Version Control with Git

Analysis and Visualization of Big Data

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Evaluation

Gradual and incremental set of tasks (in class and through Campus Virtual)

Task 1: Data Management Plan Forensics, in group (Tues 9, JPerelló): 10%

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Task 3: Write an abstract (Mon 15, JPerelló): 10%

Task 4: Create a dashboard (Thu 18, FPeter): 30%

Task 5: Oral presentation, in group (Fri 19, JPerelló + FPeter): 40%

To set a group between 2 and 4. You will work together during the course.

OPEN CODE: Introductory course in Git

Git as a tool for distributed version control

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Before we start: Installation

Recommendation: Use your command line for git.

- Linux/ Mac: first try `git --version`, otherwise install as usual with yum/ apt-get/ zypper/ brew etc.
- Windows: https://git-scm.com/download/win

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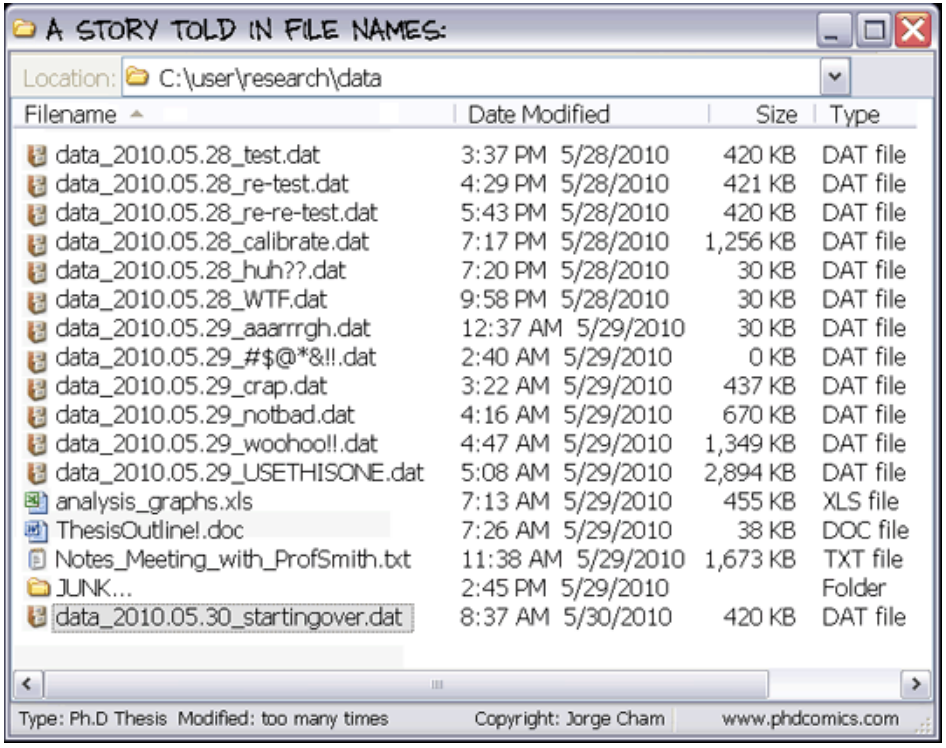

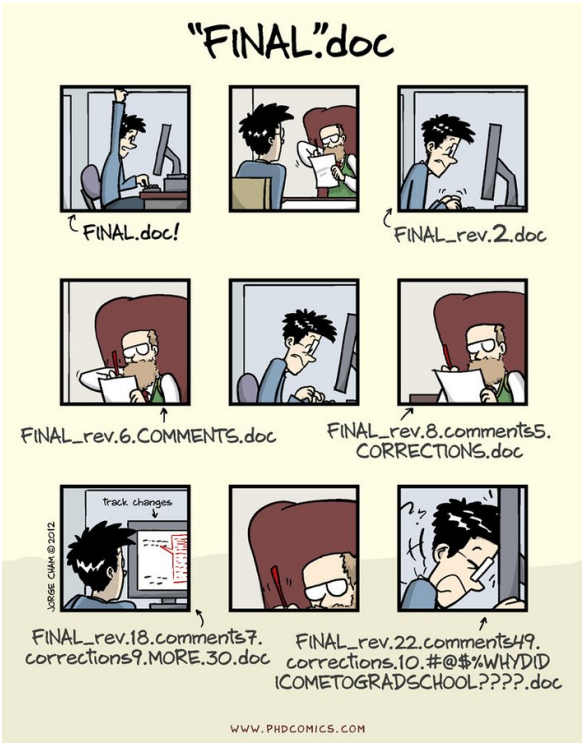

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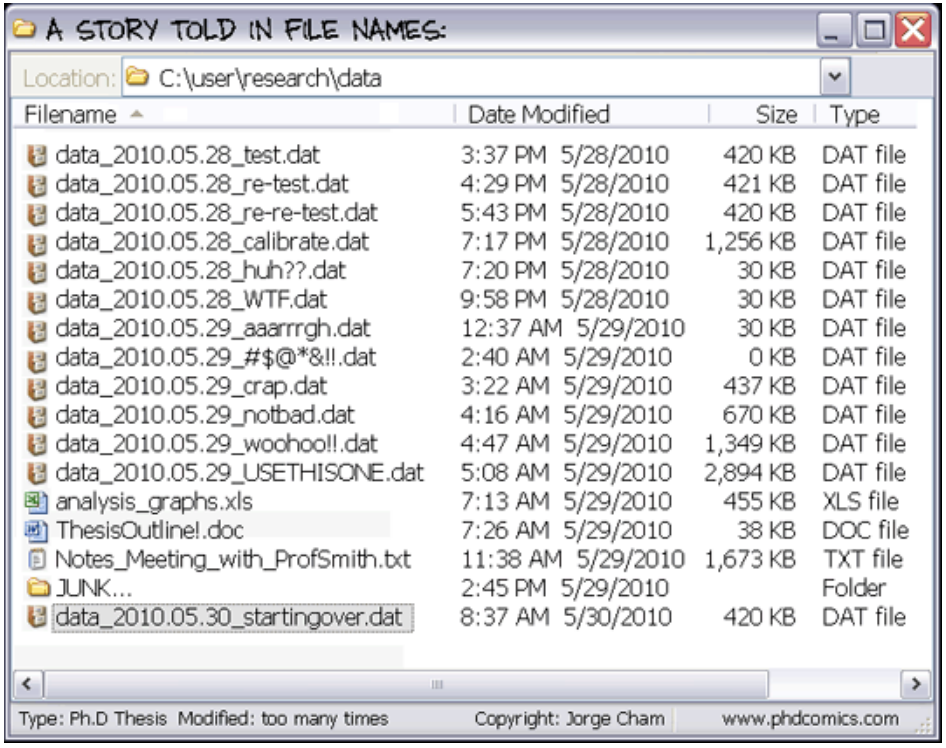
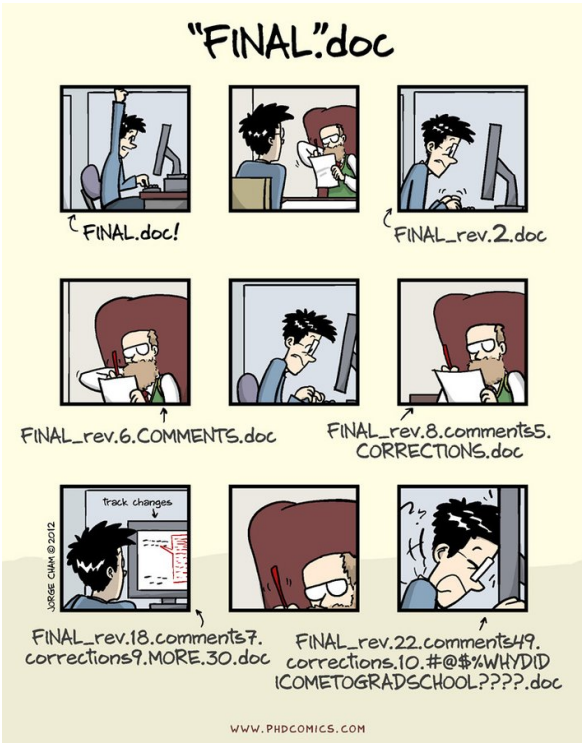
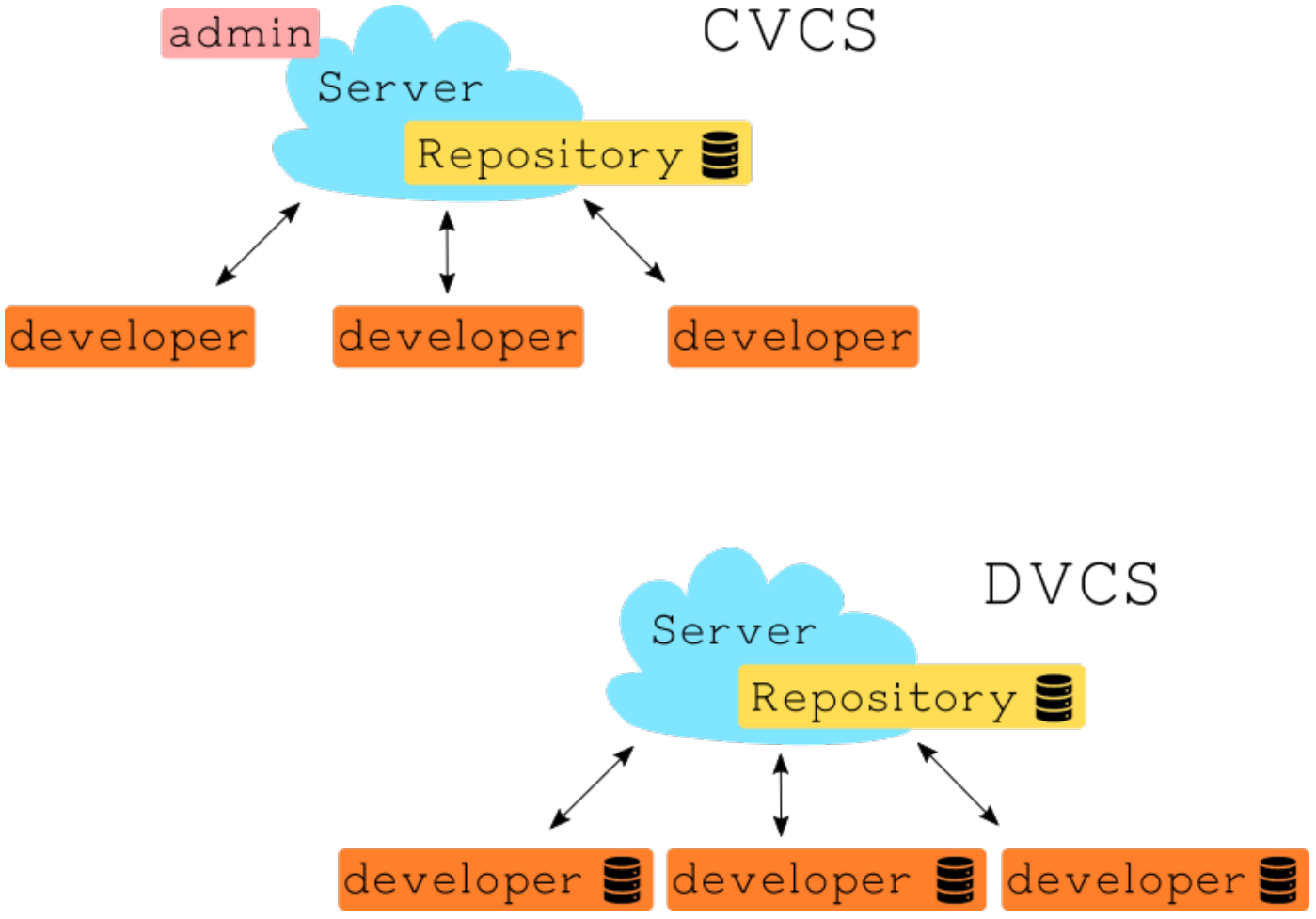




a good VCS should:

have a log book / allow work in parallel with others / allow work in parallel on different versions / (external) backup / be simple / be speedy & efficient

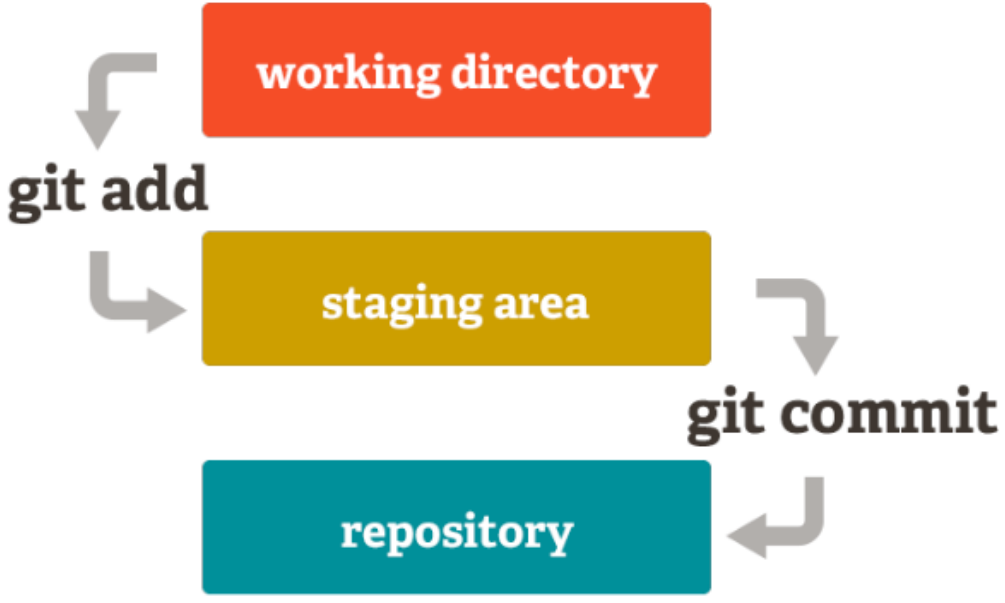
Centralized vs. Distributed Version control systems



Two Basic Principles of Git

Everyday Mantra: stage and commit (local)

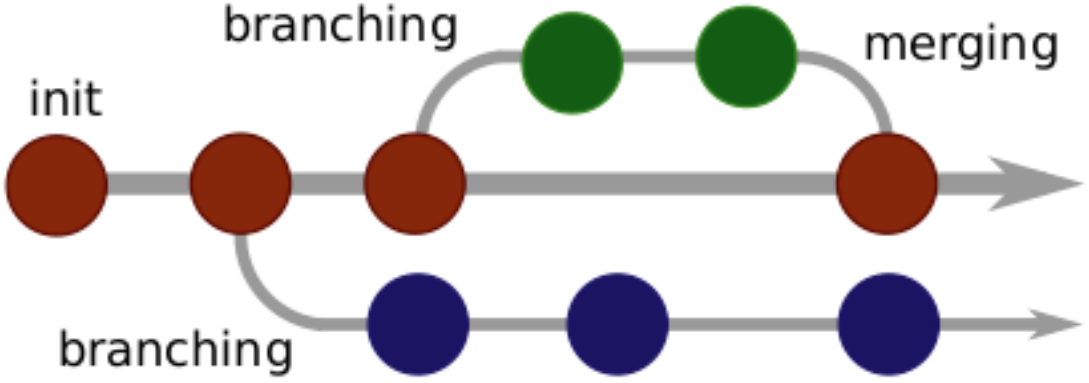
The three states of git: **modified - staged - committed**



```
git add .
git commit -m "implemented calculation of mu"
git push origin master
git pull
```

Working in parallel on different versions: branching

Nonlinear development:
working on several versions **in parallel**, with the possibility of **reuniting** the different resulting versions

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git checkout -b feature
git checkout master
git merge feature
```

Getting Started (hands-on)

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- change file, e.g. `hello_world.py`, then run `git add .` , `git diff HEAD` , and `git commit -m "removed typo"`

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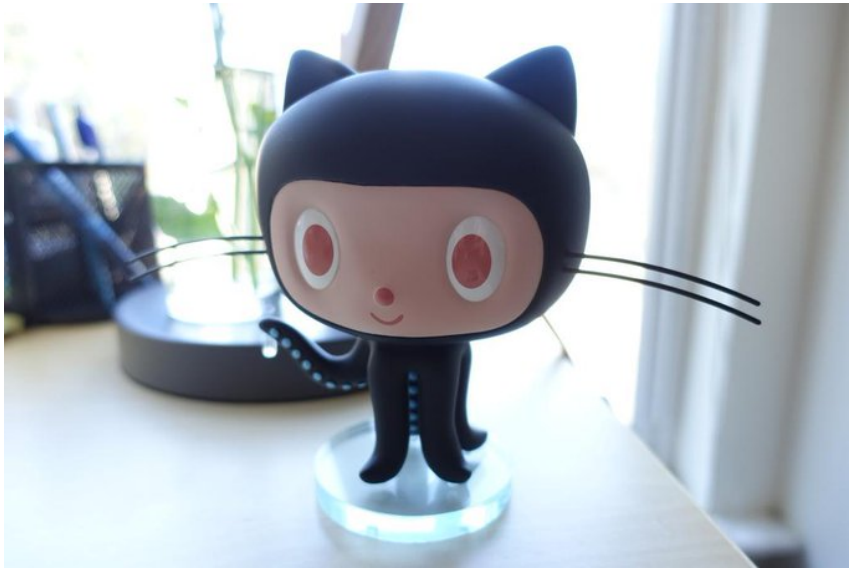

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- alternative: create a repo on github and clone from there:
  - `git clone https://github.com/Chaotique/test-repo.git`
    And then git remote **set-url** origin https://**<token>**@github.com/Chaotique/test-repo.git

Working with remotes

info `git remote -v` list remotes with url

- `git remote add foo <url>` add a remote with alias "foo"
- `git remote set-url foo <url>` change url of remote foo
- `git push origin master` send updates to origin (origin is the default alias for the default remote)
- `git clone <url>` download complete copy of a repo (with full history) from a platform and make it a remote
- `git pull` = `git fetch` + `git merge` get updates

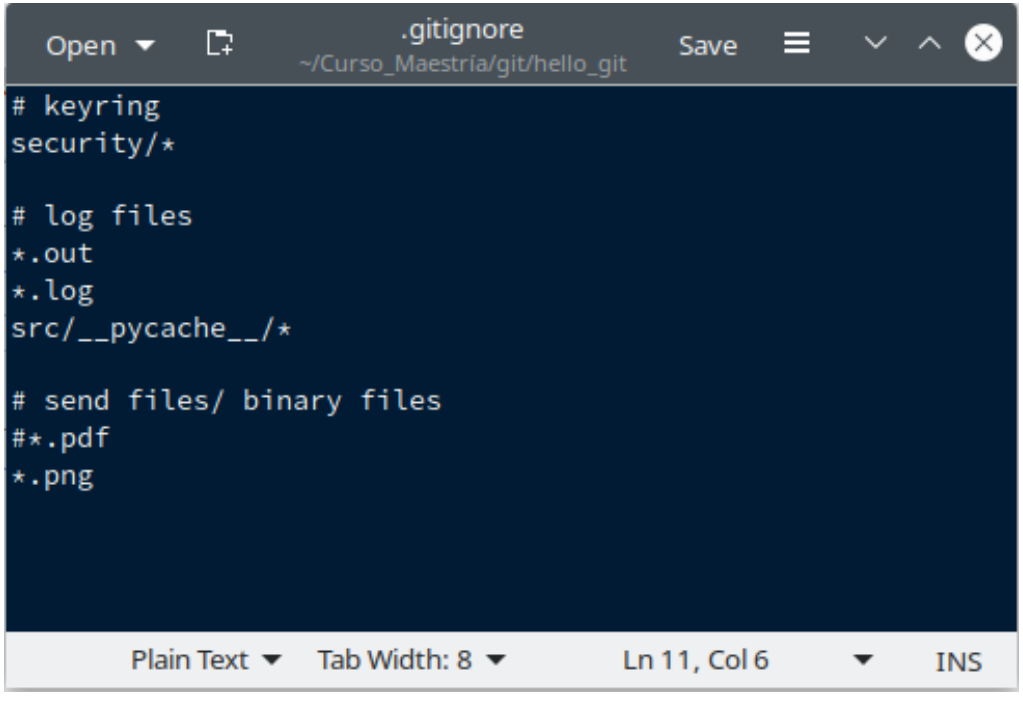
Working in parallel: branching

- `git branch developer` create a branch called "developer"
- `git checkout developer` switch to branch "developer"
- `git checkout -b developer` create a branch called "developer" and switch to it
- `git checkout master` and `git merge developer` switch to master and merge developer branch into master branch
- if necessary, resolve merge conflicts
- `git branch -d developer` delete branch "developer" after successful merge

By the way…

By the way... the first thing to do after `git init`

Adding a `.gitignore` file (using glob patterns) to your `hello_octocat/` folder (or any of its subfolders) makes git ignore the specified files and folders.



By the way... know the difference(s)

You can compare any version on any branch with any version in any state. Most typical examples:

- `git diff`: working directory vs. staged
- `git diff --staged`: staged changes vs. last commit (HEAD)
- `git diff HEAD`: HEAD vs. working directory

For any other versions: you'll find out when you need it :P
Also: Try `git log -p -3` to see log & changes from the last three commits.

By the way... how to undo things? DANGER

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Many steps can be undone on git. But be careful not to delete anything important!

- `git restore --staged example.py` to undo staging (> Git version 2.23.0), `git restore example.py` throws away your modifications, so careful!
- `git commit --amend` to add sth to the commit (use only locally!!)
- `git checkout -- example.py` to throw away all modifications you did since the last commit - DANGER!

By the way... how to delete or move stuff?

You can't simply remove a file, git will notice (tracked files), use `git rm example.py` instead.

Same story about moving files. Either use

```
mv example.py src
git add src/example.py
git rm example.py
```

or instead simply do

```
git mv example.py src
```

What's more?

- **tagging**: give special commits a special name
- **issues**: mark bugs and later refer to them in the fixing commit
- **stashing**: hold modifications (staged or unstaged, but not yet committed) in the air to make other operations first, then pop them back in
- **forks and pull requests**: branch from other peoples projects/repositories and later ask the to accept your proposed changes
- **rebase**: do clean up work on your forest of commits, or run messing up everything completely (experts command)

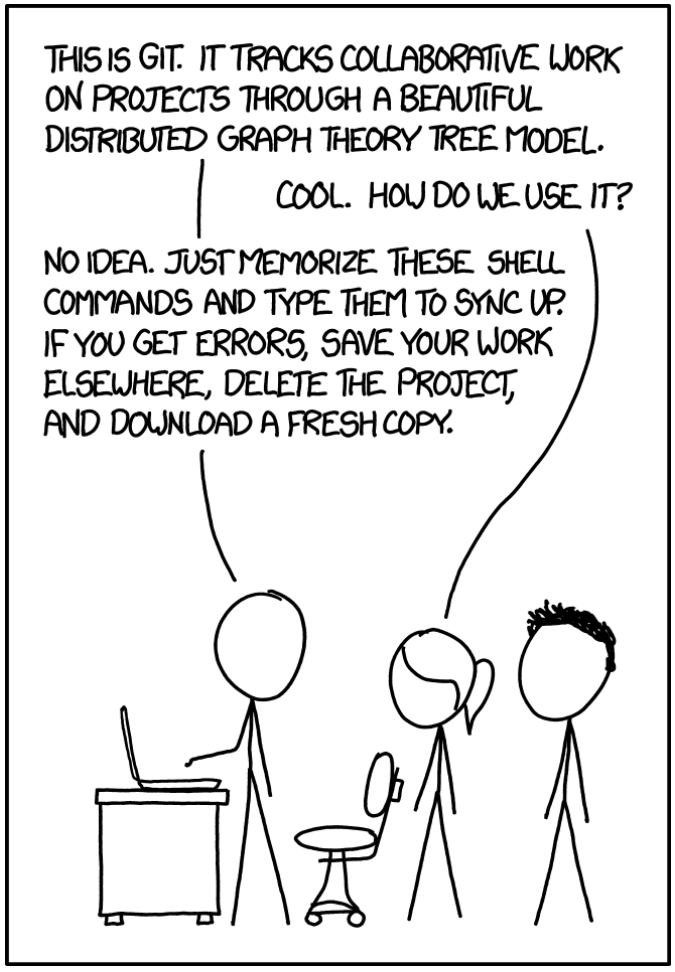
Further reading, Tutorials, Cheat Sheets

Scott Chacon, Ben Straub (2021)
Pro Git
https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2

Tutorials:
https://try.github.io
https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials

Cheat sheets: (several languages)
https://www.git-tower.com/blog/git-cheat-sheet/
https://training.github.com/

Have a lot of fun and joy with git!



And don't forget:
If you upload the codes that you wr(i/o)te during the two weeks and you **fork** them with me (Chaotique), you get some extra credit for your final degree for this assignment!

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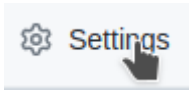

In github, on your repositories page, go to settings.
Then follow next screenshots...

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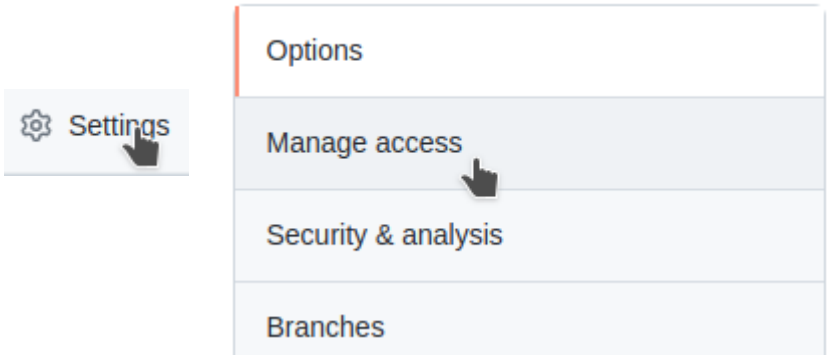

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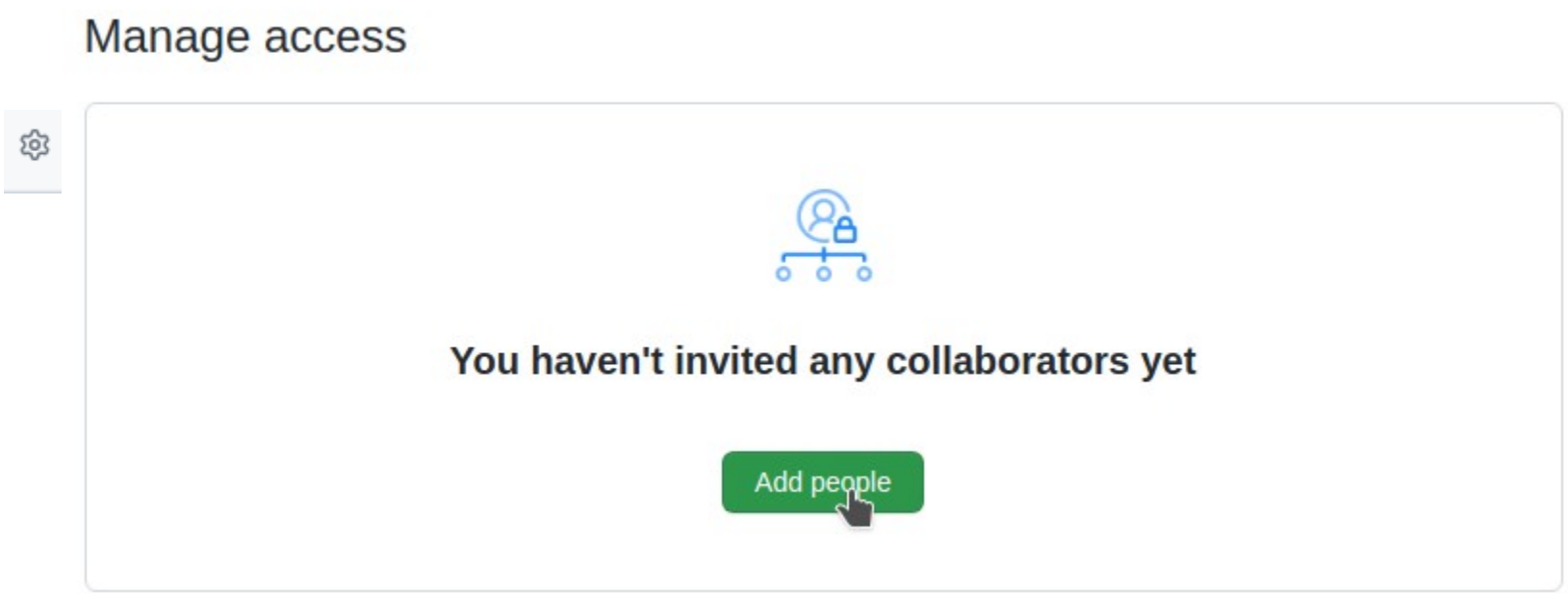

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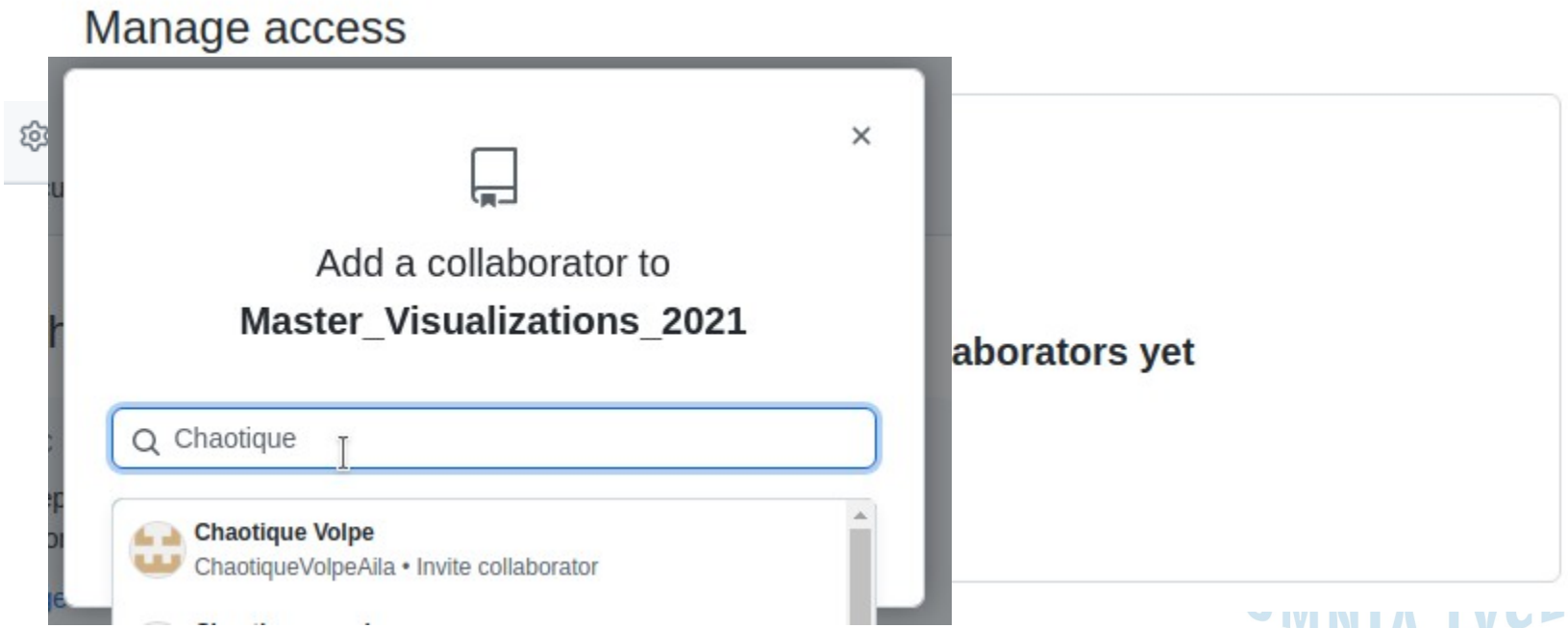

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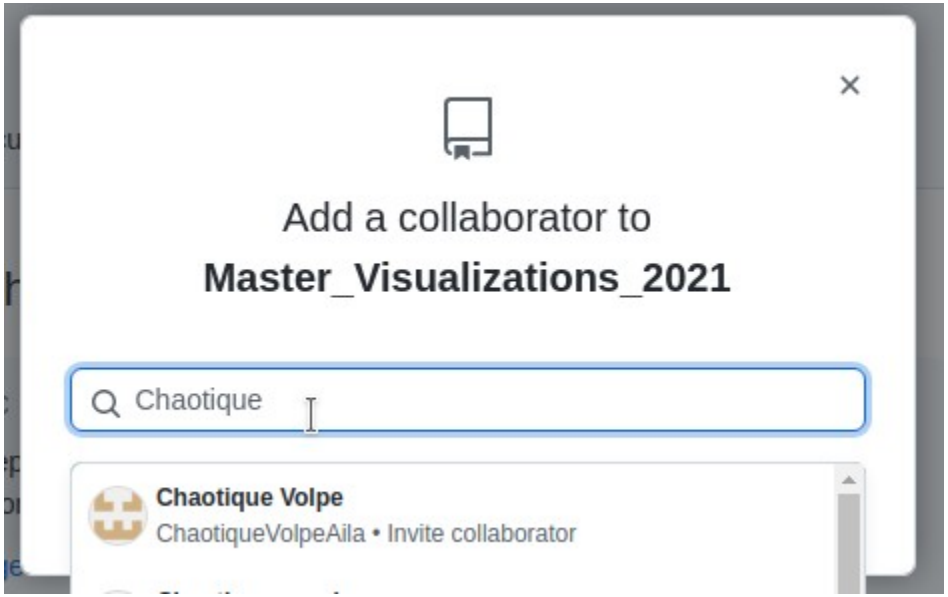

That's me, Chaotique

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