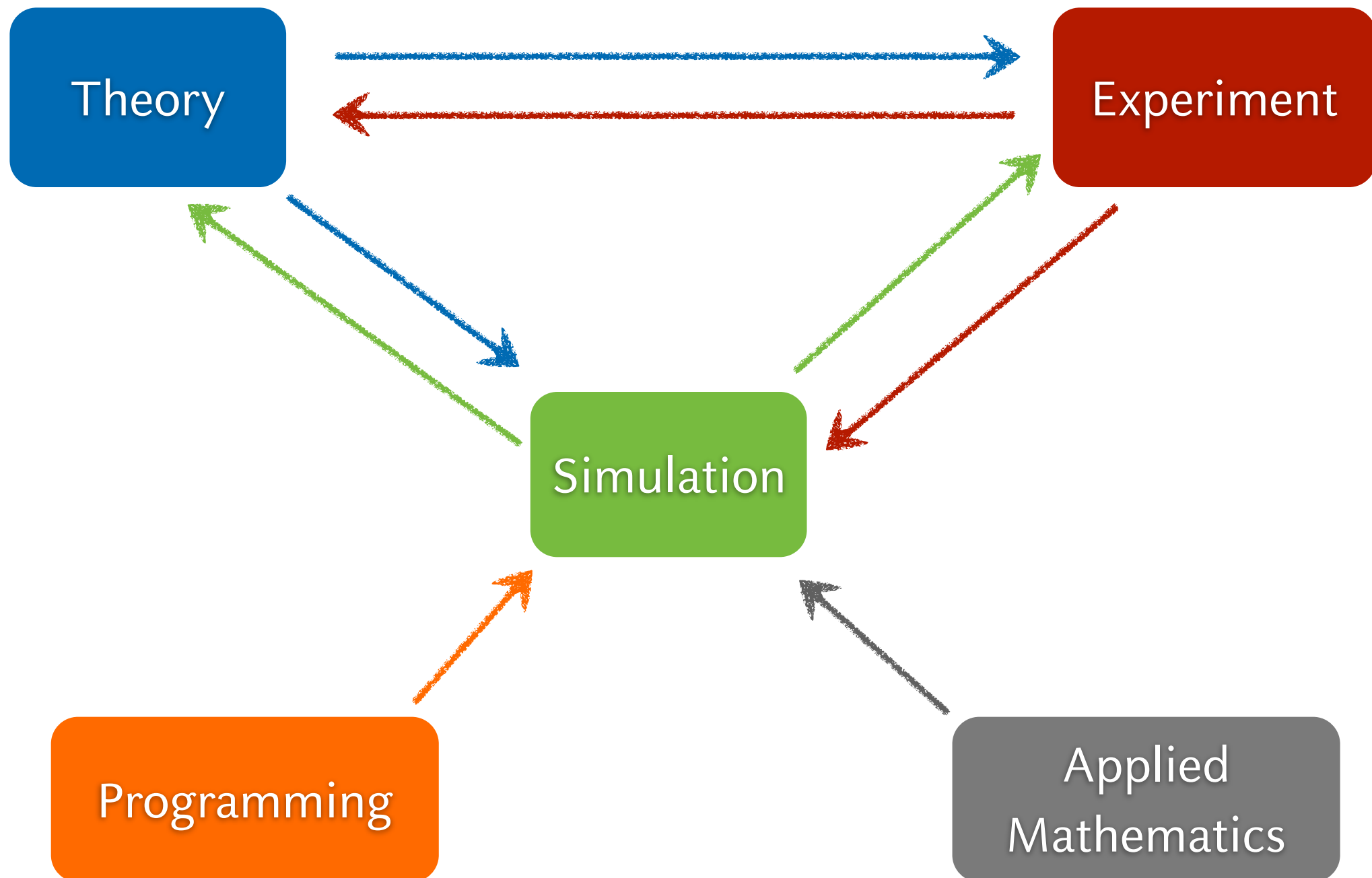
## How to reach us

- Email: [simu@tp1.uni-duesseldorf.de](mailto:simu@tp1.uni-duesseldorf.de)
- Office: 25.32.01.43
- ...if it concerns your homework, via GitHub

Find this document later at GitHub: <http://github.com/TP1-HHU>

## Organization of the class

- 2h lectures + 2h lab/tutorial per week + final exam  $\Rightarrow$  6 CP
- No 3CP rule
- Lecture: Wednesday, 8:30-10:30, HS 5J
- Lab classes: To be decided in a few minutes
- Final exam will (probably) be writing a computer code (problem of organization)
- Attendance at lab classes is mandatory
- Homework: To be handed in via GitHub, 2/3 of problems have to be solved



# Topics of the lecture

- Numerical methods
- Programming

## Numerical methods

- Focus will be on initial value problems for
  - ordinary differential equations (ODEs)
  - partial differential equations (PDEs)
- This will require dealing with
  - finite difference approximations to derivatives
  - systems of linear equations
  - root finding of nonlinear equations
  - discrete Fourier transformation

## Problems to be discussed

### ODEs

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = f(\vec{y}(t), t)$$

One-step methods: Runge-Kutta

Multi-Step methods: Adams Methods

Verlet Methods

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p} &= -\frac{\partial H(p, q)}{\partial q} \\ \dot{q} &= \frac{\partial H(p, q)}{\partial p}\end{aligned}$$

Symplectic methods for Hamiltonian systems



## Problems to be discussed

### PDEs

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\varrho$$

Poisson eq.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u - u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u = 0$$

Burgers eq.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f - \nabla^2 f = 0$$

Wave eq.

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi + q \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

NLSE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + \nabla \cdot j = 0$$

Continuity eq.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f - D \nabla^2 f = 0$$

Diffusion eq.

## Programming

- C++, the language
  - as the better C
    - datatypes, functions, pointers, references
  - beyond C: Object oriented programming
    - classes, namespaces
  - external libraries: *Avoid Not invented here* syndrome
  - The basics of multi-core applications
  - You will need a C++ compiler for your homework!
- C++, the eco-system
  - Git as an example for a version control system
  - Makefiles / CMake
  - Valgrind

# How to get your hands on C++

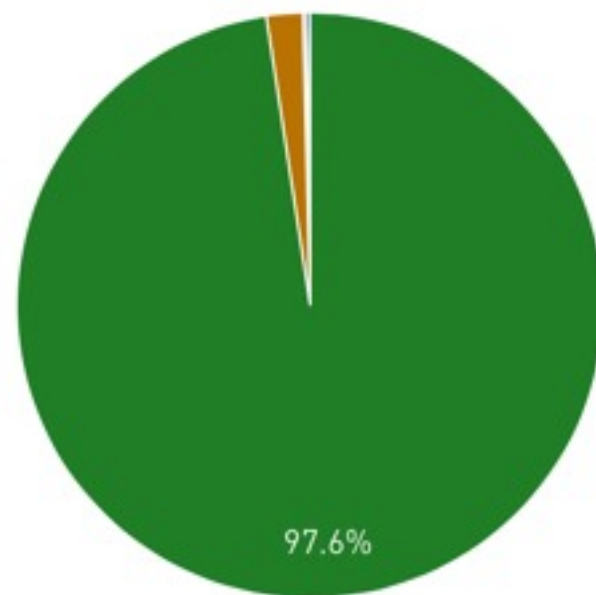
- Windows:
  - MS Visual Studio via [www.dreamspark.com](http://www.dreamspark.com)
    - ...you're on your own
- Linux:
  - Lab class will use Linux
    - proper installation next to Windows (if your advanced, you know what you do)
    - live USB (fairly easy, use Linux Live USB creator to create bootable USB stick)
      - <http://www.linuxliveusb.com> (choose a “persistant” capable distribution)
    - virtual machine (medium complexity, best result for the price)
      - Install VirtualBox for Windows <https://www.virtualbox.org>
      - Download a Linux distribution (Fedora, OpenSUSE, Mint, ....)
      - Install Linux in the virtual machine
- Mac:
  - Install XCode app. Done. Easy as that.

## Linux is the backbone of computational science

Virtually all big machines use Linux

Everything beyond one computer runs on Linux...

Operating system Family System Share



- Linux
- Unix
- Mixed
- Windows

top500.org



SGI UV2000, 512 Cores, ZIM

## Git & GitHub

- Git is software that allows you to organize your source-code
- We will use GitHub to *hand out & collect* sources for lab classes and homework
- First homework & first lab class will deal with GitHub & Git



**Introducing GitHub**  
**Bell & Beer**



**Preißel, Stachmann**



**Riedel**

## Single User Git scenario - Using Git as a log book

repository

A repository contains a set of files  
May reside on a local disk or somewhere on the internet

local work directory

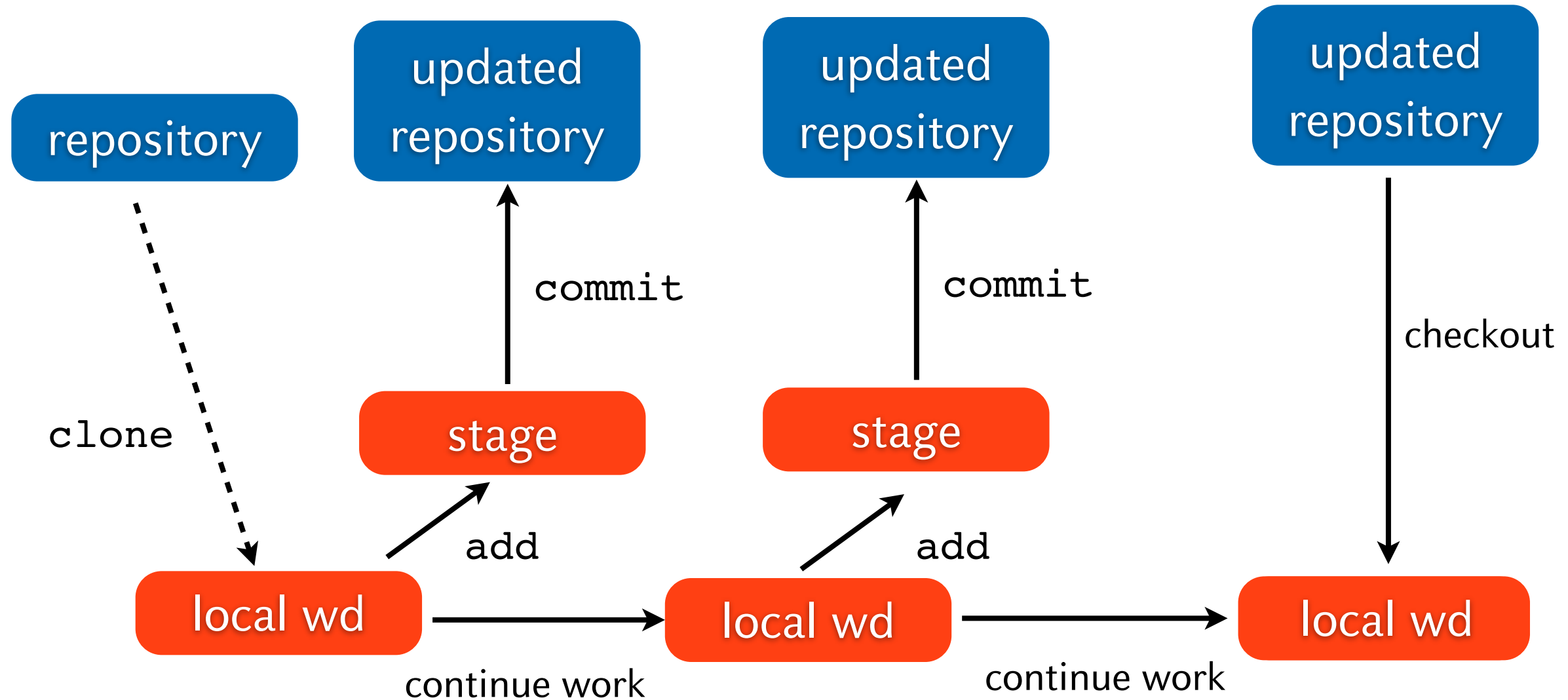
A directory on your hard disk

By `cloning` the repository into your local working directory, you create a local copy of the files contained in the repository.

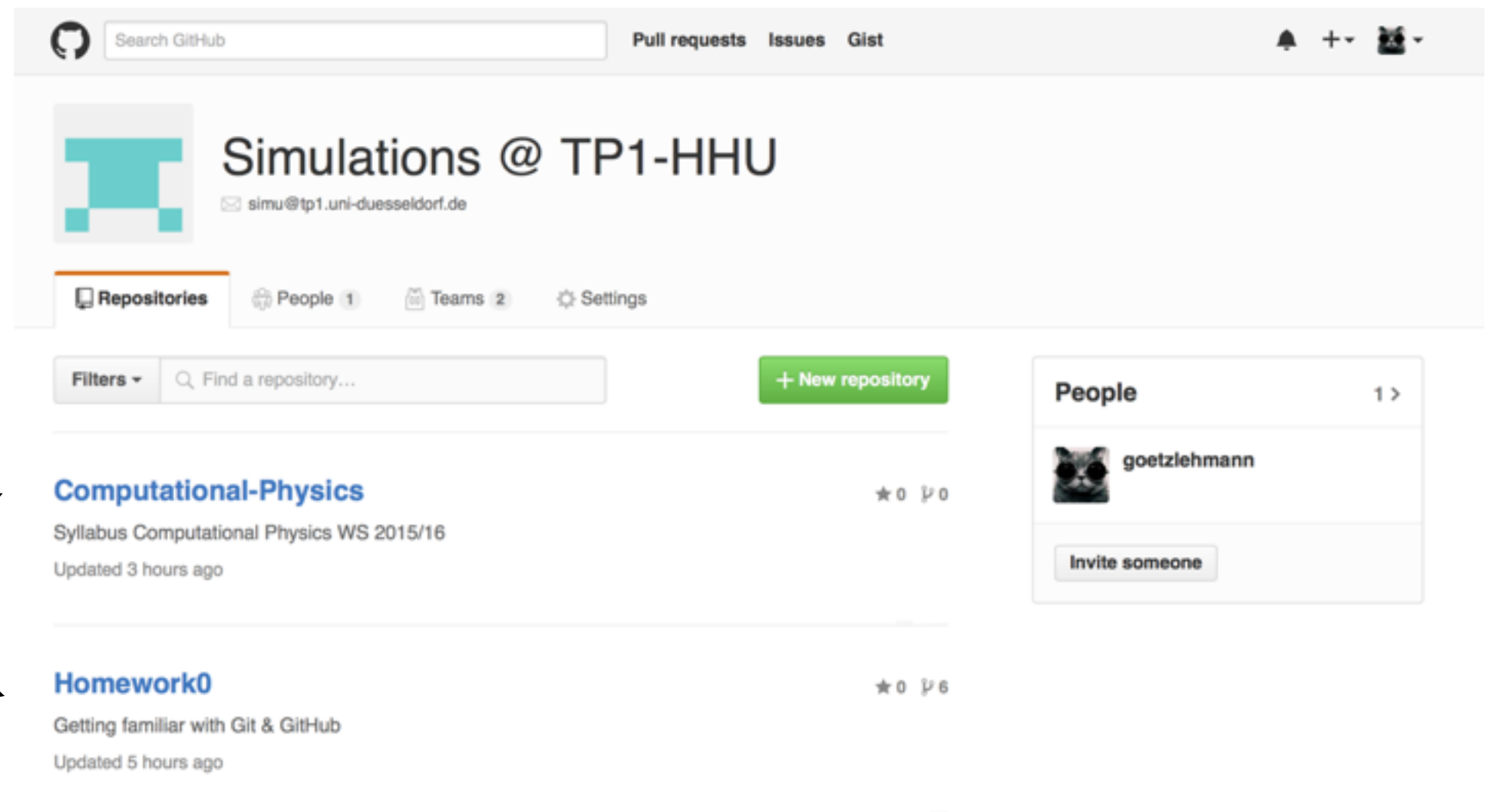
After editing the files, you `add` the changes to the staging area. This is an intermediate step before sending them actually to the repository by `committing` them.

The repository keeps track of all older versions of all files. You can easily compare changes between different `commits`.

## Single User Git scenario - Using Git as a log book




- GitHub is a platform which allows to host repositories online
- Accounts are free, you will have to create one
- Our account is named TP1-HHU, thus our address is <http://github.com/TP1-HHU>







Repositories












[Pull requests](#)
[Issues](#)
[Gist](#)











[TP1-HHU / Homework0](#)


 Watch 1
  Star 0
  Fork 6

[Getting familiar with Git & GitHub — Edit](#)

 4 commits
  1 branch
  0 releases
  1 contributor

 Branch: master
 [Homework0 / +](#)


	<b>Götz</b> myname file added	Latest commit 74fdbc7 6 days ago
	<a href="#">README.md</a>	Pre-final version? 6 days ago
	<a href="#">myname</a>	myname file added 6 days ago

 **README.md**

## Homework 0

### Getting familiar with Git & GitHub

Throughout the semester we will be using a software called **git**, which is a version control system for software development. While its primary use is to organize the source code of a software project, which may be developed not only by a single programmer but a team (this does not apply for us), it will help us to distribute, collect and mark your homework.

While **git** itself is a more or less cryptic (at least for a beginner) command line tool, when used in conjunction with the web-service **GitHub** things become a bit more accessible.

[Code](#)


[Issues](#) 0
 [Pull requests](#) 4
 [Wiki](#)

[Pulse](#)


[Graphs](#)


[Settings](#)

**SSH clone URL**  

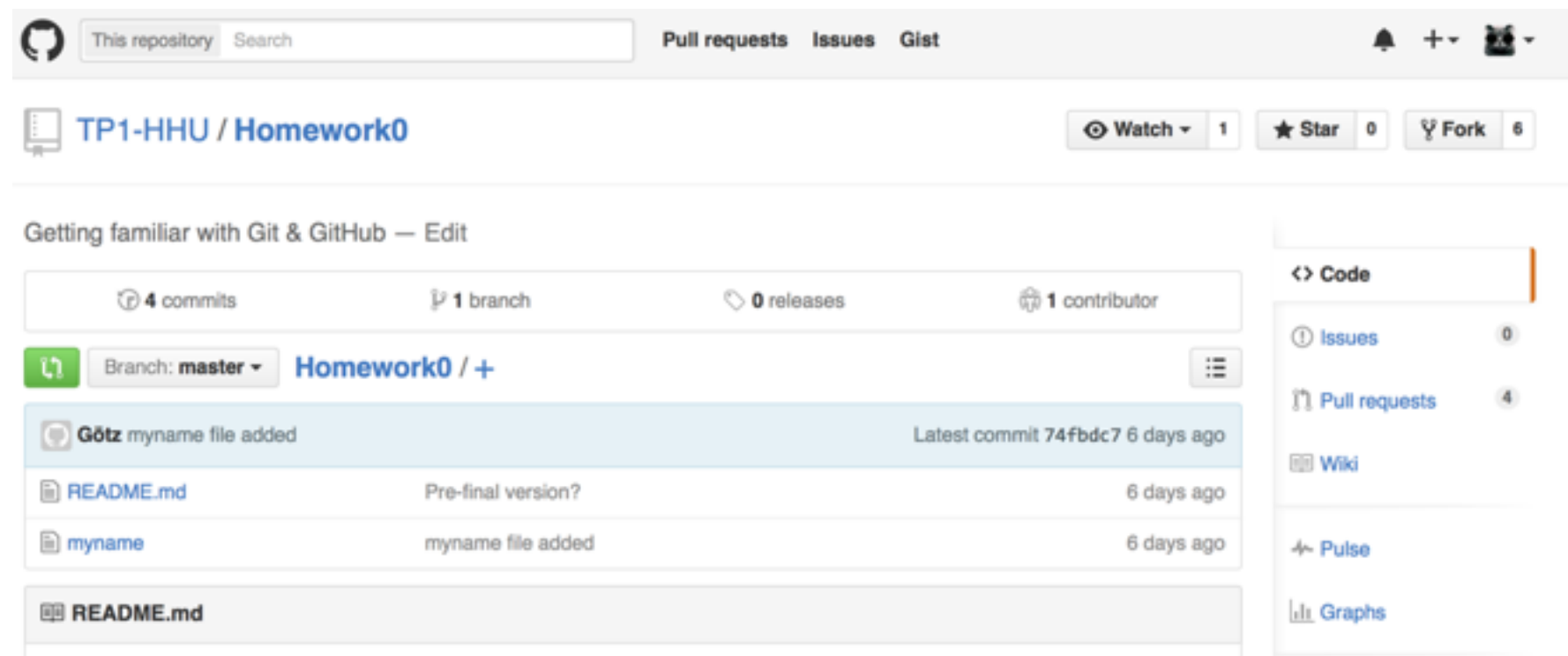


You can clone with [HTTPS](#), [SSH](#), or [Subversion](#).

 **Clone in Desktop**

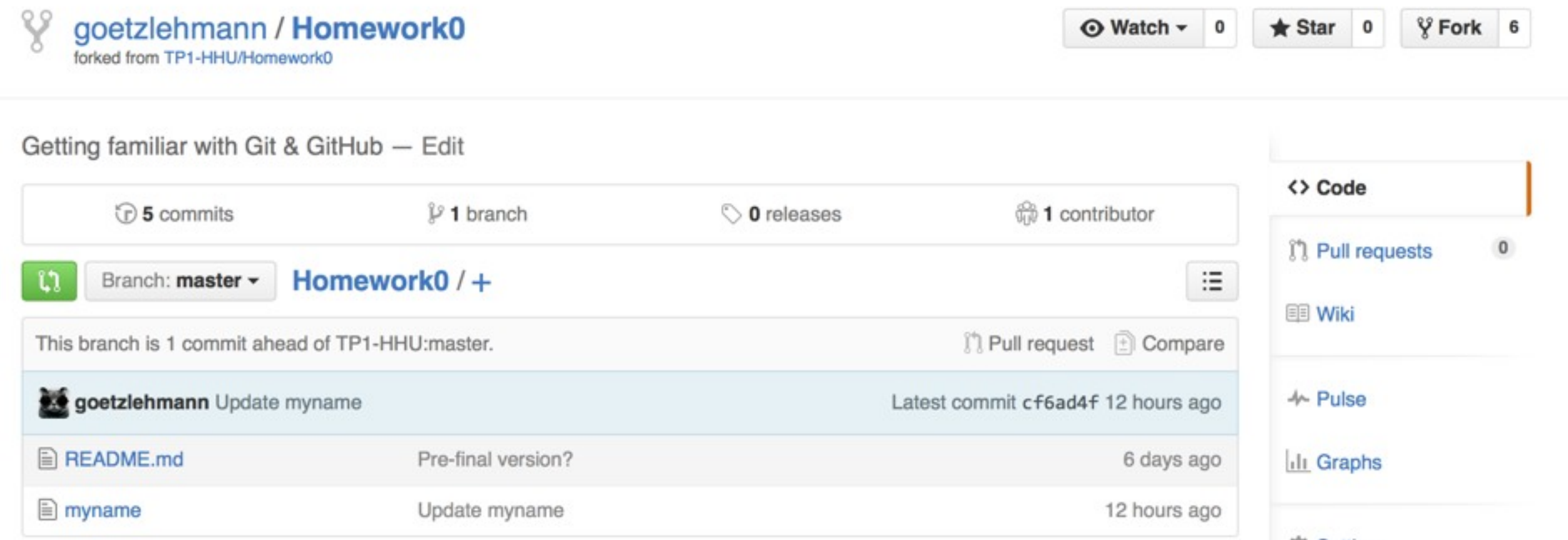
 **Download ZIP**

- Create a GitHub account for yourself
  - choose any nickname you want
  - the goal of this homework is to associate you to your nick
- Navigate to the Homework0 repository on our account and fork the repository by pressing the **fork** button on the top right



# GitHub Homework

- Now a fork of the repository has been created in your own account
- The files in your account belong to you - you can change them



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'goetzlehmann / Homework0', which is a fork of 'TP1-HHU/Homework0'. The repository has 5 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. The current branch is 'master'. The repository is 1 commit ahead of the upstream 'TP1-HHU:master'. The latest commit is 'Update myname' by 'goetzlehmann' 12 hours ago. The repository contains two files: 'README.md' (Pre-final version?, 6 days ago) and 'myname' (Update myname, 12 hours ago). The right sidebar shows links to 'Code', 'Pull requests' (0), 'Wiki', 'Pulse', and 'Graphs'.

goetzlehmann / Homework0  
forked from TP1-HHU/Homework0

Watch 0 Star 0 Fork 6

Getting familiar with Git & GitHub — Edit

5 commits 1 branch 0 releases 1 contributor

Branch: master Homework0 / +

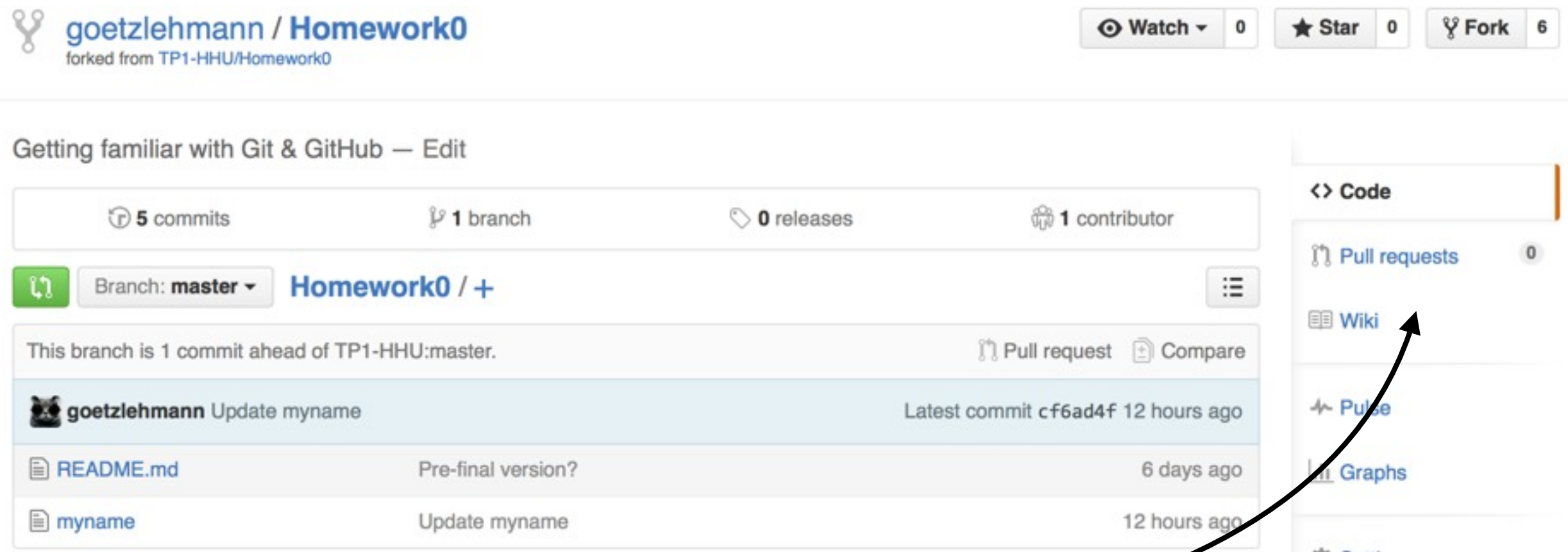
This branch is 1 commit ahead of TP1-HHU:master. Pull request Compare

goetzlehmann Update myname Latest commit cf6ad4f 12 hours ago

README.md	Pre-final version?	6 days ago
myname	Update myname	12 hours ago

Code  
Pull requests 0  
Wiki  
Pulse  
Graphs

- Edit the file myname and write your name into it
- Upon saving the changed file, leave **Commit directly to the master branch** unchanged



- Create a pull request

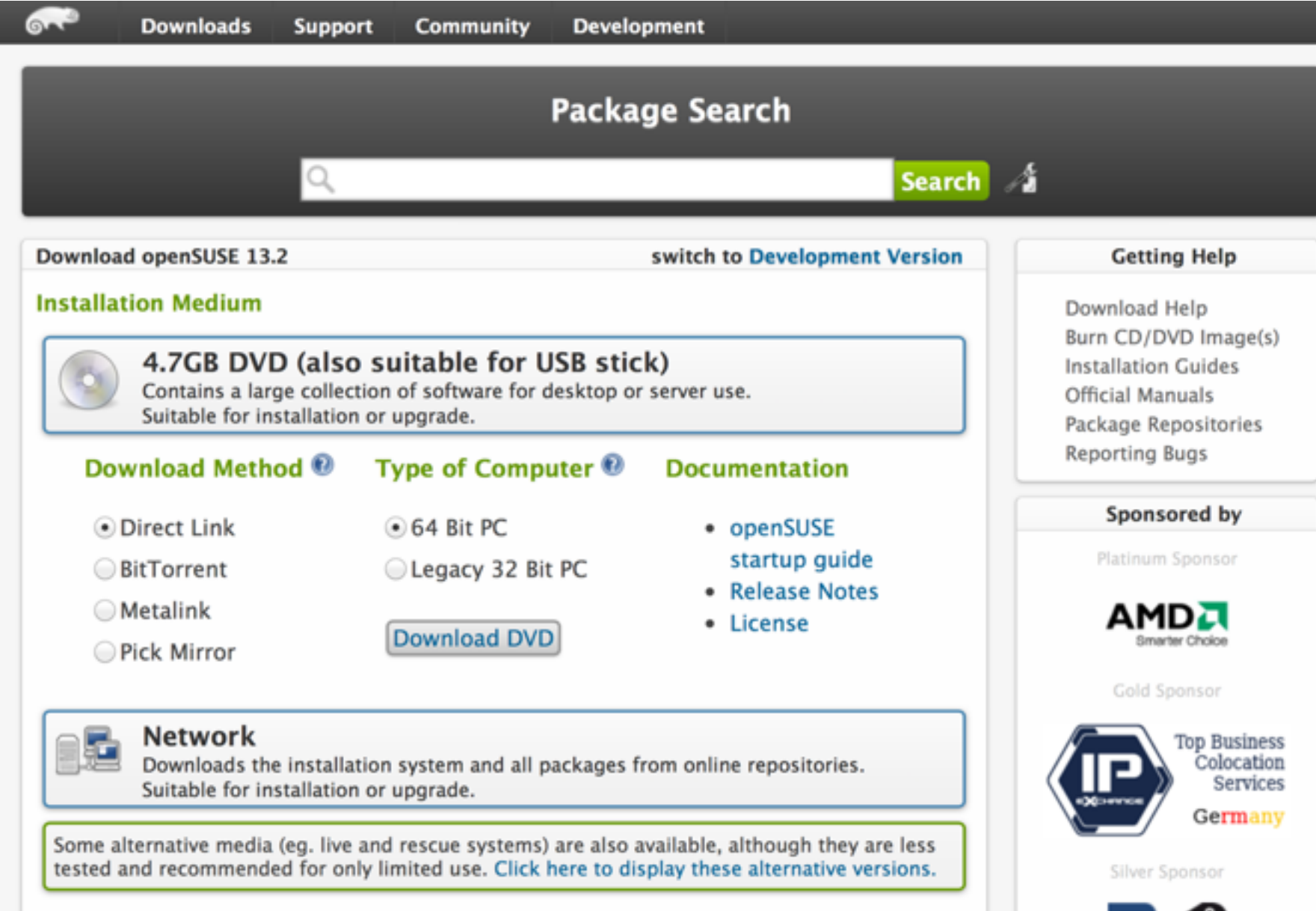
## Creating the pull request:

- Green button „new pull request“
- Green button „view pull request“
- Leave your real name in the comment field for the Pull request
- done

# Installing Linux in VirtualBox

## Installation example for OpenSUSE

- [www.opensuse.org](http://www.opensuse.org)



The screenshot shows the OpenSUSE 13.2 download page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Downloads, Support, Community, and Development. Below this is a 'Package Search' section with a search bar and a 'Search' button. The main content area is titled 'Download openSUSE 13.2' and includes a link to 'switch to Development Version'. Under 'Installation Medium', there is a section for '4.7GB DVD (also suitable for USB stick)' which contains a large collection of software for desktop or server use, suitable for installation or upgrade. Below this, there are three columns: 'Download Method' with radio buttons for Direct Link, BitTorrent, Metalink, and Pick Mirror; 'Type of Computer' with radio buttons for 64 Bit PC and Legacy 32 Bit PC, and a 'Download DVD' button; and 'Documentation' with links for openSUSE startup guide, Release Notes, and License. There is also a 'Network' section with a description and a link to alternative media. On the right side, there is a 'Getting Help' section with links for Download Help, Burn CD/DVD Image(s), Installation Guides, Official Manuals, Package Repositories, and Reporting Bugs. Below that is a 'Sponsored by' section with logos for AMD (Platinum Sponsor), IP (Gold Sponsor), and Germany (Silver Sponsor).



# Installing Linux in VirtualBox

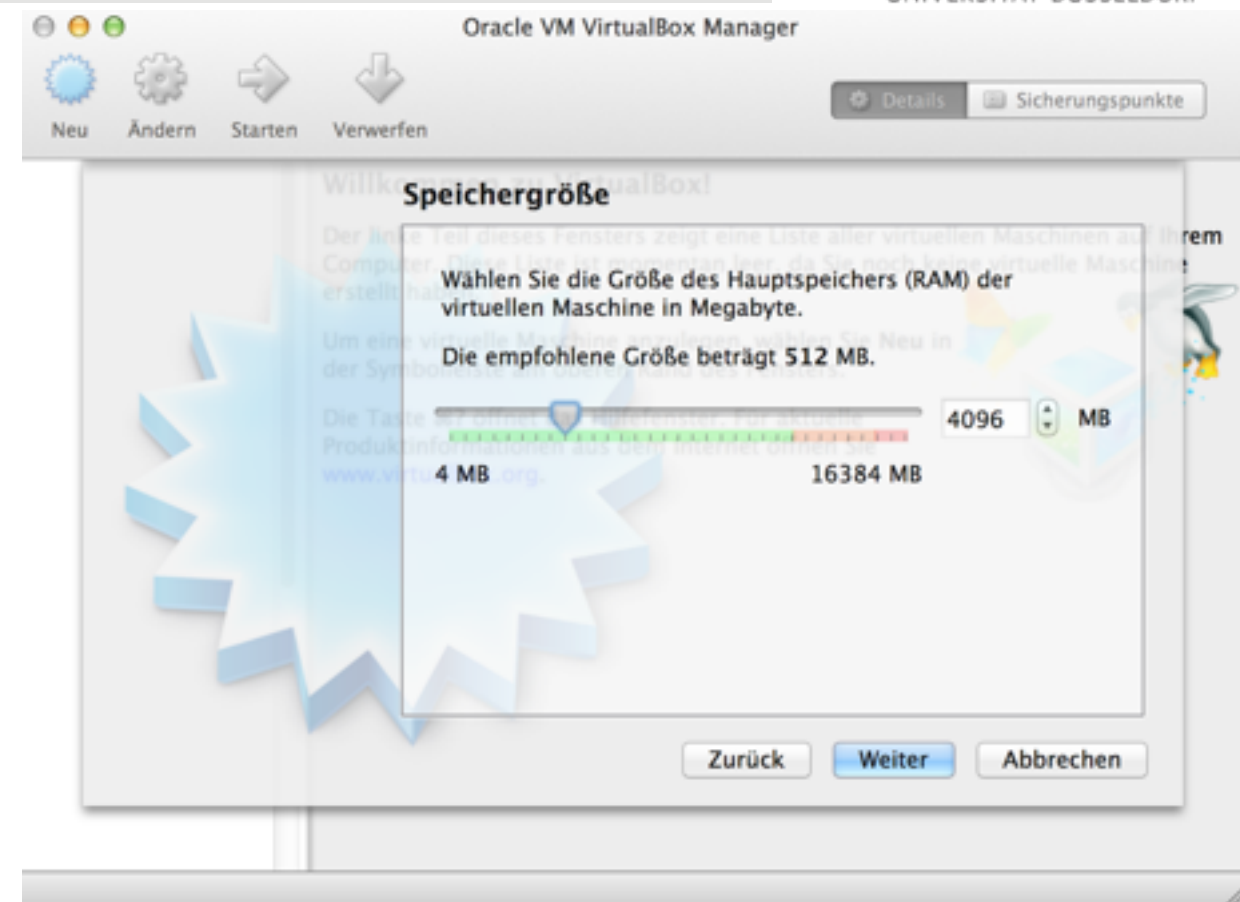
## Short summary

- Download & Install VirtualBox ([www.virtualbox.org](http://www.virtualbox.org))
- Start VirtualBox
- Click „New“, choose Linux and then the distribution you want to install.
- In this example we will use OpenSuse



# Installing Linux in VirtualBox

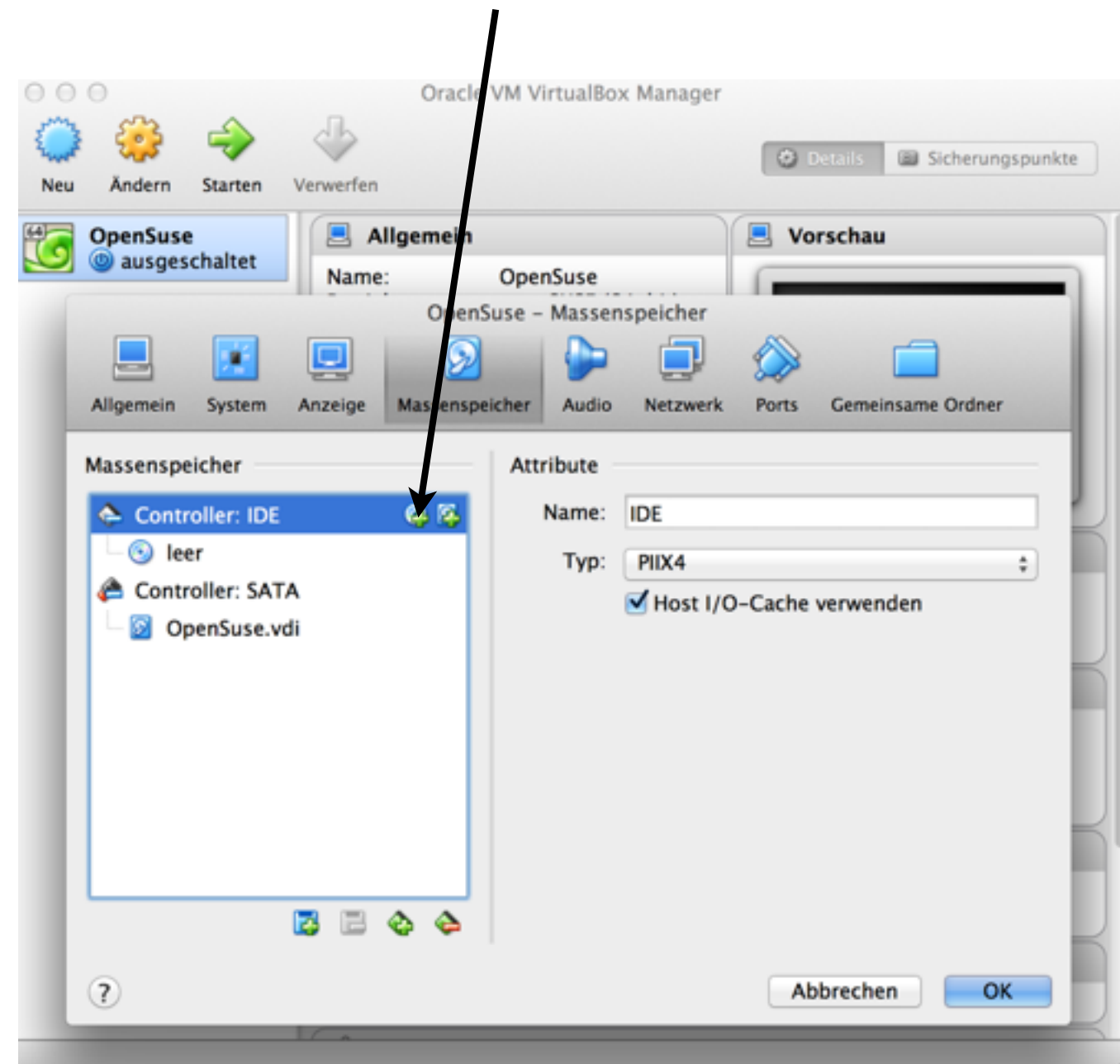
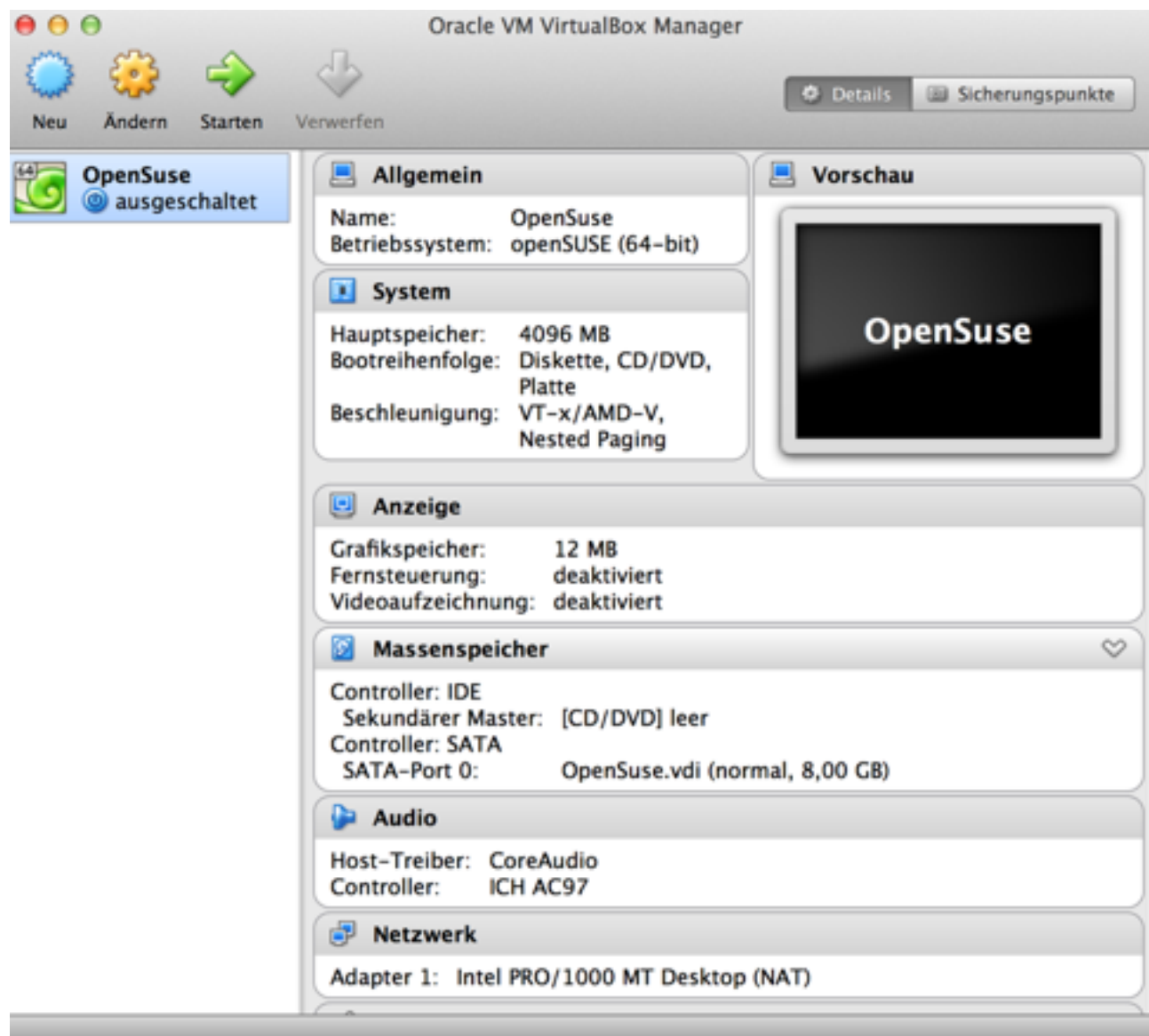
- Specify how much memory should be available for the virtual machine. Go for 4 GB if you can, but maybe not for more than half of what your computer has in total.
- Leave the recommended disk size as is. 8GB should be fine, significantly less could become problematic.
- Choose „VDI“ & „fixed size“ in the two next dialogues





# Installing Linux in VirtualBox

Click here and choose previously downloaded iso disk image of OpenSuse



....start the virtual machine to initiate the installation of OpenSUSE into the VirtualBox

## Necessary steps to work on lab classes & homework

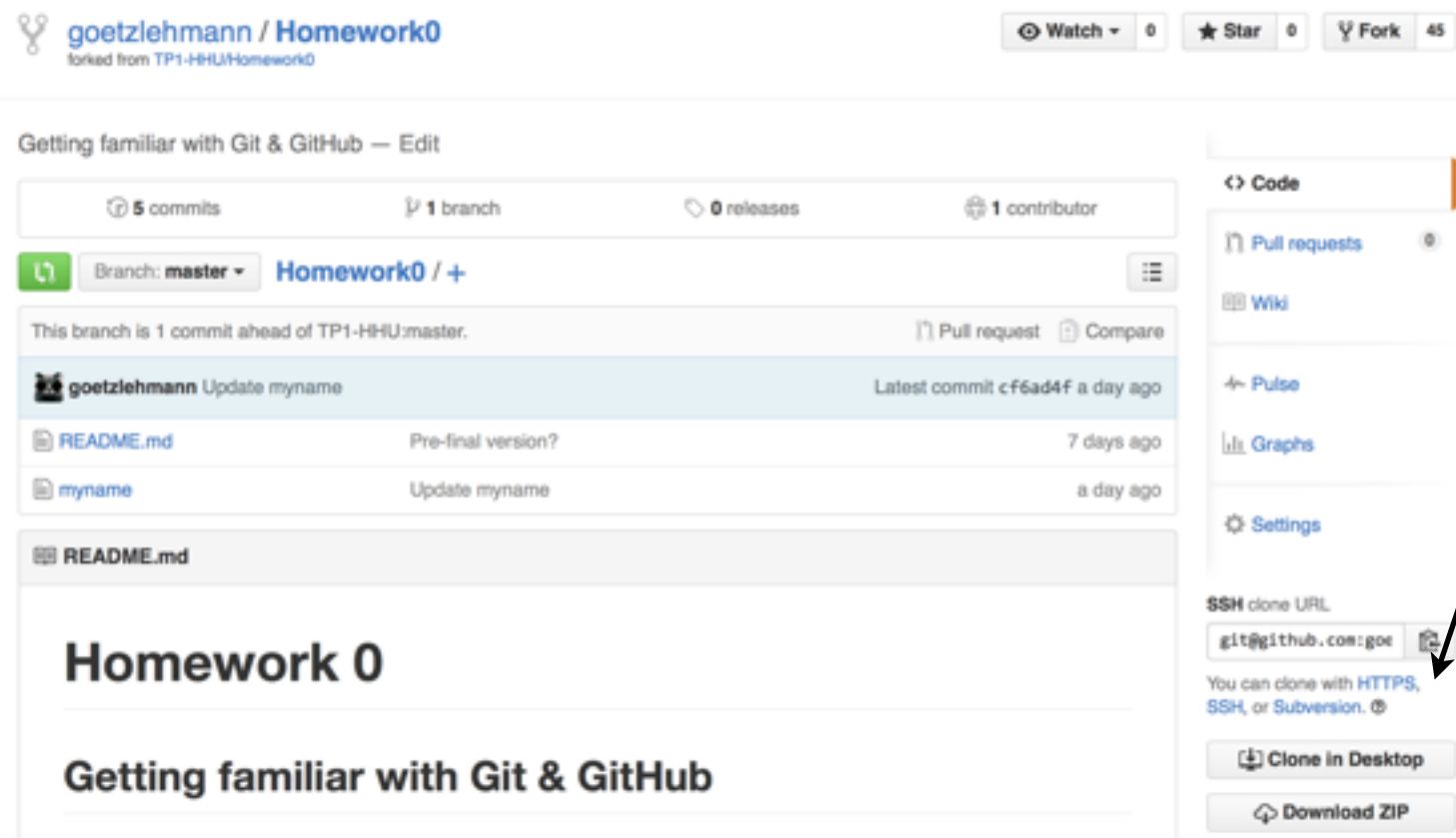
- Fork the respective repository from the TP1-HHU account on GitHub into your private account
- Clone the GitHub (remote) repository from your private account into your work local directory (i.e. create a local repository)
- Work on the local files
- add & commit the files to your local repository
- push the changes in the local repository to the remote repository
- create a pull request on GitHub to tell us that we can take a look at your changes

## Cloning your remote repository

Terminal commands:

```
git clone /path/to/repository ← for a local repository
```

```
git clone username@host:/path/to/repository ← for a remote repository
```



1. Press HTTPS here

2. Copy HTTPS URL

3. Clone:

```
git clone https://github.com/  
goetzlehmann/Homework0.git
```

## Add & Commit

- Your local repository consists out of three things:
  - The working copy of your files
  - The index and the head (which are invisible to you if you don't look closely)
- `git add` and `git commit` are the most frequent commands that you will use
- `git add <filename>`  
*Stages* the changes made to the file for a subsequent commit to the repository. The idea is to first gather all the changes to different files which should be submitted to the repository upon the next commit.
- `git commit`  
This actually sends all changes which have been staged to the local repository. Upon execution of this command a text editor will open up, where you should enter a commit comment. This editor might be VI, tricky because you need to know the keyboard shortcuts to find your way out! Better: `git commit -m „Changed variable names for parameters“`

## Pushing to remote repository

- After committing the files we can push the changes in the local repository to the remote repository residing on GitHub by doing a push
- `git push origin master`  
Submits the changes from local to remote repository. This will be done via the HTTPS protocol since we used this protocol when we cloned the repository. This will ask for username and password on GitHub to verify that you are allowed to submit to the repository.
- `git remote show origin / git remote -v`  
Displays from where the repository was cloned and to which remote repository changes will be pushed.

## Complete Example

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test $git clone https://github.com/goetzlehmann/Homework0.git
Cloning into 'Homework0'...
remote: Counting objects: 15, done.
remote: Total 15 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 15
Unpacking objects: 100% (15/15), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
```

Clone

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test $cd Homework0/
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test/Homework0 $ll
total 16
```

Edit

```
-rw-r--r--  1 goetz  staff   2,3K 20 Okt 19:37 README.md
-rw-r--r--  1 goetz  staff   12B 20 Okt 19:37 myname
```

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test/Homework0 $vi myname
```

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test/Homework0 $git add myname
```

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test/Homework0 $git commit -m "inserted my name"
```

```
[master 743d7cb] inserted my name
```

```
Committer: Götz <goetz@DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro.local>
```

```
Your name and email address were configured automatically based
on your username and hostname. Please check that they are accurate.
```

```
You can suppress this message by setting them explicitly:
```

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email you@example.com
```

Add & Commit

```
After doing this, you may fix the identity used for this commit with:
```

```
git commit --amend --reset-author
```

```
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

```
DeepThought2s-MacBook-Pro: ~/work/test/Homework0 $git push origin master
```

```
Username for 'https://github.com': goetzlehmann
```

```
Password for 'https://goetzlehmann@github.com':
```

```
Counting objects: 5, done.
```

```
Delta compression using up to 8 threads.
```

```
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
```

```
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 307 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
```

```
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
```

```
To https://github.com/goetzlehmann/Homework0.git
```

```
cf6ad4f..743d7cb master -> master
```

Push

Now everything is live and updated in your private GitHub repository. Send a pull request next.

## Branches

- Each repository may have several branches. The default branch is called `master`.
- If bigger changes are made to a project, first a new branch is created, e.g. `new_feature`. The new branch contains all files that were present at the time that branching was initiated.
- All changes which are related to the new feature are then committed to the new branch `new_feature`.
- Once the development in the branch is done, the changes are merged into the master branch and the new branch is deleted.
- For us the `master` branch is usually sufficient, you do not need to create branches. If something behaves weird in Git/GitHub, checkout if you did not accidentally create a new branch.