

CS 152: GitHub and IDEs

CS 152: Python for STEM

Colorado State University
Computer Science Department

Slides Originally Created by Albert Lionelle and Updated by Marcia Moraes



Colorado State University

Weekly Announcements!

To achieve great things you have
first to believe it.

— *Arsene Wenger* —

TODO Reminders:

- Coding Exam 1 opened since Monday: throughout the week – one submission attempt assignment
- Lab 03 – Warm Up
- Thursday Lab: IDE install help
- Friday Canvas Exam 1 – Proctored CS110

Git

- Git (2005)
 - Version Control System (VCS)
 - System used to manage versions of software code
 - Developed by Linus Torvalds for Linux Kernel
 - Yes, Torvalds is also original Linux kernel developer
 - It is now managed by thousands of people, so needed ways to handle the software merges

GitHub

- GitHub (2007)
 - Hosting provider for software development
 - Uses Git and integration with Git
 - Has a lot more tools for software development as part of it (Kanban boards, issue tracking, inline code, dev-ops)
 - Used for open source, enterprise, and personal use
 - NOTE:
 - As software developers, you should have a GitHub account setup
 - Used in industry

GitHub – Do's

- Do
 - Setup a personal profile
 - You can register as a student – gives you access to other tools
 - Have Git installed on your machine
 - The purpose is local distributed copies, merged into main repository
 - Put up *personal projects* that mean something to you (Portfolio)
 - Star interesting repositories
 - Follow interesting people
 - Eventually: help with opensource projects

GitHub – Dont's

- Don't
 - **Don't put code created for a class as public repositories**
 - Private is OK
 - Don't worry about all the details
 - You will learn about it over multiple years!

GitHub – For CS152

- You won't need a GitHub profile
- You will want / need Git on your local machine
 - If you plan to code on a local machine
- Installing Git will
 - Allow you to keep class code updated, access to slides, access to knowledge check code, and more
 - Allow you to quickly assess the labs “provided files”
 - EXAMPLE:
 - git clone <https://github.com/CSU-CS152/Handouts.git>
 - Copies all the code and slides to your local computer often in a directory called Handouts
 - git clone <https://github.com/CSU-CS152/Lab04OperationStation.git>
 - Copies the template files, and readme file for Lab04 to your local computer
 - In a directory called Lab04TwentyQuestions
 - Update Class repository before every lecture
 - (inside the Handouts directory on your computer type)
 - **git pull origin main**



Integrated Development Environments

Integrated Development Environments

- Starting next week you will use an IDE
- Benefits:
 - Code highlighting
 - Debugging Tools
 - Syntax Error marking (before compiling)
 - File Management
- Cons:
 - More complicated interface
 - Must really think about file structures
 - You may occasionally need to mess with configuration files

This Semester

- VS Code
 - By Microsoft
 - Considered “lightweight”
 - 3rd Party Extension based
 - After installing, you need install the Python extensions.
 - Con: configuration is a bit harder, but extremely flexible
 - Allows installing locally, but running on CS machines to test code (matters for later classes)
- Integrate directly with GitHub!!