

## Git & GitHub





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## What is Version Control?

#### What is Version Control?

- VCS Version Control System
- Tracks file modifications
- Allows for restore points
- Allows for collaboration features
- Supports branching
- Holds detailed history
- Example: Git, SVN, others...

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## **History of Git**



## History of Git.

- Git is a distributed VCS
- It was created in 2005 by Linus Torvalds because of a fight with another VCS, BitKeeper
- The distributed nature means every user has full project history
- Was boosted by GitHub's launch.

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## Why is VC needed?



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• It is needed to avoid situations

like this:



- Solve and avoid code conflicts
- Streamline collaboration
- Store backups
- History to track changes

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## What is GitHub?

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- It is a centralized software hub that hosts Git repositories
- Enables open source collab
- Track issues
- Allows for CI/CD pipelines



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## How to use Git



- Open a folder on your desktop
- Right click the empty space
- Click open in terminal
- Run git init

PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/Yazeed Hboubati/Downloads/GitTesting/.git/



- Now that we have initialized a local repository, it is time to add files to it for them to be tracked
- Create a simple sample.txt file
- Now type git add . into the command prompt

PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git add .



 To check the status of out git repository, we use git status

```
PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
        new file: sample.txt
```

 Now this tells us there is 1 new file added and waiting to be committed



- Committing means to save a snapshot in time of what a file looks like.
- To save our file in the git repo history, we run git commit -m "new file"

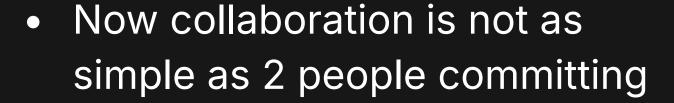
```
PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git commit -m "new file"
[master (root-commit) ac62135] new file

1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 sample.txt
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 The previous commands were git basics, we are just getting into the fun stuff!

 Let us shift the difficulty up a bit and talk about collaboration, shall we?



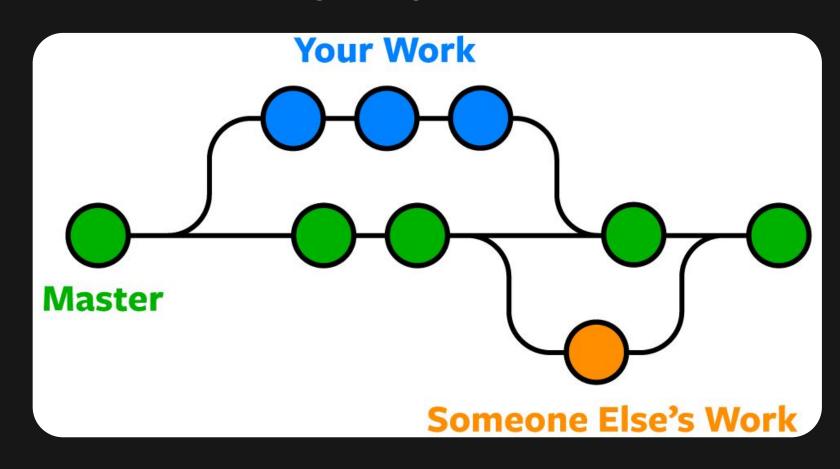
 This would result in conflicts and headaches

This is where we introduce Git branches



Branching Diagram:







 Now to create a branch so we can develop peacefully from other developers, we use the following command: git checkout -b feature1

PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git checkout -b feature1 Switched to a new branch 'feature1'



 Now to check our branches and check our current working branch, we use the following command:

git branch

```
PS C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting> git branch
* feature1
master
yazeed
```



- Let's try branching, go back and do all the starter steps from creating a file to committing
- After doing so, run:
   git checkout master
- You will notice that the new file you created is not in the master branch!

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## How to connect to GitHub

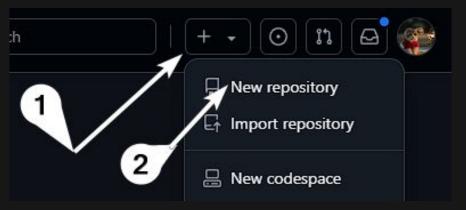


- First off, an account must be created on GitHub.
- To create an account, scan the QR code and create the account.





 Now, create a new repository on GitHub by following these steps:



- Write a repository title (use the same as your local repository).
- Set privacy to public.



- After creating a new repository, you will need to copy the repository Git URL.
- It will be the same URL + .git in the end.
- In my case it is:

https://github.com/Razorback360/GitTesting.git



 After copying the Git URL, we will link our remote repository (GitHub repository) to our local repository using this command: git remote add origin GIT\_URL

You will be asked for your login information. Enter it and continue.



 After connecting, we set the main branch to be the main branch on GitHub using:

git branch -M main



 The final step is publishing our repository. We do that using:

#### git push -u origin main

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Enumerating objects: 3, done.

Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.

Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 229 bytes | 57.00 KiB/s, done.

Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0

To https://github.com/Razorback360/GitTesting.git

* [new branch] main -> main

branch 'main' set up to track 'origin/main'.
```

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- Now that the repository is linked, we will talk about collaboration.
- Main Git commands:
  - o clone
  - o push
  - o pull
  - o fetch



- The clone command downloads a repository given a URL.
- Usually used at the start of a project to get the files and start work.
- To clone:
   git clone <repository url>



- The push command takes your local changes and sends them to the remote repository.
- Prior to pushing, you must have committed changes.
- To push:

git push

- Full workflow example:
  - Change a file's contents
  - Run git add .
  - Run git commit -m "Changed
     XX to do YY"
  - Run git push





- The pull command get changes from remote and merges them into your local version.
- You do not get to view what the changes are before the merge.
- To pull:

git pull



- The fetch command downloads the changes other people made without merging with your changes.
- This is useful to check changes without doing any destructive actions.
- To fetch: git fetch



- Full workflow example:
  - Run git fetch
  - Run git log to view changes

```
C:\Users\Yazeed Hboubati\Downloads\GitTesting>git log
commit ac62135f4fd14e80ccdaf97efb8aa0e9d2dd358c (HEAD -> main, origin/main, yazeed, feature1)
Author: Razorback360 <82079079+Razorback360@users.noreply.github.com>
Date: Wed Oct 9 12:52:57 2024 +0300
new file
```

 Optional: Run git merge to get changes locally

- Collaboration in a private or public repository as a member is simple.
- However, what if you need to collaborate on a public repository without a membership?



- To collaborate on a public repository, we will need to fork it.
- A fork is essentially a "branch" in a way, but in a form of an entire repository.
- The repository is under your account.



- After forking the repository, you can clone your fork locally and work on it.
- After finishing work, push your changes to the fork.
- After that, you create a Pull Request.



Try forking the following repository:

<a href="https://github.com/Razorback360">https://github.com/Razorback360</a> /CCGitWorkshop

Or:



- Add any file to the repository
- Now try to create a Pull Request to the original repository with your name and ID.



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# Activity



## Activity

 This is a solo activity. The activity files are in the repository cloned earlier along with instructions on what to do.

