# How to Use GitHub

## Introduction to Git (Crash Course)

Git is a (decentralized) version control system

### Concepts

- Record of code history
- "Snapshots" of your files commits
- · Revisit snapshots any time

#### **Basic Commands (local)**

- \$git init //initialize local git repository } turns a folder into a local respository
- \$git add <file> //add file to index } temporary location before files are committed
- \$git status //displays difference between working tree and index

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brad@DESKTOP-OKFGGBO MINGW64 ~/Desktop/myapp (master)
$ git status
on branch master

Initial commit

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

new file: app.js
new file: index.html
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- \$git commit //commits changes to local repository

#### **Remote Repository**

- \$git push //push to remote repository } push your changes onto remote version control
- \$git pull //pull latest changes from remote repo
- \$git clone //clone repo into new directory

\$git config —global user.name 'Name'

\$git config -global user.email 'name@service.com'

When you commit a file, an editor will pop up but it will only be in read mode until you press "I".

Press [esc] to get out of insertion (write) mode and the press ":wq" and [enter] to commit.

To skip the edit stage: \$git commit -m "This is where your message goes"

.gitignore //files to not include in your repo, basically a file of files not to include in commits, you can add files/folders/expressions (\*.txt)

#### **Branches**

\$git branch <name> //creates branch

You have to commit the changes before you switch to the branch

\$git checkout <br/>branch name> //switch to branch

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brad@DESKTOP-OKFGGBO MINGW64 ~/Desktop/myapp (login)
$ git checkout master
Switched to branch 'master'
brad@DESKTOP-OKFGGBO MINGW64 ~/Desktop/myapp (master)
$ |
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\$git merge //merge two branches, by default I think it merges the child with the parent

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brad@DESKTOP-OKFGGBO MINGW64 ~/Desktop/myapp (master)
$ git merge login
Merge made by the 'recursive' strategy.
dir2/app2.js | 1 +
index.html | 1 +
log.txt | 1 +
login.html | 1 +
4 files changed, 4 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 dir2/app2.js
create mode 100644 log.txt
create mode 100644 login.html
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...or create a new repository on the command line

echo "# myappsample" >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
git commit -m "first commit"
git remote add origin https://github.com/bradtraversy/myappsample.git
git push -u origin master
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The last two lines are needed to add a remote repo to your local computer, and it will require that you sign in to your account.

\$git clone < link to remote repo> //clones entire repo to local computer