# Reproducible science in action Setting up git for practicals



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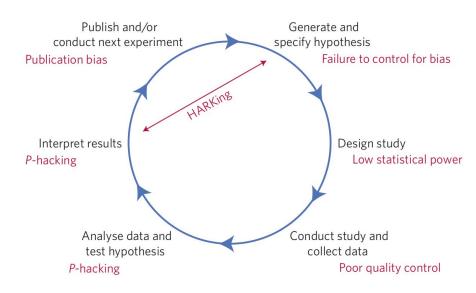
## Overview

- What is reproducible science?
- Code reproducibility
- A conceptual introduction to Git
- Using GitHub repositories
- Practical example: Setting up RStudio with GitHub
- Using git in the command line

## Reproducible Science

**Definition**: Reproducible science refers to the ability to replicate the results of a scientific study using the same methods, data, and conditions. Its application is expected to:

- Ensures the credibility and reliability of scientific findings.
- Enhances transparency and trust in research.
- Facilitates the efficient accumulation and validation of knowledge.



Munafò, M. R., Nosek, B. A., Bishop, D. V., Button, K. S., Chambers, C. D., Percie du Sert, N., ... & Ioannidis, J. (2017). A manifesto for reproducible science. *Nature human behaviour*, 1(1), 1-9.

### What we can do?

#### **Transparency and Open Science:**

- Share data, materials, and code openly.
- Use open-access repositories and platforms like GitHub.

#### **Blinding and Methodological Rigor:**

- Implement blinding to reduce bias.
- Employ rigorous and standardized methods.

#### **Collaboration and Team Science:**

 Foster collaborative efforts and multi-site studies to enhance statistical power and generalizability.



Gallagher, R. V., Falster, D. S., Maitner, B. S., Salguero-Gómez, R., Vandvik, V., Pearse, W. D., ... & Enquist, B. J. (2020). Open Science principles for accelerating trait-based science across the Tree of Life. Nature ecology & evolution, 4(3), 294-303.

# Sharing the code

It is not enough to share the data and the code















Interpretability and traceability become central

## Good practices when sharing the code

#### **Documentation:**

- Provide clear and comprehensive documentation.
- Include a README file with instructions on how to use the code.

#### Licensing:

• Choose an appropriate open-source license (e.g., MIT, GPL).

#### **Version Control:**

- Use Git for version control to track changes and collaborate efficiently.
- Create a well-organized repository structure.

#### Accessibility:

• Share your code on platforms like GitHub or GitLab.

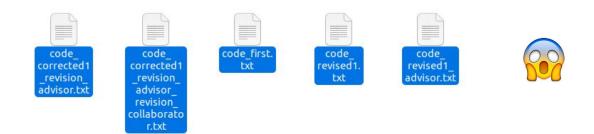
#### **Examples and Tests:**

- Include example datasets and usage examples.
- Provide tests to ensure the code works as intended.



https://docs.github.com/es

### An introduction to Git



**VCS:** Version Control Systems are designed to organize collaborative software development

- They store all revisions of each file.
- They allow us to switch between versions and view differences.
- Each revision must be explicitly created with a message indicating the changes made.
- Distributed: Each user works independently on their own computer but can share their modifications with others.

## Git: Key concepts

- Local repository: The place where the files of a project are stored, along with all the additional information needed for version control.
- **Revision**: A snapshot of the repository at a given moment.
- History: A set of revisions ordered chronologically.
- Remote repository: A server to which Git sends changes when a push is executed.





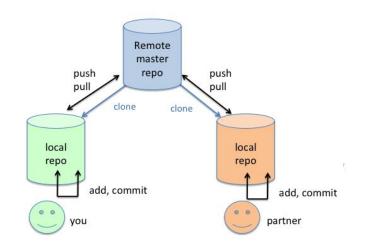








- add: Adds a file to the revision.
- commit: Creates a new revision with a message describing changes.
- **clone**: Downloads a repository and its history.
- push: Shares local commits with a remote server or user.
- **pull**: Updates local repository with changes from others.
- merge: Combines local changes with others' changes.
- status: Shows the state of the local repository.



**Remote repository** 

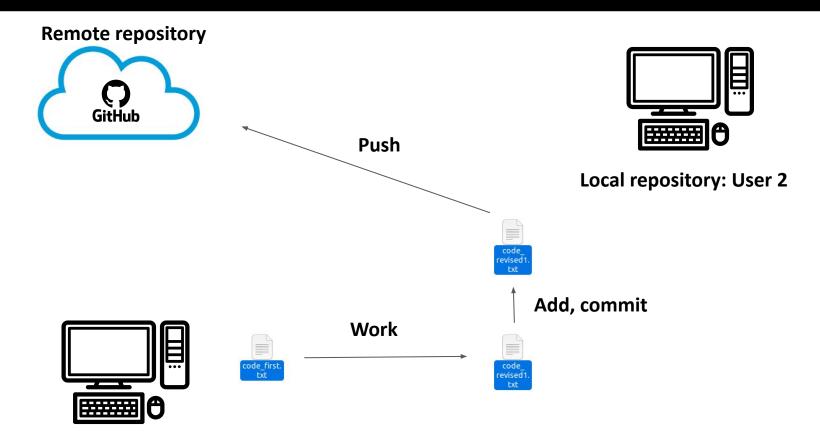




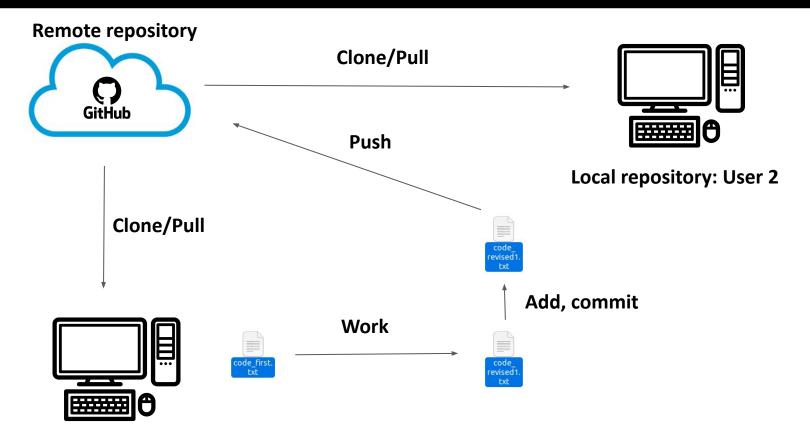
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## Using GitHub repositories

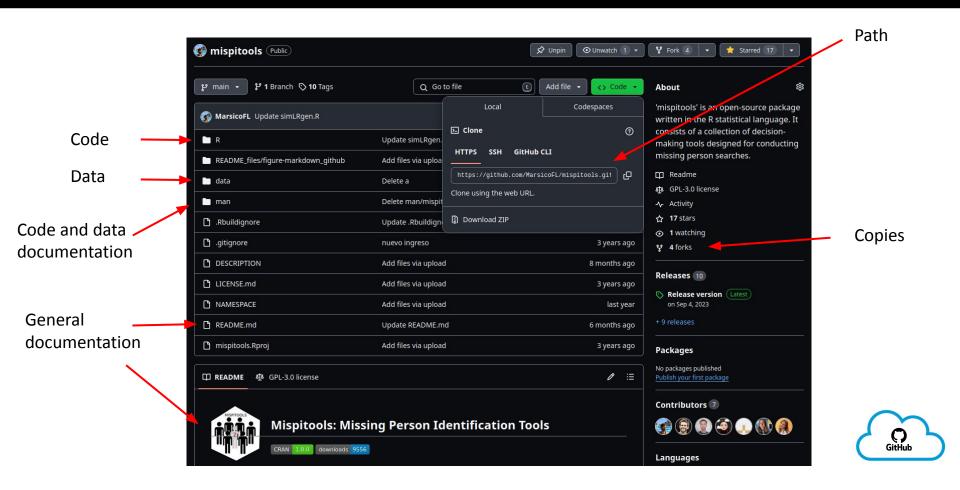
- Several services offer Git repository hosting:
  - Provide a convenient web interface for:
    - Creating repositories
    - Managing user access
    - Viewing files
    - Comparing revisions
    - Viewing history
- Well-known services include:
  - GitHub
  - GitLab
  - Bitbucket

## Repositories > New

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## 1 - Setting Up the key

Guide for Setting Up Git and GitHub with RStudio

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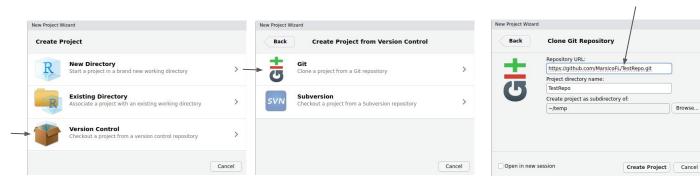
This guide provides a step-by-step process to set up R, RStudio, Git, and GitHub with RStudio. It includes instructions for installing R, RStudio, and Git, configuring Git with RStudio, creating a personal access token for GitHub, and verifying the setup.

https://github.com/ColonnaLab/EMBO\_popgen/blob/main/popgen2024/Franco Marsico/Tutorial RStudio Github.pdf

2 - Open a new git project

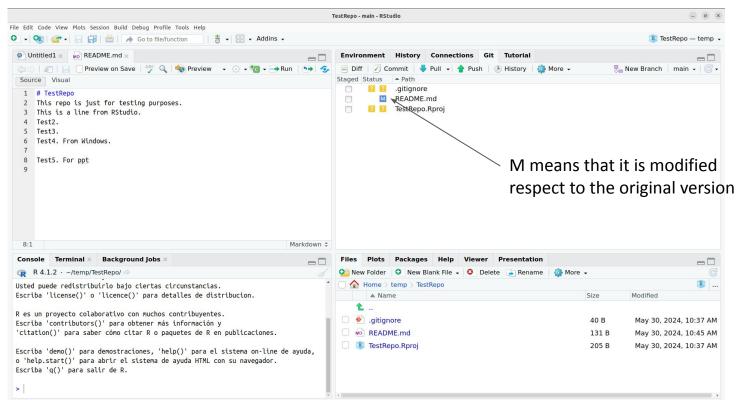
RStudio: File > New Project

Your github repo

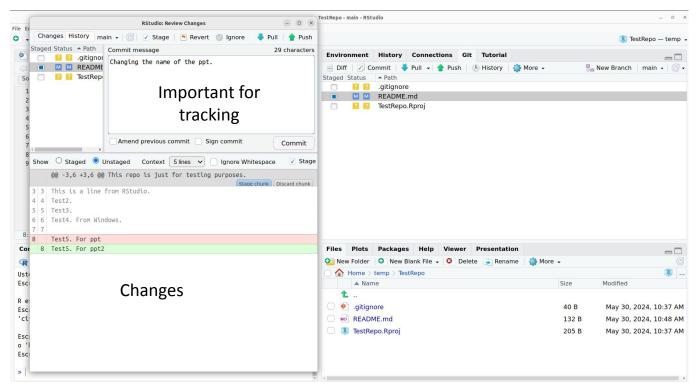


## 3 - Open and modify files

#### Panel showing git actions



## 4 - Commit selecting modified files



## After commit this message appears



#### 5 - Push

#### Git panel > Push

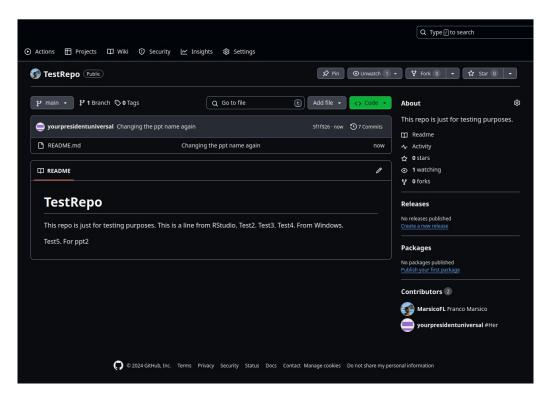
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Git Push

>>> /usr/bin/git push origin HEAD:refs/heads/main
To https://github.com/Marsicoft/TestRepo.git
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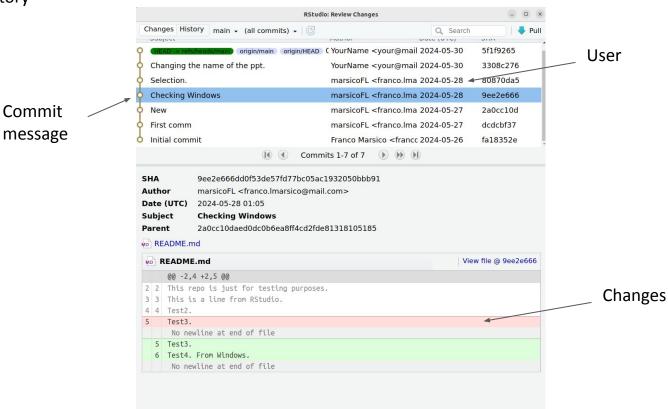
#### 6 - Pull

If the repository is a collaborative exercise is a good practice pull (actualize with changes from other users) after push.

#### Changes are incorporated in the remote repository

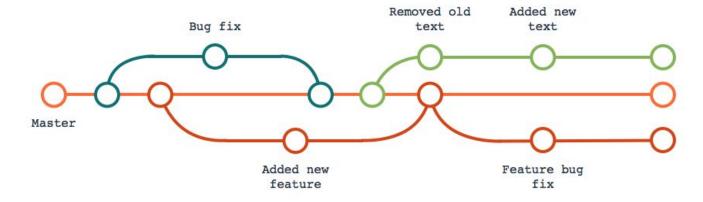


#### 7 - History

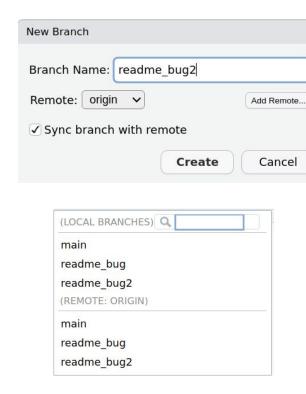


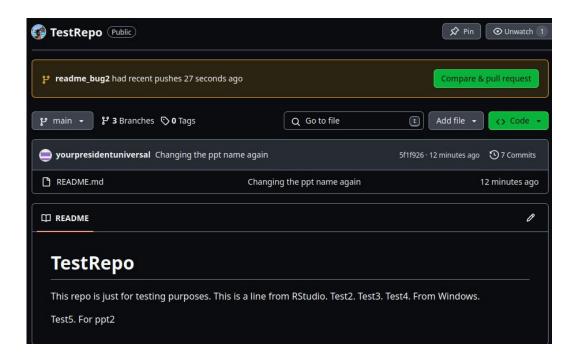
#### 8 - Branching

- **branch**: A fork of the repository's history.
- **merge**: The action of combining the history of two different branches.
- master: The main branch that always exists.
- HEAD: The most current revision of the branch you are on.
- **checkout**: The action to switch from one branch to another (also works with commits!).

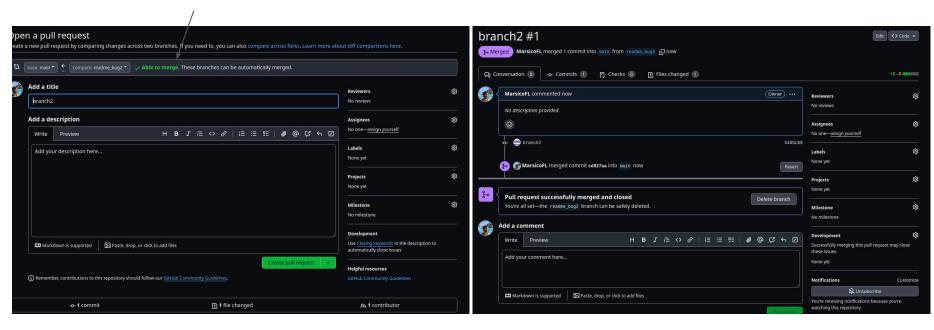


#### Git panel > New Branch





#### Check for conflicts



# Using git in the command line

Why use the git command line?

- The RStudio GUI is very useful for GitHub, but it may fail with other clients.
- It allows working with the terminal and not in interactive mode (useful when working in HPC).
- It provides access to a full range of commands and not only those supported by the GUI.
- Avoiding the GUI is more efficient.

## **Conclusions**

- We have introduced key aspects of reproducible science.
- Assessed the role of sharing code in reproducibility.
- Introduced central concepts of Git and GitHub.
- Set up RStudio GUI for connecting with GitHub.
- Discussed the benefits of Git command line functions.