

PHAS3459
Scientific programming using
object-oriented languages

Module 3: Syncing Repositories with GitHub

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Distributed Version Control Systems

- Hopefully most of you will now be up to speed using Git to commit your work locally.
- Quite a few of you have come up against the problem of trying to do work on multiple machines:
 - How do you synchronise work between machines?
 - Doesn't adding the extra complication of using Git make this even harder?
- This is actually exactly what Git is designed for.
- Git is a **Distributed Version Control System**:
 - Developed by Linus Torvalds for writing the Linux kernel.
 - Designed to allow multiple people to work on the same files.
 - Allows repository to be mirrored in multiple locations.

Enter GitHub

- In order to allow you to access your Git repository from multiple machines, you need somewhere to store your **central** git repository:
 - Acts as the reference from which all other copies of your repository synchronise changes.
 - Allows you to copy the repository (**clone**) to a new machine without setting up everything from scratch.
- This is normally a server that everybody working on the project has access to.
- We will be using Github:
 - Popular online resource for Git repositories(!)
 - Provides free accounts for anyone with academic email(!!)
 - Allows academic accounts to create private repositories(!!!)

Some More Git Terminology

- **Local.** The copy of your git repository on your local machine.
- **Remote.** The central git repository that you use to keep all your local repositories synchronised.
- **Clone.** The act of copying an existing repository to create a new one, complete with your entire Git history.
- **Merge.** Bringing together two repositories that differ. A simple merge simply aggregates all the files within them. More complex merging is required if individual files need to be compared and merged (see below).
- **Pull.** Bringing down all of the new commits and changes from your remote repository and merging them with your local repository. This may be as simple as fast-forwarding your repository to the latest commit or may require more sophisticated merging if you have made conflicting commits to both repositories (which is best avoided...).
- **Push.** The opposite of a pull. Once you have committed your changes to your local repository, you “push” them up to your remote. You can now pull those changes down to your other machines, or allow other users to see your changes.

Setting Up Your GitHub Account

- If you don't already have a GitHub account, you can sign up from the GitHub homepage: <https://github.com>
- Use your academic “@ucl.ac.uk” email address when signing up (this is important).
- You will be sent an email with a verification link.

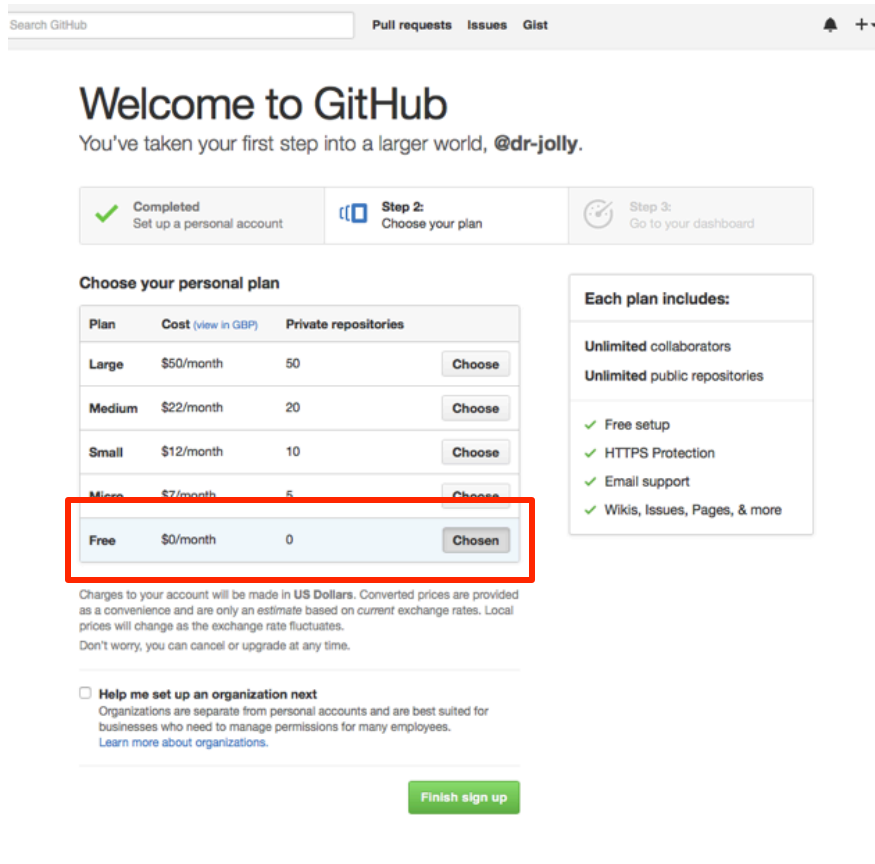


Why you'll love GitHub.

Powerful features to make software development more collaborative.

Account Setup

Choose a free account:



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Welcome to GitHub

You've taken your first step into a larger world, @dr-jolly.

Completed Set up a personal account

Step 2: Choose your plan

Step 3: Go to your dashboard

Choose your personal plan

Plan	Cost (view in GBP)	Private repositories	
Large	\$50/month	50	Choose
Medium	\$22/month	20	Choose
Small	\$12/month	10	Choose
Free	\$0/month	0	Chosen

Charges to your account will be made in US Dollars. Converted prices are provided as a convenience and are only an estimate based on current exchange rates. Local prices will change as the exchange rate fluctuates. Don't worry, you can cancel or upgrade at any time.

☐ Help me set up an organization next

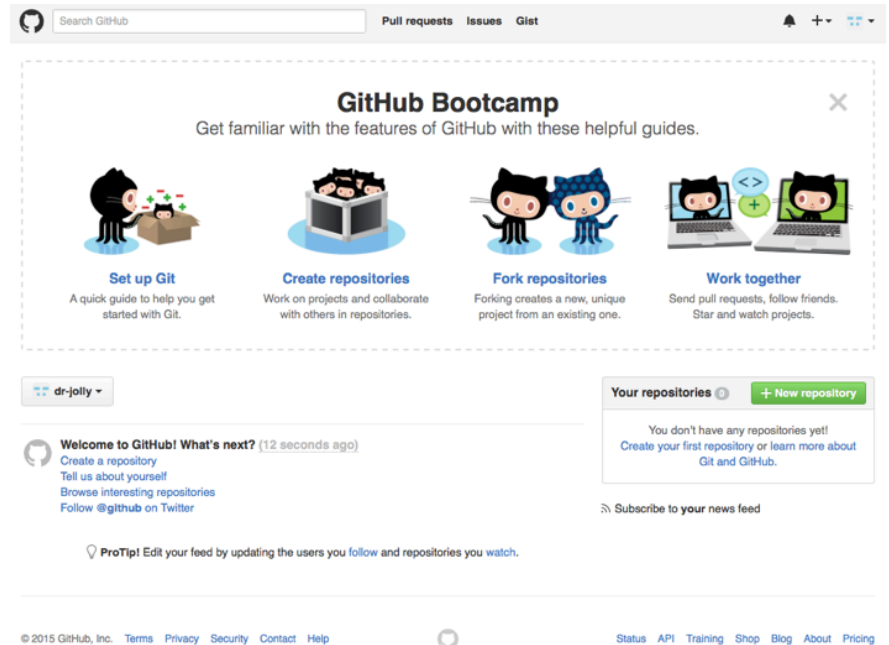
Organizations are separate from personal accounts and are best suited for businesses who need to manage permissions for many employees. [Learn more about organizations.](#)

Finish sign up

Each plan includes:

- Unlimited collaborators
- Unlimited public repositories
- Free setup
- HTTPS Protection
- Email support
- Wikis, Issues, Pages, & more

Your Github homepage:



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GitHub Bootcamp

Get familiar with the features of GitHub with these helpful guides.

- Set up Git**: A quick guide to help you get started with Git.
- Create repositories**: Work on projects and collaborate with others in repositories.
- Fork repositories**: Forking creates a new, unique project from an existing one.
- Work together**: Send pull requests, follow friends. Star and watch projects.

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Your repositories

+ New repository

You don't have any repositories yet! [Create your first repository or learn more about Git and GitHub.](#)

Subscribe to your news feed

Welcome to GitHub! What's next? (12 seconds ago)

- Create a repository
- Tell us about yourself
- Browse interesting repositories
- Follow @github on Twitter

ProTip! Edit your feed by updating the users you follow and repositories you watch.

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Registering For An Academic Account

- In order to create free private repositories, you need to register for an academic account.
- Go to <https://education.github.com>
- You need to have clicked the link in the GitHub verification email before you can access the registration page.



Register Your Academic Details

Education [Stories](#) [Events](#) [Student pack](#) [Classroom guide](#) [Contact us](#)

Request a discount

Discounted and free plans are available for educational use

Step 1
Tell us what you need

Step 2
Tell us about you

Which best describes you?

☐ Student
☐ Teacher

☐ Researcher
☐ Administrator/staff

☐ Other

What are you looking to get a discount for? ⓘ

☐ Individual account
☐ Organization account

Next

Select "Student" and "Individual Account"

Step 1
Tell us what you need

Step 2
Tell us about you

Name

jamcquade

Verify academic status

Select your school-issued email address:

jessica.mcquade.13@ucl.ac.uk

If your school-issued email address isn't listed, please [add](#) and [verify](#) it, then refresh this page.

School name

University College London, University of London

Graduation year

2017

How do you plan to use GitHub?

Working on modules at home.]

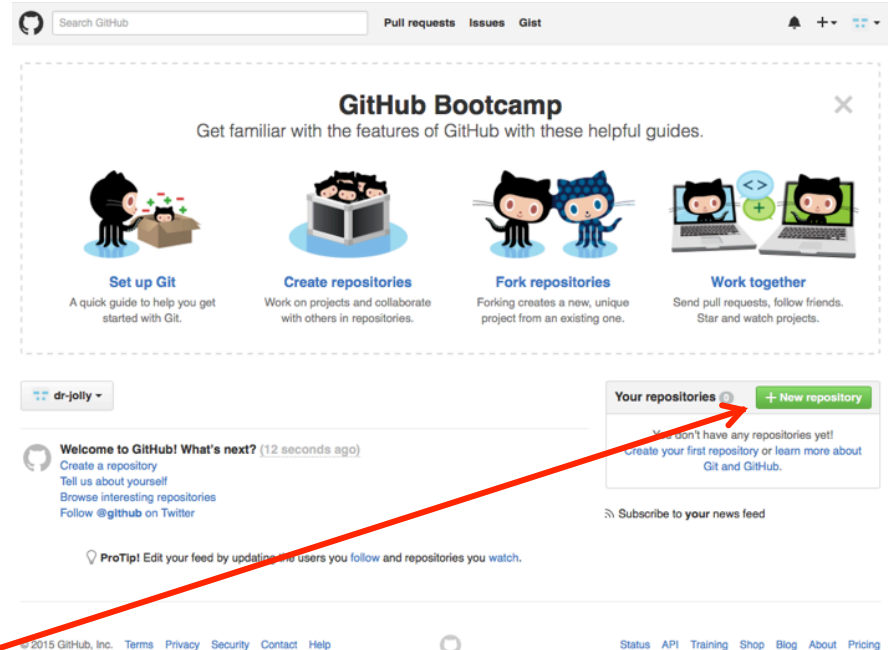
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Submit Request

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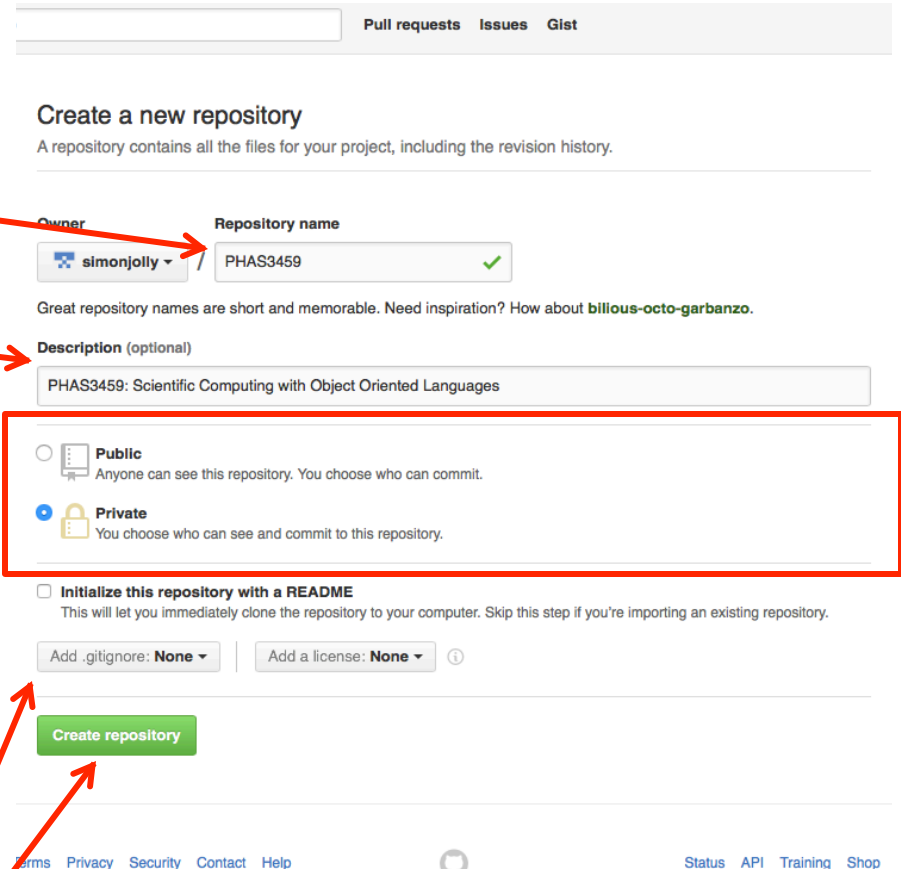
GitHub Academic Registration

- You should get a confirmation email reasonably quickly telling you that you have been approved for an academic account.
- Now go back to your GitHub homepage and select “New Repository”.
- We need to create a “bare” repository into which we can clone our existing repository in Eclipse.



GitHub New Repository

- You can call the repository anything you like, but “PHAS3459” might make sense...
- The Description is optional.
- MAKE SURE THE REPOSITORY IS PRIVATE!**
Public repositories can be seen by anybody with access to the web and a search engine...
- Leave the remaining options as-is.
- Select “Create Repository”.



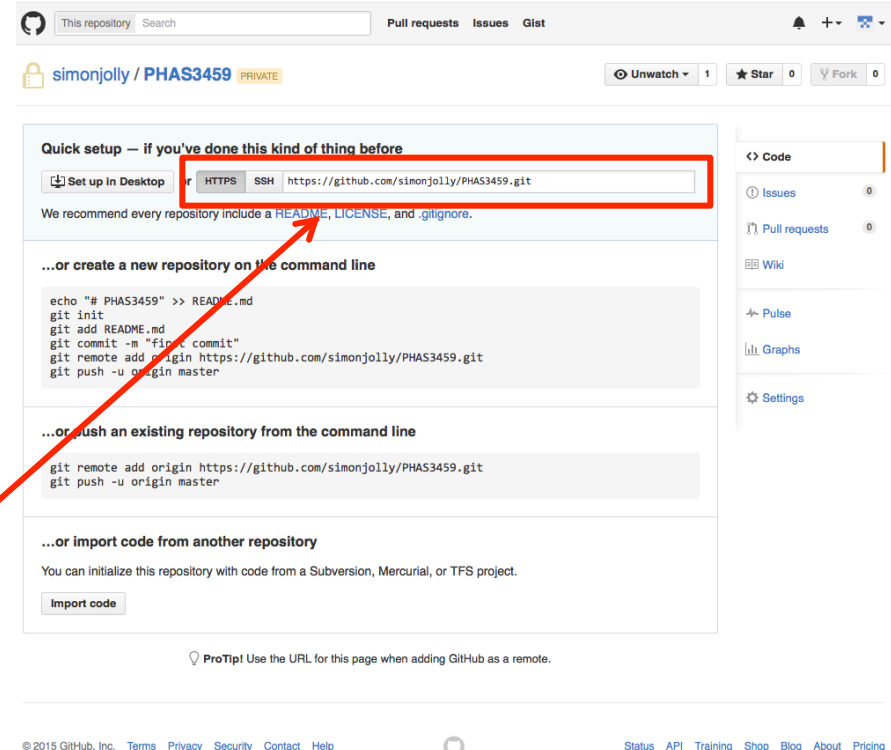
The screenshot shows the GitHub 'Create a new repository' page. Red arrows from the text on the left point to the following elements:

- An arrow points to the 'Repository name' field, which contains 'PHAS3459' and has a green checkmark.
- An arrow points to the 'Description (optional)' field, which contains 'PHAS3459: Scientific Computing with Object Oriented Languages'.
- A large red box highlights the visibility options. An arrow points to the 'Private' option, which is selected with a blue radio button. The 'Public' option is unselected.
- An arrow points to the 'Create repository' button at the bottom.

Other visible elements include the 'Owner' dropdown set to 'simonjolly', the 'Initialize this repository with a README' checkbox, and the 'Add .gitignore' and 'Add a license' dropdowns, both set to 'None'.

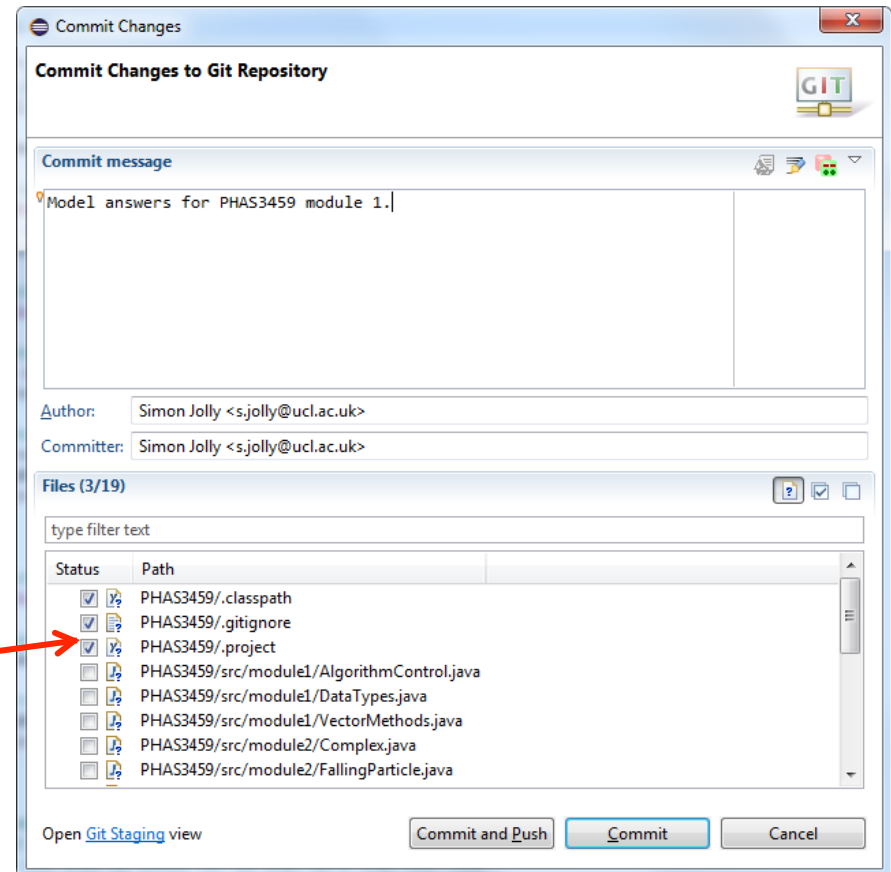
Your New Remote Repository

- Once the repository has been created, you'll be shown the Quick Setup screen.
- Don't make any changes here! You don't want to add anything to the repository in GitHub.
- Make a note of the HTTPS URL given at the top: you'll need this in Eclipse.
- Make sure you choose HTTPS (GitHub won't sync via SSH without setting up ssh keys).

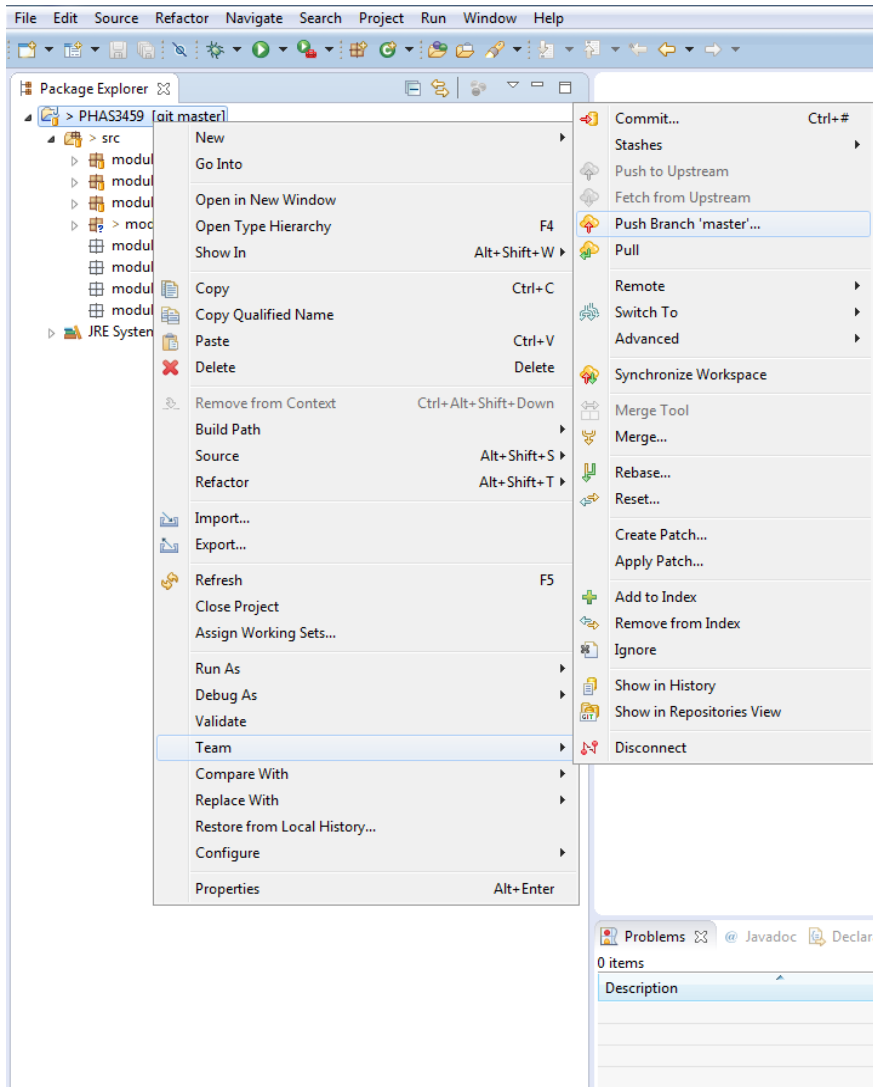


Commit Eclipse Project Files

- First of all, make sure you have a working Git repository in Eclipse!
- Save and commit your latest work.
- If you want your work to properly sync between multiple versions of Eclipse, **make sure you have committed the following 3 files to your repository:**
 - .classpath
 - .gitignore
 - .project



Push Your Local Repository

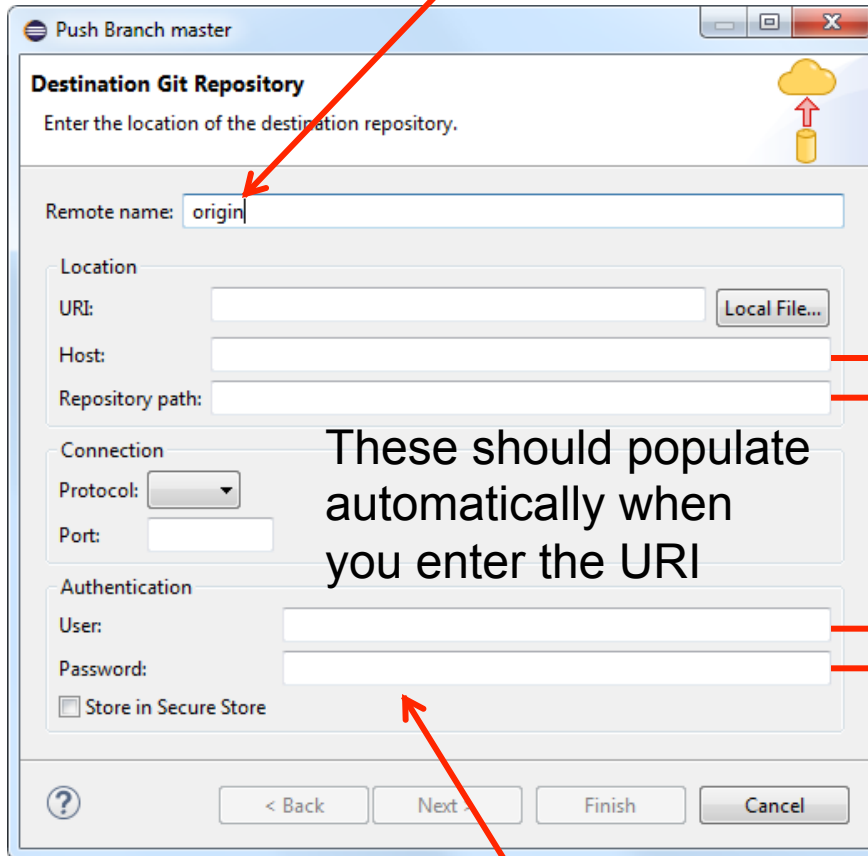


- Now you need to set up the remote to push your repository to.
- We can do this automatically by asking Eclipse to push a repository that doesn't have a remote associated with it.
- Right-click on your project and select "Team → Push Branch 'master'..."

Set Up Remote Repository

Call your Remote name "origin"

Enter in the address for your repository on GitHub



Destination Git Repository
Enter the location of the destination repository.

Remote name:

Location

URI:

Host:

Repository path:

Connection

Protocol:

Port:

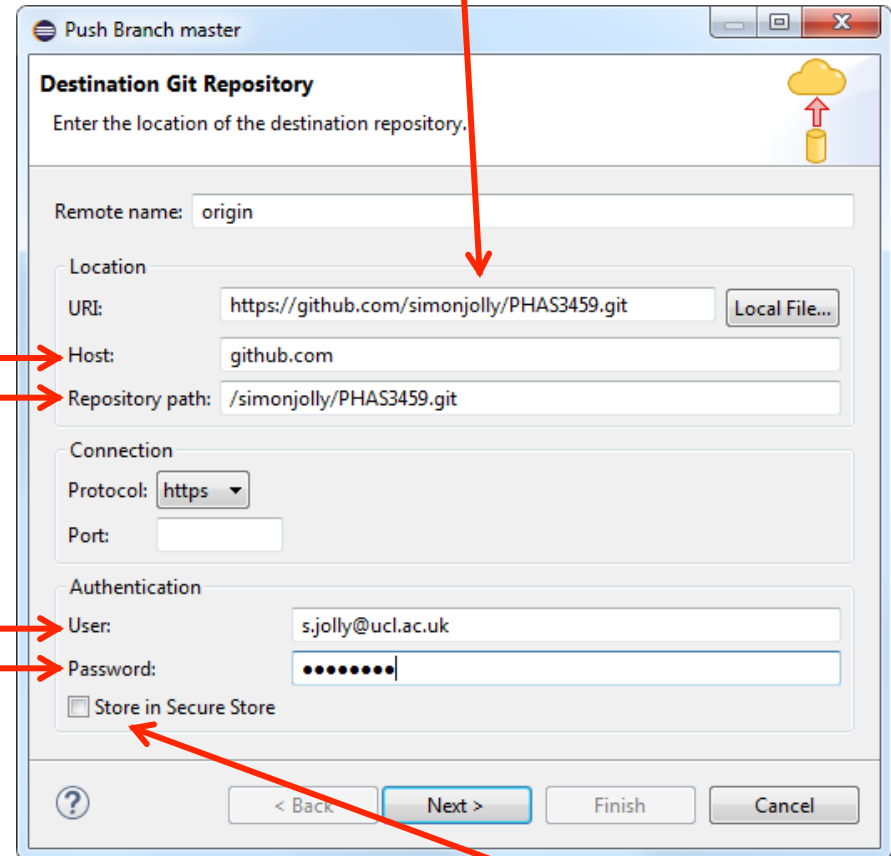
Authentication

User:

Password:

☐ Store in Secure Store

These should populate automatically when you enter the URI



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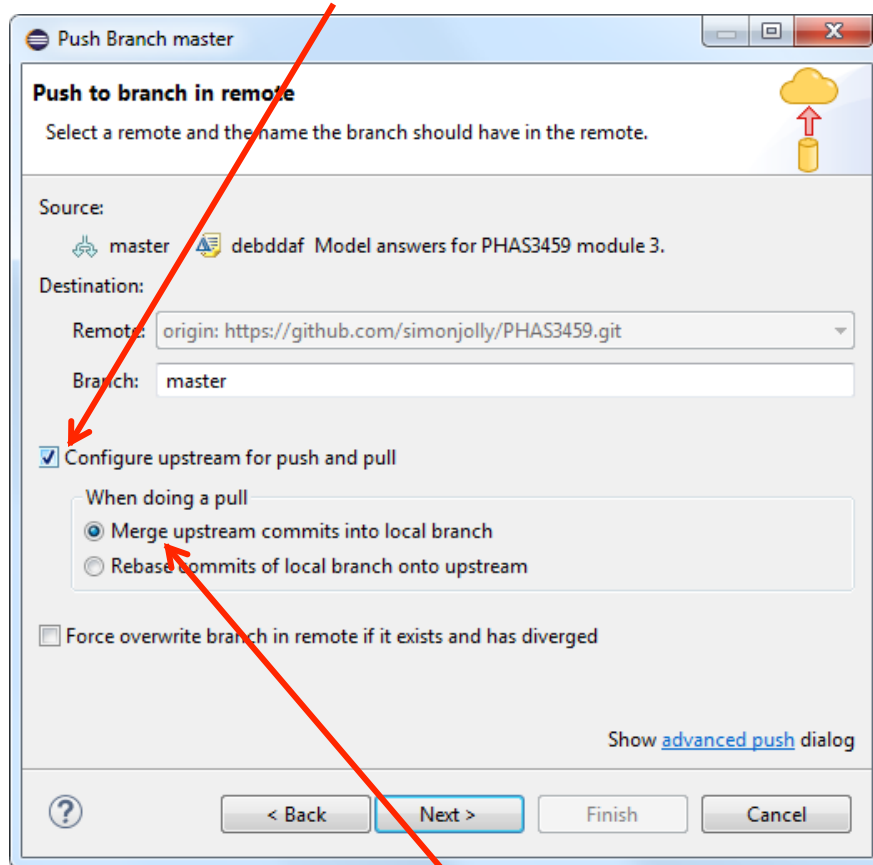
☒ Store in Secure Store

Enter in your login details for GitHub ("User" can either be your username or email)

Select "Store in Secure Store" if you want to save your credentials

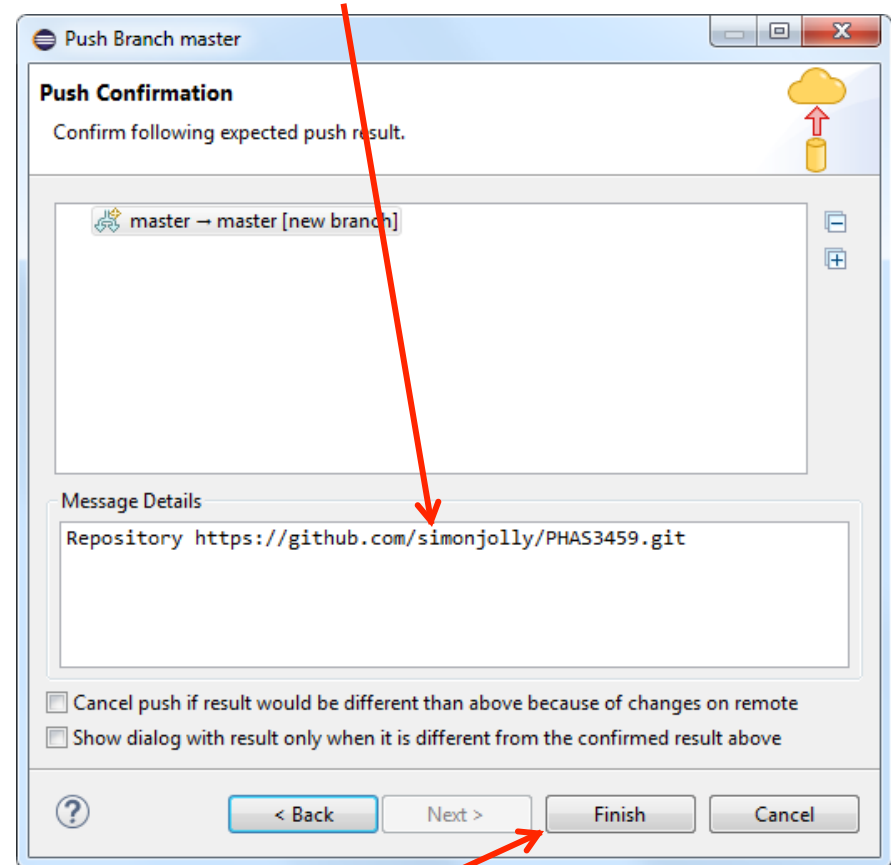
Push To Remote Repository

Make sure “Configure upstream...” is selected



Select “Merge upstream commits...”

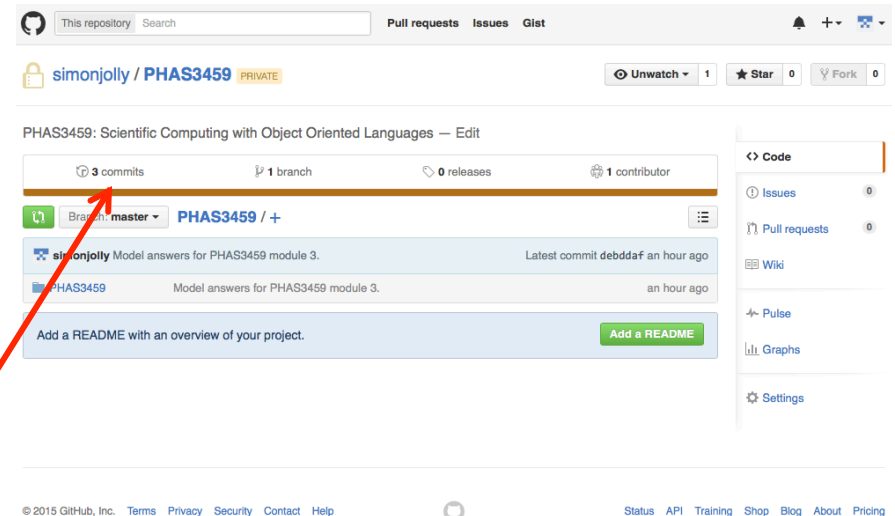
Make sure the repository matches with GitHub



Click “Finish”.

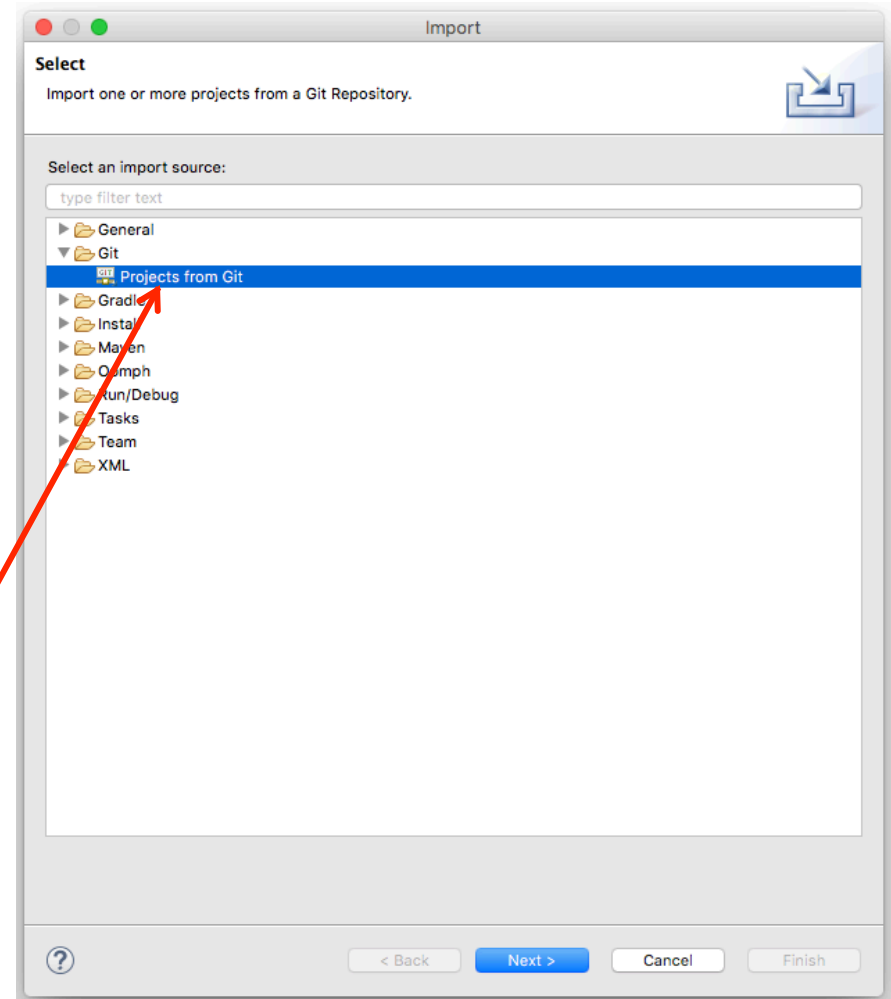
Synced Repository On GitHub

- You should now have successfully synced your repository with GitHub!
- If you go back to GitHub, you should now be able to see the repository you've just pushed over.
- Click on the “commits” link and make sure GitHub matches what you see when you right-click on the Project in Eclipse and select “Show in History”.



Setting Up A New Project

- Now we'd like to pull that repository from GitHub to another local machine to synchronise a second machine with the same repository.
- Start off with a completely bare workspace in Eclipse (make sure you create a new directory on your local machine called "workspace").
- Select "File → Import..."
- From the Import window, select "Git → Projects from Git..."



Import Repository From GitHub

- From “Select Repository Source”, choose “Clone URI”.
- Under “Source Git Repository”, enter the information from GitHub for the repository you created previously:
 - Enter the URI listed for your repository on the GitHub web page.
 - The remaining entries should populate automatically.
 - Enter your username and password for GitHub.
- Click “Next”.

Import Projects from Git

Source Git Repository

Enter the location of the source repository.

Location

URI: Local File...

Host:

Repository path:

Connection

Protocol:

Port:

Authentication

User:

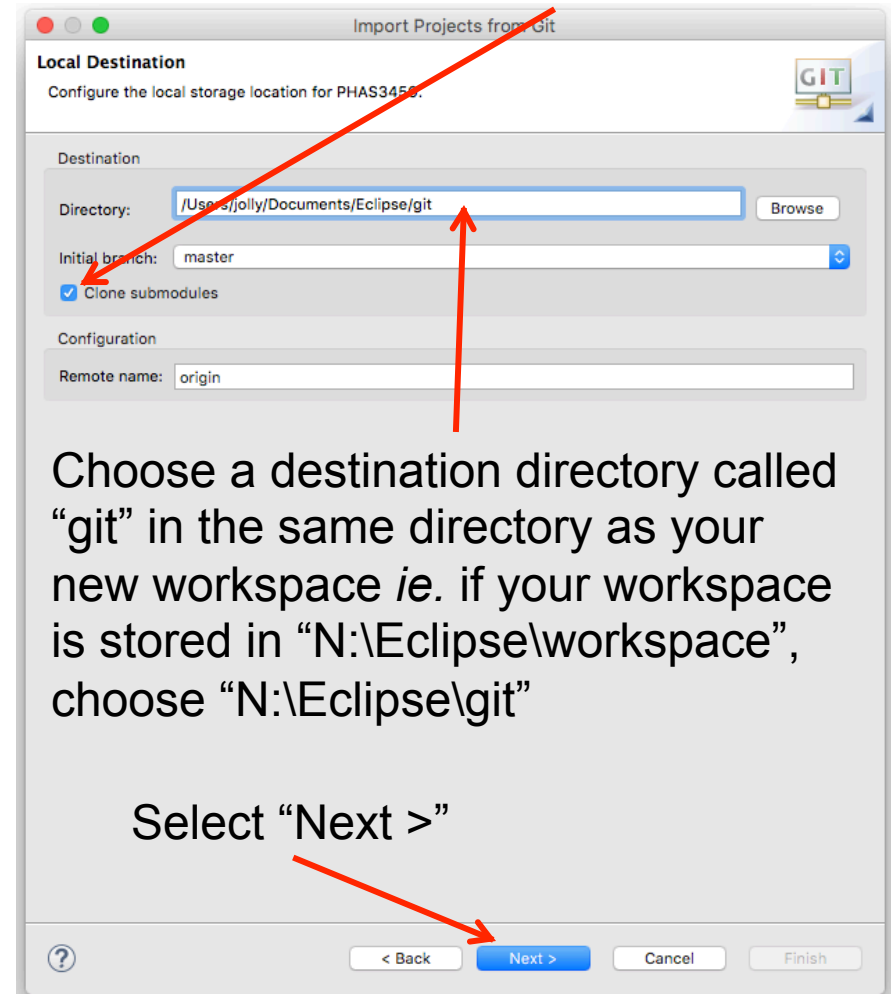
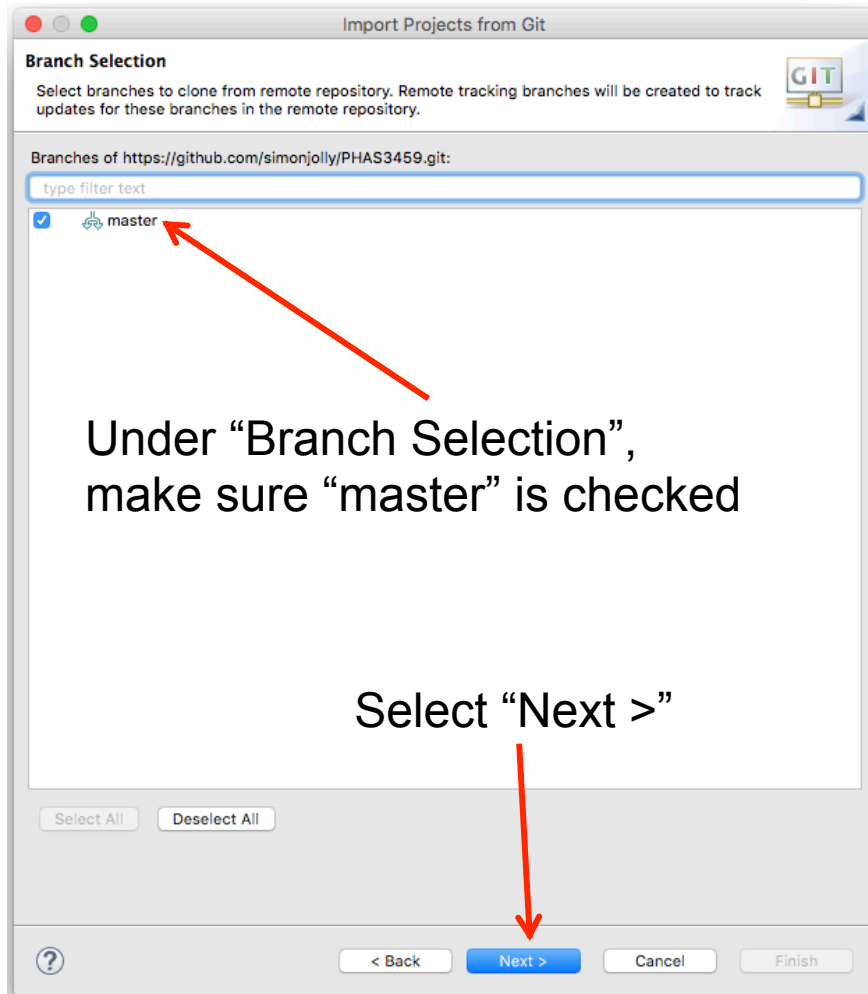
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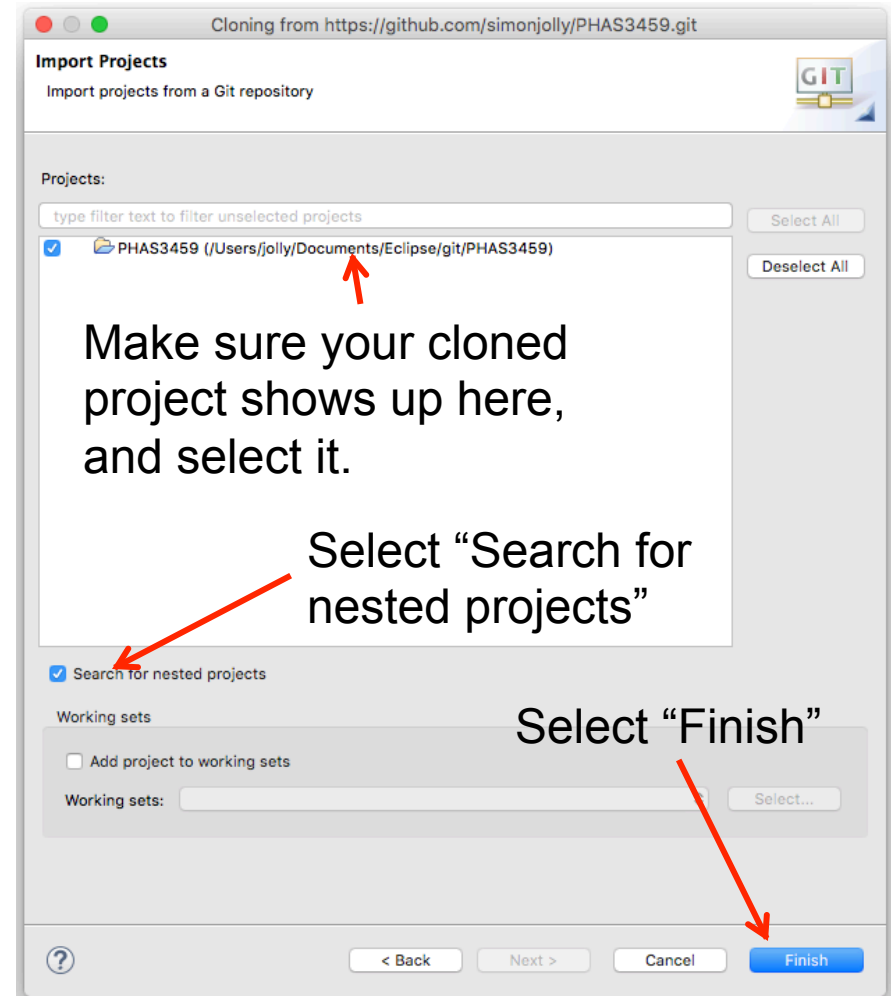
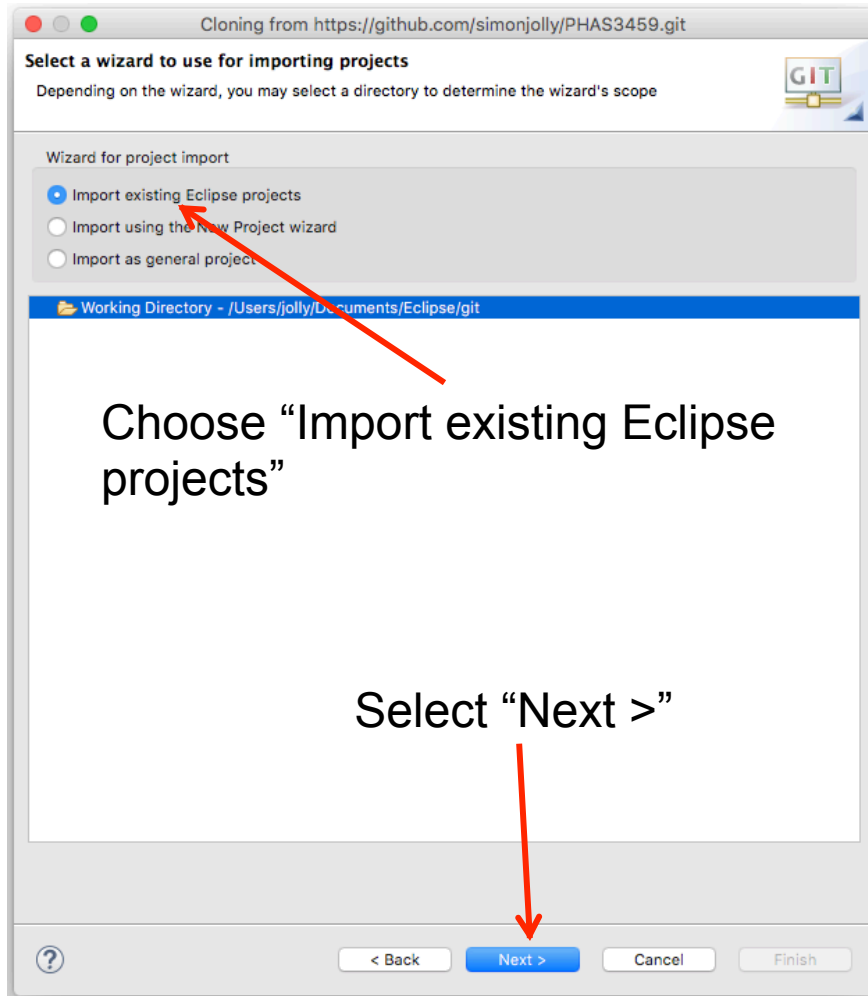
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Import Projects From Git

Select “Clone submodules”



Import As Eclipse Project



Your “New” Git Repository

- You should have now cloned your Git repository into your new workspace.
- This will allow you to keep multiple versions of the same Eclipse workspace synchronised across various machines.
- To update your local repository, select “Team → Push to Upstream”.
- To update your remote (GitHub) repository, select “Team → Pull”.
- The golden rules are:
 - Before starting work, always pull down the latest commits from your remote repository.
 - Once you’ve finished work, always push your latest commits to your remote repository.
 - **KEEP YOUR GITHUB REPOSITORY PRIVATE!!**
- Thanks to Richard Tweed and Jessica McQuade for acting as guinea pigs...