# Practical Project: Rock – Paper – Scissors

This is additional practical project and it **is not mandatory and it is not included in the final score**. The main purpose is to use gained knowledge in different type of problems and to improve your portfolio and GitHub skills.

Today we will make the console game "Rock – Paper – Scissors":

Icon

Description automatically generated

[**Rock - Paper - Scissors**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_paper_scissors) is a simple **two player game** where you and your opponent (the computer) simultaneously choose one of the following three options: "**rock**", "**paper**" or "**scissors**". The rules are as follows:

* **Rock beats scissors** (the scissors get broken by the rock)
* **Scissors beats paper** (the paper gets cut by the scissors)
* **Paper beats rock** (the paper covers the rock)

The **winner** is the player whose choice beats the choice of his opponent. If both players choose the same option (e.g. "paper"), the game outcome is "**draw**":

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично Картина, която съдържа текст

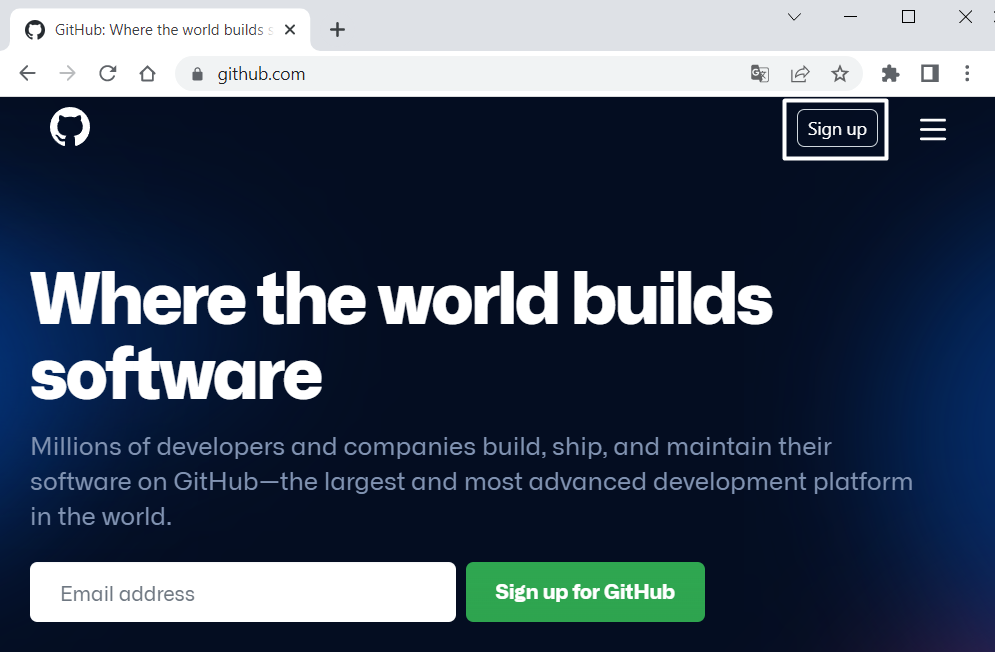
Описанието е генерирано автоматично

## Create a GitHub Profile and Repo

Everyone should have a GitHub developer profile. First, we should **create our profile on GitHub**.

### Register a GitHub Profile

**Register** for a free **developer account at GitHub** here: <http://github.com> with an email and a username:



A screenshot of a computer

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

When you are ready, it is time to **create your first repository**. A **repository** contains **all of your project's files** and each file's revision history. You can discuss and manage your project's work within the repository.

### Create a GitHub Repo

Create a **new repository** from: <https://github.com/new>. Choose a **meaningful name**, e. g. "RockPaperScissorsByUsername" add a **short description** and make your repo **public**:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | Please choose **your own original and unique name** for your project!  Your GitHub profile should be **unique**, not the same as your classmates.  You can follow this tutorial, but you can also **make changes** and **implement your project differently** from your classmates. |

Also, **add a** README.md file and .gitignore **for Java**, as shown below:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

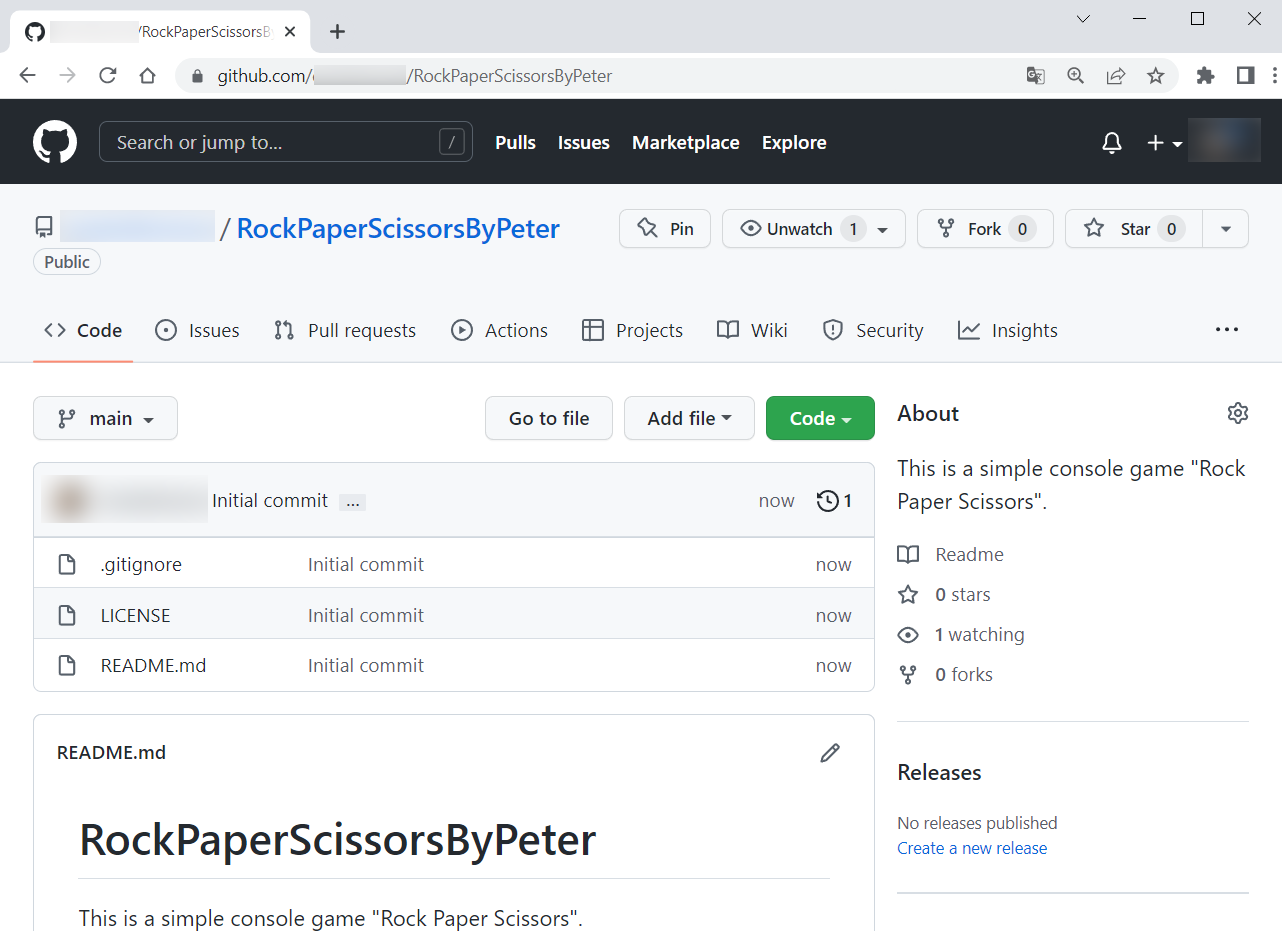
In Git projects, the .gitignore **file** specifies which files from your repo are not part of the source code and should be ignored (not uploaded in the GitHub repo). Typically in GitHub, we upload in the repo **only the source code** and we don't upload the compiled binaries and temp files.

Finally, **change the license** to "MIT" (which is the most widely used open source license) or another license of choice, and click on the [Create] **button** to **create your repository**:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now your **repository is created** and looks like this:



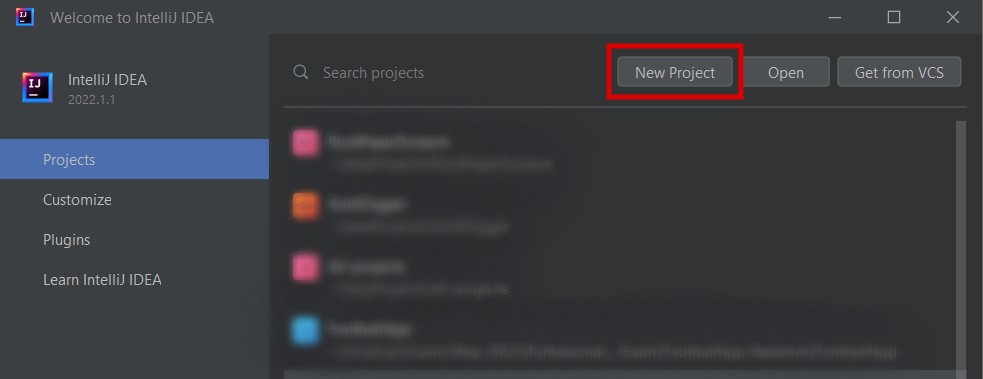
Now let's see how to **write the code** of our game.

## Write the Game's Code

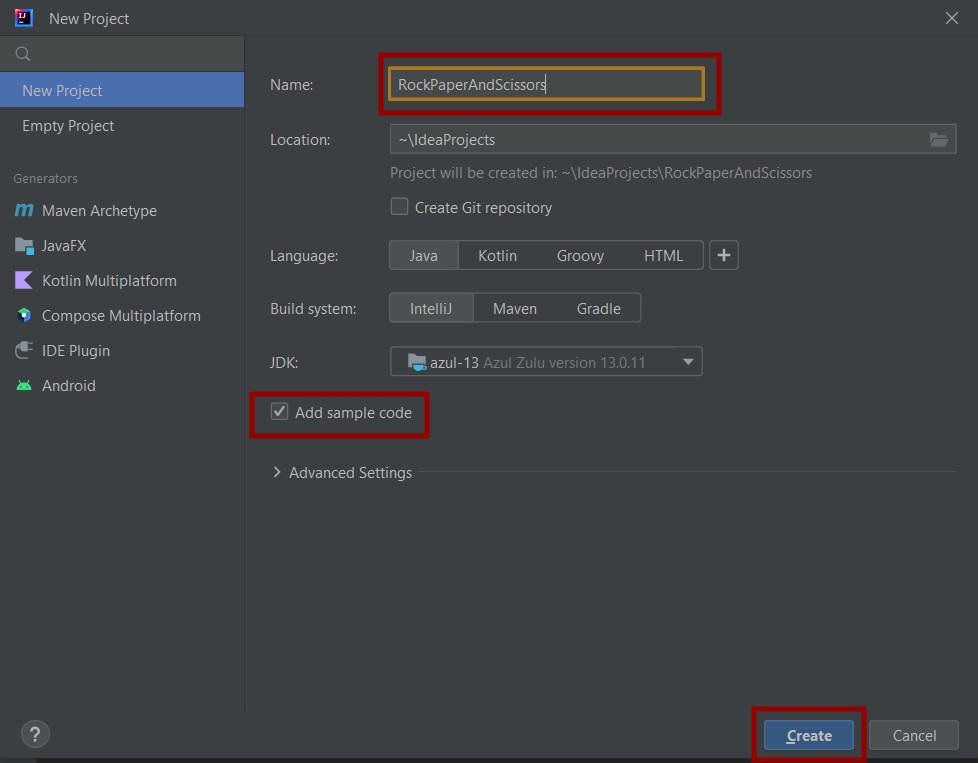
Let's create the game and play with it.

### Create an IntelliJ IDEA Project

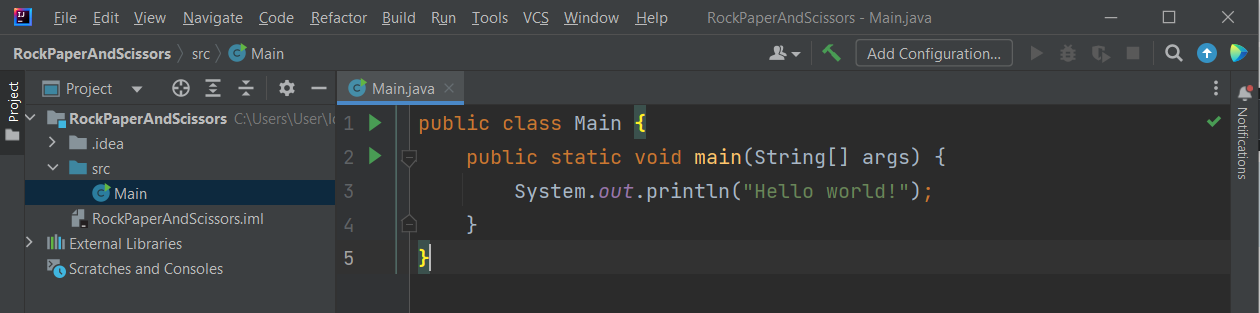
First, we should **start IntelliJ IDEA** and **create a new Java project**:



Then, **choose an appropriate name** and a **place to save the project**. You should also **check** the **[**Add sample code] box to add the Main method. Then, click on [Next]:



Our **project should be created** and should look like this:



Before we continue, let's change the name of our main class – Main.java, to something more **meaningful**. Do it like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст, екранна снимка, монитор, екран

Описанието е генерирано автоматично



### Implement the Game Logic

#### Read Player's Move

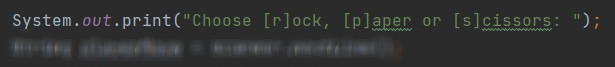
Now let's start working on our code.

Create **three constants** for our "**Rock**", "**Paper**" and "**Scissors**", which we will use later. **Constants** are values that **do not change** for the life of the program. They should look like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Next, write on the console what options **("rock", "paper", "scissors"**) the player can choose from and read his **input** **data**. You already know how to do this:



Now let's run the **app** in the console and check whether our current code **works** properly.

Картина, която съдържа текст, устройство, калибър

Описанието е генерирано автоматично



We can see that we have our text **written** on the console, and we can also **write**.

#### Match Player's Move with Possible Options

Now it is time to turn the user input into one of our **player's move options**. To do this, create an if-else statement with the **possible moves** and change the variable value with our constants.

First, if the user has entered **"r"** or **"rock"**, then they chose **"Rock"**. Write it like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

And if they entered **"p"** or **"s"**, then they chose **"paper"** or **"scissors"** accordingly. Write the else-if statements by yourself:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now we should cover the case where the user enters an **invalid value**. To do this, use else and **print** a message on the console and **stop the program execution**:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now let's **run** the app in the **console** and check whether our current code **works properly**. Now, we have **logic** only for the **incorrect input** so the results should be as follow:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

#### Choose Computer's Move

Then, **create a variable of type** Random that will help us **choose a random number** using the nextInt() method. We will use this **number** so that the computer can randomly select from "rock", "paper" or "scissors":

**Картина, която съдържа текст, оранжев, екранна снимка

Описанието е генерирано автоматично**

You can learn a little more about it here: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/java-util-random-nextint-java/> .

We will need a **variable of type** string to keep our **computer's move**:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Choose the computer's **random move**, to make this happen, use the **conditional statements** switch-case or else-if. Also, check the **input of the player**, e. g.:

Картина, която съдържа текст, екран, ръка, затвори

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Think about how you can complete these **conditional statements**.

#### Check and Write the Result

Write to the console what is the **random** selection of the computer. e. g. "**The computer chose {computerMove}.**". Now we need to **compare** the choice of the **player** and the **computer**, again using **conditional statements**.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

You can use this table for the **possible moves**:

Table

Description automatically generated

Consider all the cases where the player **loses,** or the result between them is **equal,** and write down the **conditional** **statements**. That's all it takes for the **game to work**.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

After you run it, the game should look like this:



Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

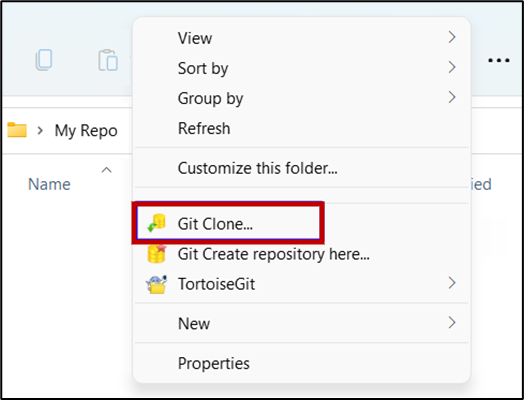
## Upload Your Project to GitHub

Now we want to deploy our project to **GitHub** so the other developers can see it, and if they want to test it, they can clone it and try it themself on their personal machines. You have **two options**, choose one and follow the steps.

### Use TortoiseGit (Option 1)

If you don't have TortoiseGit on your computer, first download and install it from [https://tortoisegit.org](https://tortoisegit.org/).

Use Git **clone** for cloning with TortoiseGit. Go to the desired directory, **right-click** on a blank space anywhere in the folder and click [Git Clone**]**.

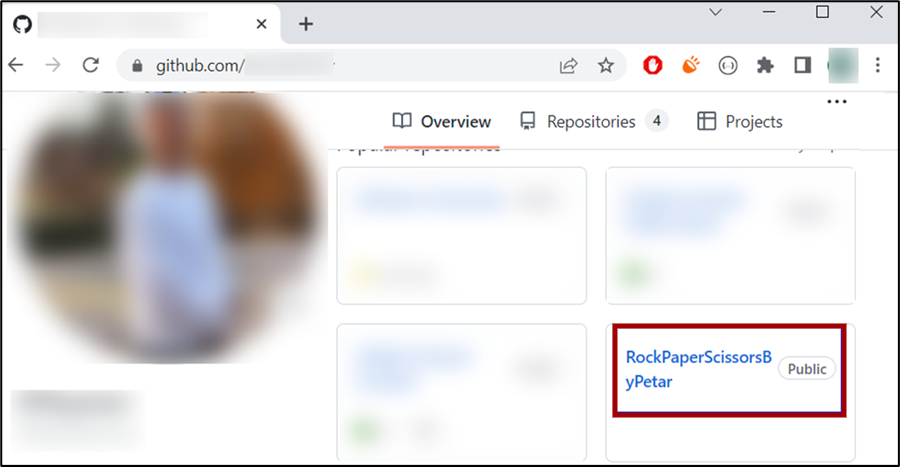


Now we will go to our **GitHub** profile, open our newly created **repository** and copy the **repo URL**. First click on [Repositories]:

Картина, която съдържа текст, екранна снимка, монитор, екран

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Then choose your project repo:



Now click on [Code] and copy the **URL** of the **repository**.

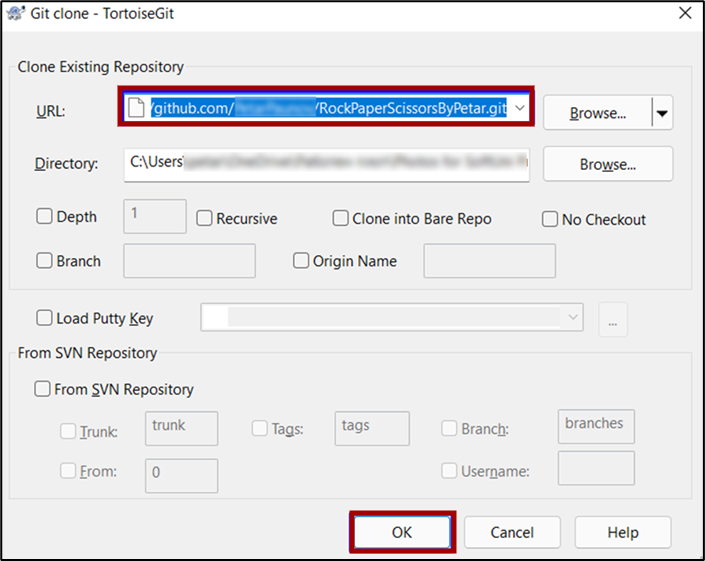
Картина, която съдържа текст, екранна снимка, монитор

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now we go back to **TortoiseGit** and paste the **URL** and click [OK]:

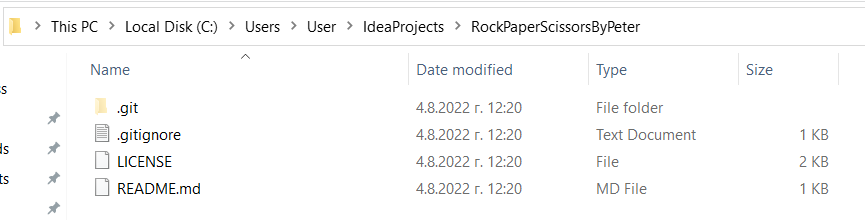


The results should be something like this:

Graphical user interface, text, application

Description automatically generated

Your files from your GitHub repo will be downloaded to a **sub-folder** called your project in GitHub, "**RockPaperScissorsByPeter**" in our case.



When we open the sub-folder holding the cloned **repository**, it should look like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

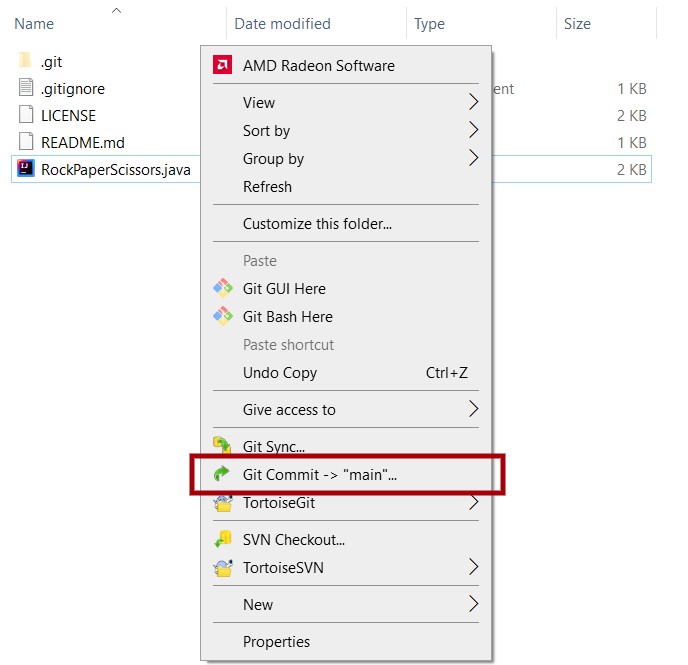
Next, the thing to do is to **add** the **project** to our **cloned** **repository**. You can move your Java source code files from your old project folder to your new repo folder. You can use "**Cut & Paste**". It should look like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now, **upload** our changes from our working project folder to GitHub.

We can use TortoiseGit's [GitCommit…]. Go to your project's folder, **right-click** on a blank space anywhere in the folder and click [Git Commit -> "main"…].



Add an **appropriate** message and click [Add] so you don't miss any files. Finally, click [Commit].

Картина, която съдържа текст

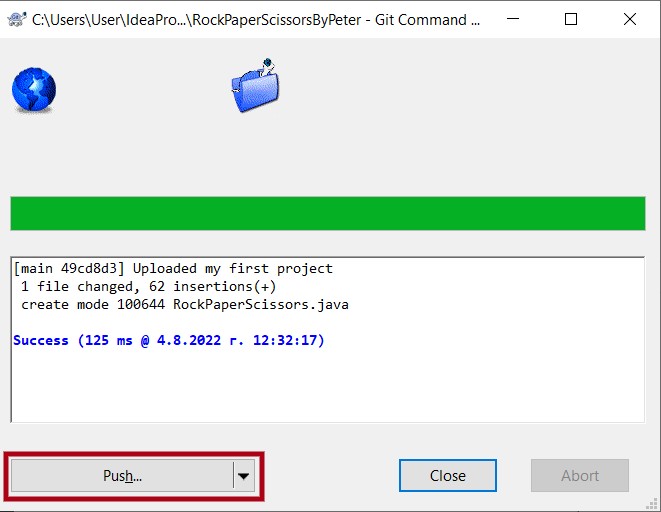
Описанието е генерирано автоматично

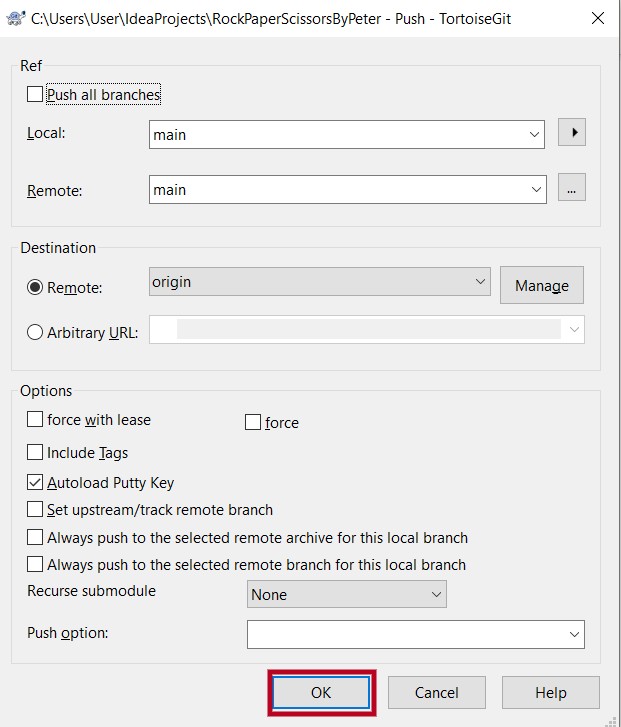
The results should be like this.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

After that, click [Push] and then [OK].





The results should be like this.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

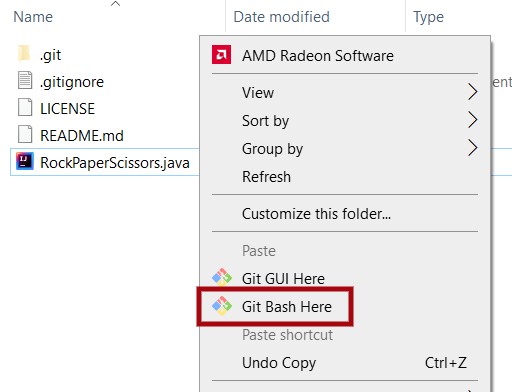
This is all you need to **upload your project source code** to your **GitHub repository** using TortoiseGit.

### Use Git Bash (Option 2)

As an **alternative to the previous step**, if you don't have "**TortoiseGit**", you could use the "**Git Bash**" command line tool to upload your project to your GitHub repo.

First, if you don't have **Git** on your **computer**, you should **install it** from <https://git-scm.com/downloads>.

Go to the desired **directory**, right click on a blank space **anywhere** in the folder, and select "**Git Bash Here**" to open the Git command line console. If the "**Git Bash Here**" menu is missing, you should first install Git.



Type **"**gitclone**"** command followed by the link to your **repository**:

|  |
| --- |
| gitclone |

This command is for cloning with **Git Bash**, paste your **repository** **URL** after the command.

Graphical user interface, text

Description automatically generated

The result should be something like this:

Text

Description automatically generated

Your files from your GitHub repo will be downloaded to a **sub-folder** called your project in GitHub, "**RockPaperScissorsByPeter**" in our case.



When we open the cloned **repository sub-folder**, it should look like this:



Next, the thing to do is to **add** your **project files** to your **cloned** **repository folder**. It should look like this:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now we are ready to upload our changes from "**Git Bash clone**". Go to the desired **folder**, right click on blank space anywhere in the folder, select "GitBashHere" and run the following **commands**.

Type the following command:

|  |
| --- |
| git status |

The **git status** command displays the state of the working directory and the **staging area**.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now type:

|  |
| --- |
| git add . |

The above command **adds** all modified files to your local **Git repo**.

Graphical user interface

Description automatically generated

Now type:

|  |
| --- |
| git commit -m "Uploaded my first project" |

This command**commits** your changes to your local **Git repo**. We also should **add** an appropriate **commit message**.

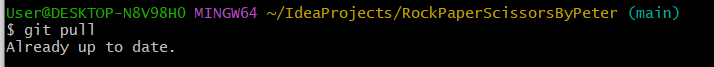
Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

We have **two** more **commands** left. Second to the last type.

|  |
| --- |
| git pull |

This command **updates** your local **repository** from GitHub. It downloads the latest project version from GitHub and merges it with your local copy.



Now the last thing we should do is **push** our changes by using the command.

|  |
| --- |
| git push |

This command **pushes your local changes to GitHub**.

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

This is all you need to **update** your **repository** usingGit Bash.

A little more information about Git Bash: <https://git-scm.com/about>.

## \* Modify the Code, Write Your Own Features

Now, it's time to **play with the code** and **modify it**.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | This is your own project. **Be unique**. Don't be a copy/paster!   * Implement your **own features**. * **Implement the code yourself**, using your own coding style, code formatting, comments, etc. * Make the project **more interesting**. Learn by playing with the code and adding your own changes. |

Below are a few **ideas** that you can implement or modify as addition to your code.

### Restart the Game

You can automatically **restart the game** after it is finished (or ask the player to play again).

### Scoring System

You can add a **scoring system** and display the player's and the computer's scores after each game session.

### Additional Ideas

* Can you change your logic, so you can **increase the chances of the player to win**?
* Can you add **anything else** to your code, based on your own ideas?

### Commit to GitHub

Now **commit and push your code changes** to your GitHub repo!

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | It is very important to **commit your code frequently** to GitHub. This way, you create a **rich commit history** for your project, and your **GitHub contribution graph** is growing: |

## Create a README.md File

It's highly recommended to provide **documentation as part of your project in GitHub** to describe what the project is **doing**. So, let's make one for this **project**. Let's start by editing the README.md file from our repo at GitHub:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

🡪

Graphical user interface, text, application, email

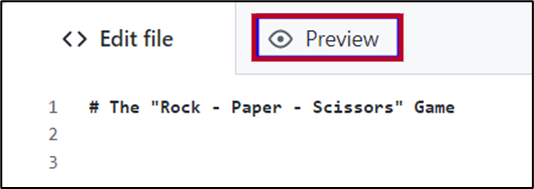
Description automatically generated

Add a project name. Use "#" in front of the text to indicate the **title**:

Graphical user interface, application

Description automatically generated

You can **view** the current progress by pressing the [Preview] button:

 Graphical user interface, application, Word

Description automatically generated

### Documentation Sections

Add **information** about your project in your README.md file: project goals, technologies used, screenshots, live demo, etc. Typically, you should have the following **sections**:

* **Project title** (should answer the question "What's inside this project)
* **Project goals** (what problem do we solve, e. g., we implement a certain game)
* **Solution** (should describe how we solve the problem 🡪 **algorithms**, **technologies**, **libraries**, **frameworks**, **tools**, etc.)
* **Source code link** (give a direct link to your source code)
* **Screenshots** (add screenshots from your project in different scenarios of its usage)
* **Live demo** (add a one-click live demo of your code)

### Use Markdown

Note that the GitHub README.md file is written in the **Markdown language**. Markdown combines text and special formatting tags to describe formatted text documents.

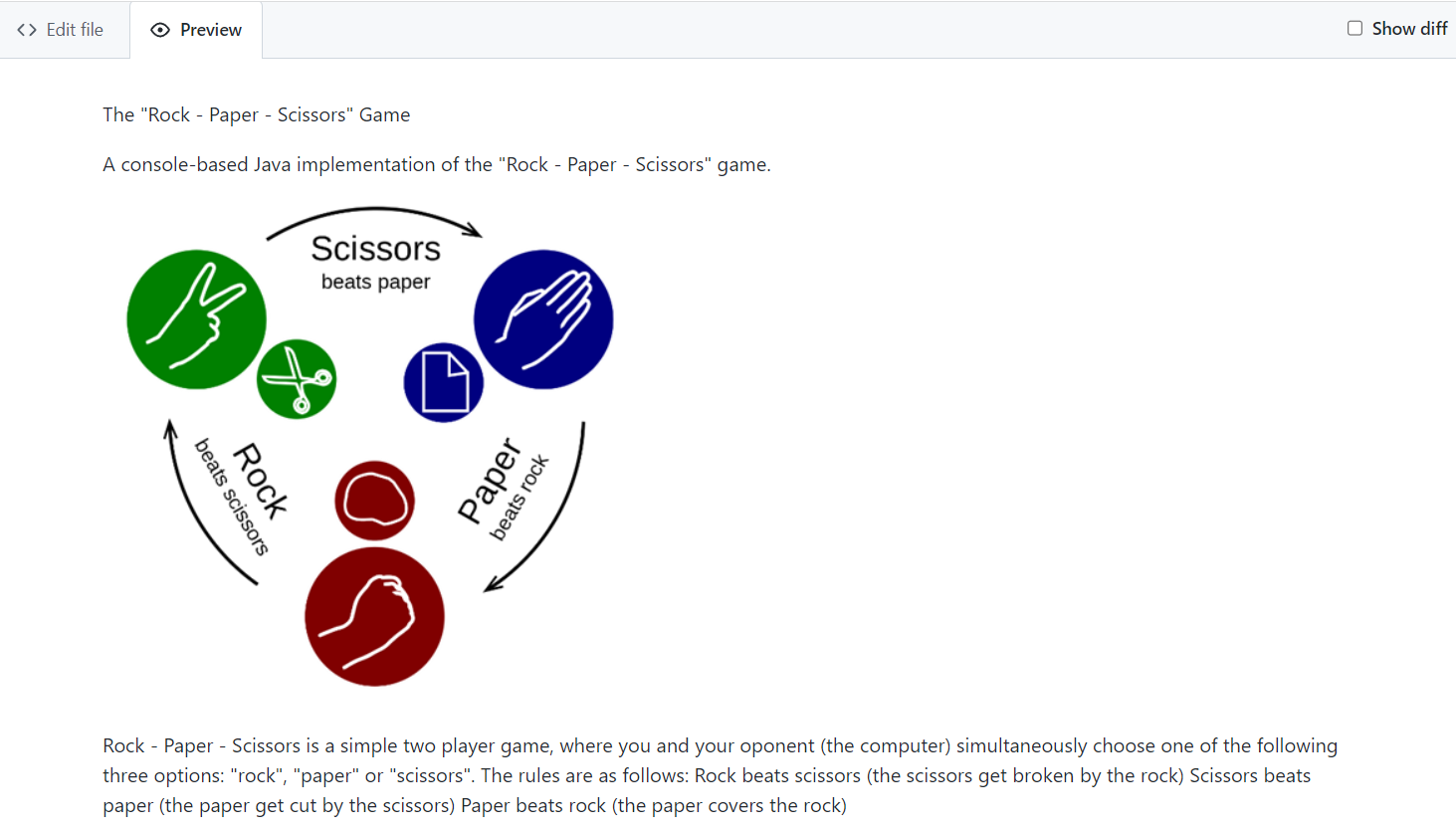
You can learn more about **Markdown** here: <https://docs.github.com/en/get-started/writing-on-github/getting-started-with-writing-and-formatting-on-github/basic-writing-and-formatting-syntax>.

### Project Goals

Start your documentation by describing your **project goals**. What problem does your project solve?

### Sample Documentation

This is an **example** of how you can document your project. Don't copy-paste it!



|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | **Write the project documentation yourself**. Don't copy/paste it!  This is your **unique GitHub profile** and your own unique project. **Be different** from others. |

You can add **appropriate** **images** to make your documentation better. You can add an **image** as follows:



You can add information about the **inputs** and **outputs** of the project:

Graphical user interface, text, application, chat or text message, email

Description automatically generated

### Your Solution

Describe how you **solve** theproblem: **algorithms**, **technologies**, **libraries**, **frameworks**, **tools**, etc.

For example, for our simple game, you may analyze all possible game **situations** in a **table**:

Table

Description automatically generated

### Link to the Source Code

Add a **link** to your **source code** as follows:



### Screenshots

Add **screenshots** of your project:

1. **Take a screenshot** with your favorite tool (e.g., the [Snipping Tool](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/open-snipping-tool-and-take-a-screenshot-a35ac9ff-4a58-24c9-3253-f12bac9f9d44) in Windows).

Graphical user interface, text, application, email

Description automatically generated

1. **Paste** the screenshot in the GitHub Markdown editor using [Ctrl+V]:

Graphical user interface, text, application, email

Description automatically generated

Example screenshots for the "Rock Paper Scissors" game:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

## Upload Your App to Replit

Replit is an online coding environment (online IDE), which allows you to **write** software projects, **share** them through a simple link and **run** your projects directly in the Web browser. We shall upload our project in Replit to allow the users to **run and interact with the project** with just **one click**.

Create your own Replit profile so you can show your **projects** to your friends and also put "**live demo links**" it in your GitHub project documentation. Create a **Replit** account for **free**: [https://replit.com](https://replit.com/).

Graphical user interface, text, website

Description automatically generated

A screenshot of a computer

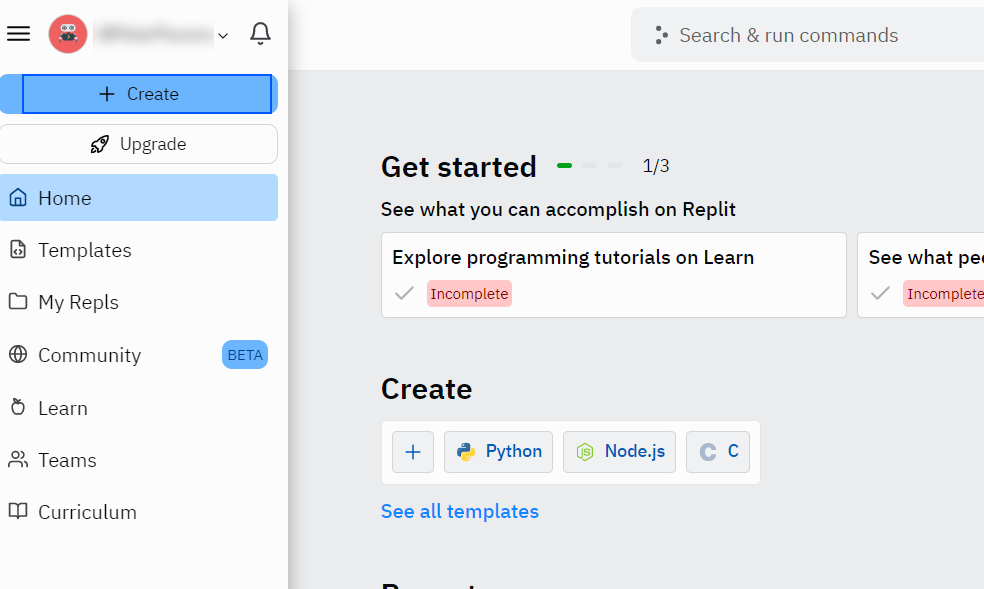
Description automatically generated

Create a **new project** in Replit. Open the **menu** in the upper **left corner**.

Graphical user interface, text, application, chat or text message, website

Description automatically generated

Click [Create], then select the **language** in which your project is **written**, select a name, and **create** the project.



If your project is in Java, choose "Java".

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

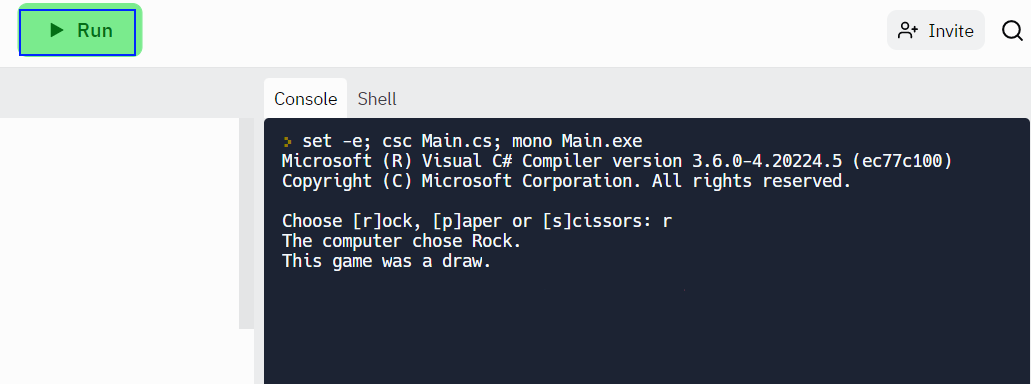
Add a meaningful **name** to your Replit project, e.g., "**RockPaperScissors-Game-by-Peter**".

**Paste your code** in "RockPaperScissors.java" file:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

**Click** [Run] and enjoy your console application directly in the Web browser:



## Add Replit Link to Your README.md

Now add a "**one-click live demo**" of your project from your GitHub project documentation.

You can take a **screenshot** from Replit.com and **paste it** into the GitHub documentation editor directly with **[Ctrl+V]**.

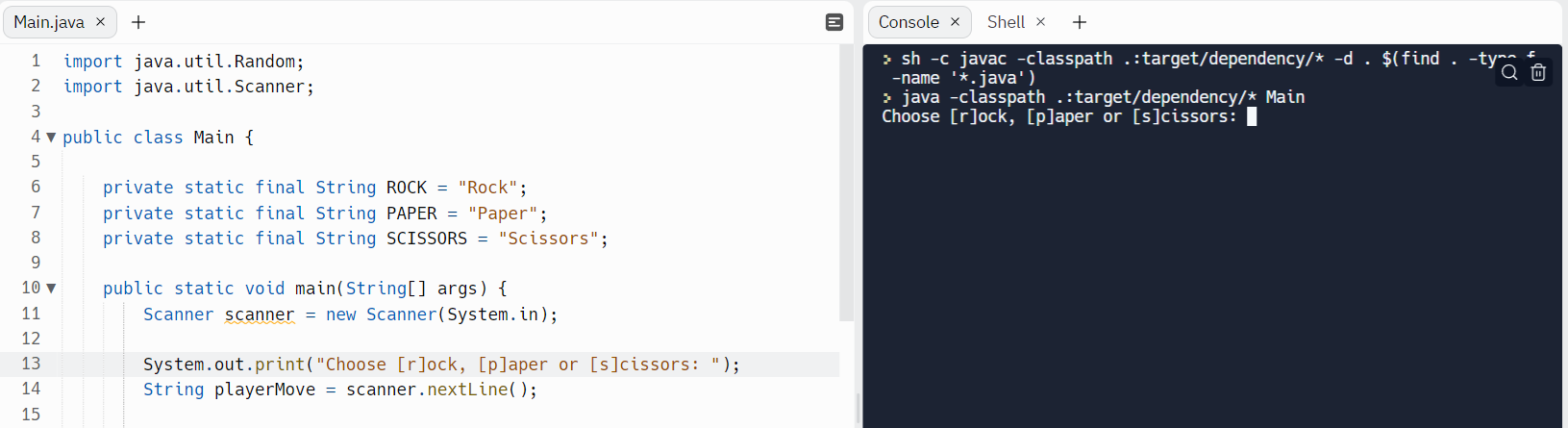
This is what it should look like after the changes in your README.md documentation:

Картина, която съдържа текст

Описанието е генерирано автоматично

Now when the [**Run**] button is clicked, you will be redirected to your demo in Replit.

 🡪



We have completed our **first console game** and have our first project in our GitHub portfolio.