

## Week 02 - Getting started with GitHub

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# git

[MISSING


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## **GitHub classroom**

For assignments/exercises we are going to use  GitHub classroom and  GitHub repositories.


Each weeks assignment will be in its own git repository.


Each  GitHub Classroom assignment will start with an invitation that you need to open and accept.

Here is the **2023-wk02 Getting started with GitHub** assignment invitation:

<https://classroom.github.com/a/7FwdgSmG>

### **Join the Classroom (Once)**

Opening an assignment invitation for the first time, you will be requested to join the classroom by linking your  Account to a TAMK identifier (most likely your student number or tuni email).

You only need to join the  classroom once. Find your identifier and click on it to proceed.


## Join the classroom:

### GitHub Classroom Demo

To join the GitHub Classroom for this course, please select yourself from the list below to associate your GitHub account with your school's identifier (i.e., your name, ID, or email).

Can't find your name? [Skip to the next step](#) →

Identifiers	
503574	>
508370	>
530703	>
563903	>

- .  *Note*
- . *The classroom is **programming-languages2***
- . *Identifier is your **TUNI email***
- .
- . *If your identifier is not there, let me know!*
- . *If you linked by accident to the wrong identifier, let me know!*

### Accept the Assignment

Accept the assignment by clicking on the “Accept this assignment” button.

programming-languages-2-3007

## Accept the assignment — 2023-wk02 Getting started with GitHub

Once you accept this assignment, you will be granted access to the `2023-wk02-getting-started-with-github-lhbotha` repository in the `se-5G00DL97` organization on GitHub.

Accept this assignment

After accepting the assignment, an assignment repository will be automatically created for you. It will also import all the skeleton code.



You accepted the assignment, **2023-wk02 Getting started with GitHub**. We're configuring your repository now. This may take a few minutes to complete. Refresh this page to see updates.

Note: You may receive an email invitation to join `se-5G00DL97` on your behalf. No further action is necessary.

The page doesn't always automatically refresh so you might need to reload the page.

When the assignment repository is created, you will be provided with a link to the repository.



## You're ready to go!


You accepted the assignment, **2023-wk02 Getting started with GitHub**.

Your assignment repository has been created:

 <https://github.com/se-5G00DL97/2023-wk02-getting-started-with-github-lhbotha>

We've configured the repository associated with this assignment ([update](#)).

Note: You may receive an email invitation to join [se-5G00DL97](#) on your behalf. No further action is necessary.

Click on the link to open the assignment repository. You should now see the normal  repository dashboard.

.  ***Always start by reading the README.md carefully*** 


The README.md will always contain the instructions for the assignment and exercises. This assignment, probably most, also contains skeleton code that you need to complete.

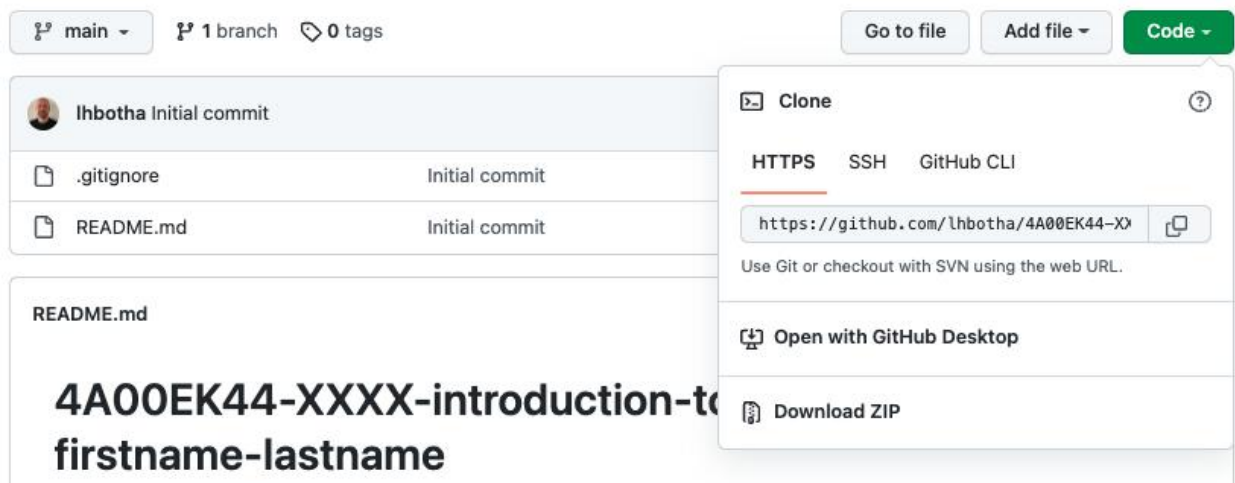
The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links for Pulls, Issues, Codespaces, Marketplace, and Explore. The repository name is 'se-5G00DL97 / 2023-wk02-getting-started-with-github-lhbotha' and it's marked as 'Private'. Below the name, it says 'generated from se-5G00DL97/getting-started-with-github'. There are buttons for 'Edit Pins', 'Watch' (0), 'Fork' (0), 'Star' (0), and 'Checklist'. A navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. Below this, there's a 'main' branch selector, 'Go to file', 'Add file', and a 'Code' button. A commit history table shows two commits: 'github-classroom[bot] Initial commit' and '.gitignore Initial commit', both from '1 minute ago'. A blue box prompts to 'Add a README'. On the right, the 'About' section states '2023-wk02-getting-started-with-github-lhbotha created by GitHub Classroom' and shows 0 stars, 0 watching, and 0 forks. The 'Releases' section says 'No releases published' with a link to 'Create a new release'. The 'Packages' section says 'No packages published' with a link to 'Publish your first package'.

## GitHub and git clone

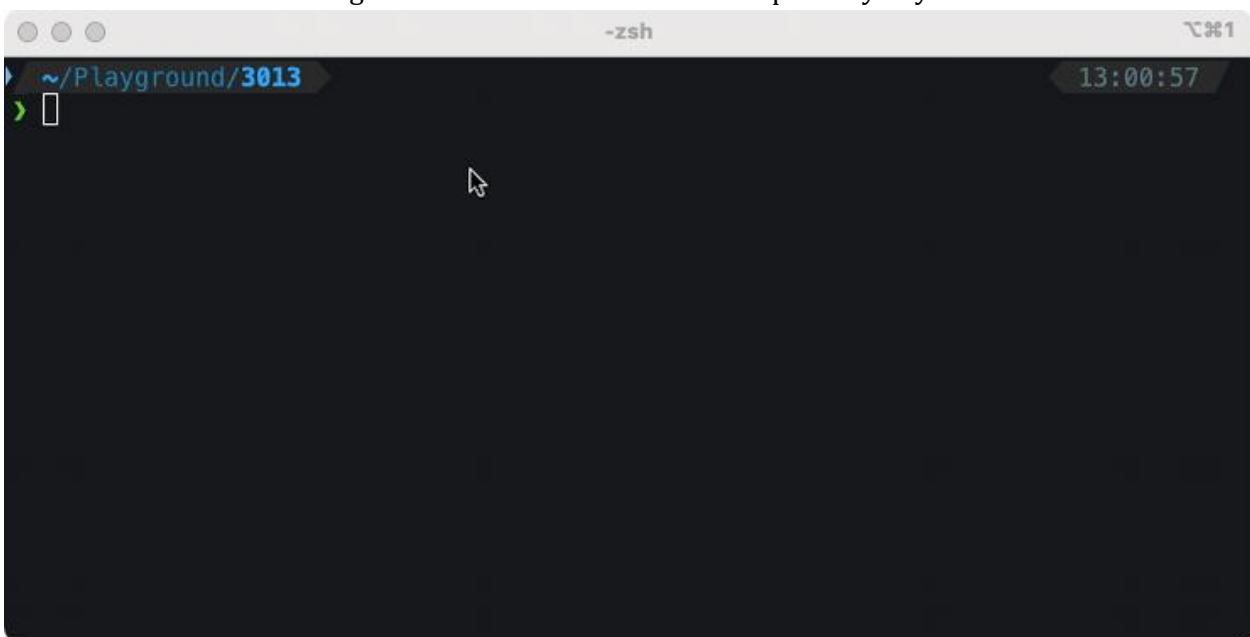
Git is a **distributed version control system**, which is freely made available as open source. Several well-known names, like the Linux kernel, Eclipse and Android use Git for managing their projects.

There is GUI tools for using git but using the command line will give you much more street cred.

.  *Repository name is different then in screenshots*




Open a terminal and change to the directory to where you want to keep the repository on your local machine. Now use the git clone command to clone the repository to your local machine.

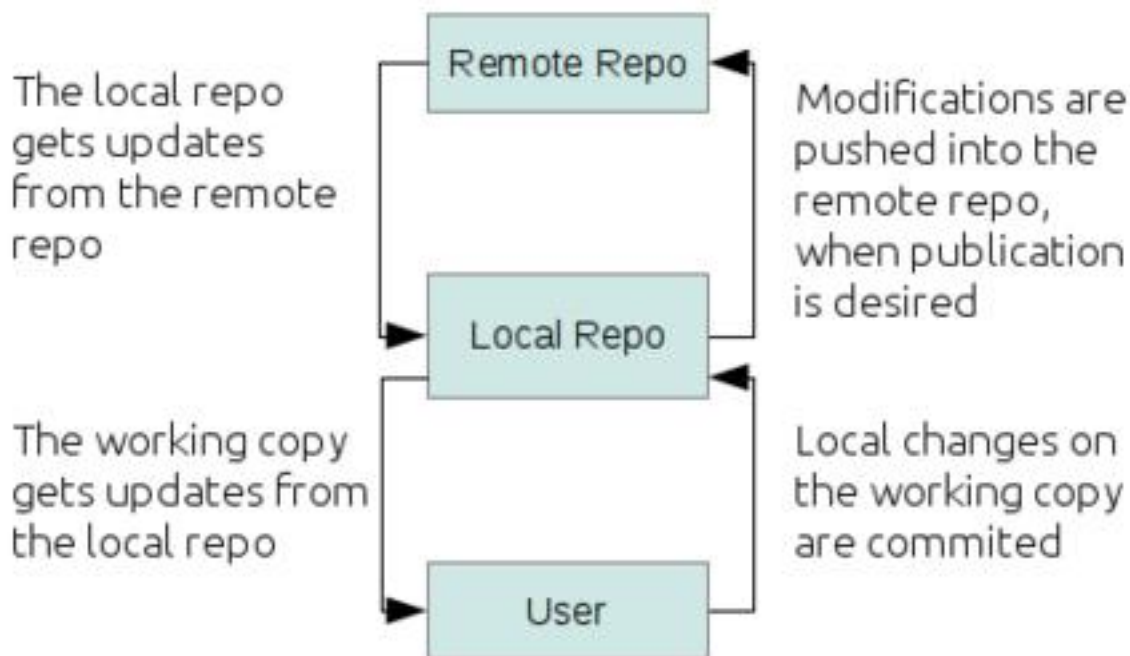


In the directory where the repository is cloned we can see the README.md file. There is also hidden files and directories.

```
> ls -la
total 16
drwxr-xr-x  5 louis  staff  160 Aug  2 13:01 .
drwxr-xr-x  3 louis  staff   96 Aug  2 13:01 ..
drwxr-xr-x 12 louis  staff  384 Aug  2 13:01 .git
-rw-r--r--  1 louis  staff  278 Aug  2 13:01 .gitignore
-rw-r--r--  1 louis  staff  103 Aug  2 13:01 README.md
```

There is basically 3 copies of the README.md file now in existence:

- Remote repository on  GitHub
- The cloned local repository
- The working copy (the visible files in the directory)



The simple workflow is that you make changes to the working copy, that you **commit** to the local repository which is then returned (pushed) to the remote repository.

The local version of the repository is in the .git directory, you should never need to change things there.

In the .gitignore file you place each filename or file type that you want git to ignore when checking for changes. For example, we used the Java template when creating the repository so there is a ignore added already for Java .class files.

```
> cat .gitignore
# Compiled class file
*.class
```



When using git for the first time you will be prompted at some point that you need to set a user name and user email. Setting this configuration values are compulsory as it is needed in the git logs. You set it on the command line with the following commands.

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email "youremail@yourdomain.com"
```

To visualize the point, here is the log of the newly created repository:

```
> git log
commit 66a94b0b4fb55e3c0dfd1471a9597620e60ec35b (HEAD -> main, origin/main, origin/HEAD)
Author: Louis Botha <lh.botha@gmail.com>
Date: Tue Aug 2 12:45:21 2022 +0300

    Initial commit
```

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## New files

Create a new file called programming-languages.txt in your working directory.

Add some content to the file:

- JavaScript
- Java
- C++

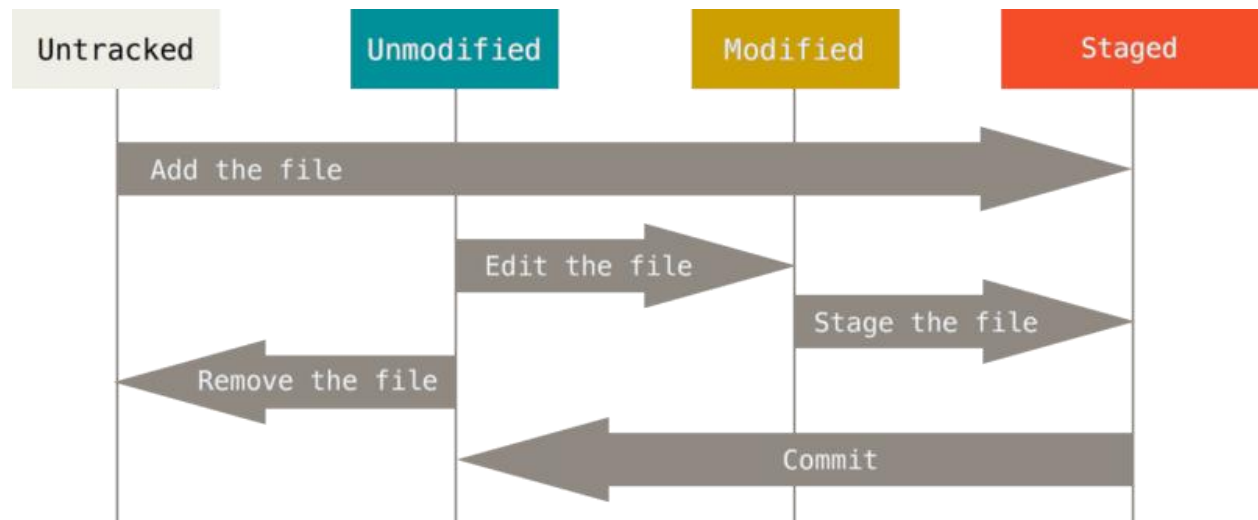
Now we have a new file in working directory. We can see the state of the working directory with the command git status.

```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    programming-languages.txt

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

We can see the new file reported as an untracked file by git. This means git has noticed or detected the file but the file is not part of the repository yet and it isn't checking the file for modifications.



For git to start tracking the programming-languages.txt file for changes we need to **add** it with the git add command. Based on the above diagram, it means that the file went from being *untracked* to being *tracked* state.

```
> git add programming-languages.txt
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
    new file:   programming-languages.txt
```


Now the programming-languages.txt is staged and you can **commit** it to the local repository with the git commit -m command. The -m is short for message. It is good practice to add a describing message to the commit.

```
> git commit -m "Added the file"
[main 6f070c0] Added the file
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 programming-languages.txt
```

Now that the new file is in the local repository and the working copy matches the local repository we can see with git status that we have no changes.






```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/main' by 1 commit.
(use "git push" to publish your local commits)

nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

The status message gives us another hint though. It tells us that our local repository has changes that are not in the remote repository. Next we want to get the changes in local repository to the  GitHub repository. We do this by **pushing** our changes to the remote repository with the git push command.

```
> git push
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 352 bytes | 352.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
To github.com:lhbotha/4A00EK44-XXXX-introduction-to-programming-firstname-lastname.git
66a94b0..6f070c0  main -> main
```

Now we should also see the file in  GitHub with our commit message.

	lhbotha Added the file	6f070c0 16 minutes ago	 2 commits
	.gitignore	Initial commit	3 hours ago
	README.md	Initial commit	3 hours ago
	programming-languag...	Added the file	16 minutes ago

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## Modified files

Let's make a change to the programming-languages.txt file by adding another language. Add the language Go to the end of the file.

Add some content to the file:

- JavaScript
- Java
- C++
- Go

Check the diagram above again. Once a file is tracked, it can have a *unmodified*, *modified* and *staged* state.

Let's check the state of the working directory with `git status` again now that we made changes to the file.

```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
        modified:   programming-languages.txt

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
```

Now git detected that the `programming-languages.txt` was modified, that there was changes to the file but the changes is not staged to be committed to the local repository. Again we use `git add` to stage the file.

```
> git add programming-languages.txt
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
        modified:   programming-languages.txt
```

Now the changes are staged and we can commit it with the `git commit -m` command. Let's add another file first and see how that works.

Create a new file called `operating-systems.txt` and add some content to it:

- Windows 11
- Ubuntu Linux
- MacOS Monterey

We can use git status to check the state of the working directory

```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.


Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
        modified:   programming-languages.txt

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
        operating-systems.txt
```

Like expected we have the modified programming-languages.txt file and now the untracked operating-systems.txt file. We can still add the operating-systems.txt to the commit with the git add operating-systems.txt command.

```
> git add operating-systems.txt
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
        new file:   operating-systems.txt
        modified:   programming-languages.txt
```

Let's commit and push these changes to  GitHub.

```
> git commit -m "Added file and text"
[main 19e94d9] Added file and text
 2 files changed, 7 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
 create mode 100644 operating-systems.txt
> git push
Enumerating objects: 6, done.
Counting objects: 100% (6/6), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (4/4), 454 bytes | 454.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 4 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
To github.com:lhbotha/4A00EK44-XXXX-introduction-to-programming-firstname-lastname.git
 6f070c0..19e94d9  main -> main
```

We should see change now also in the  GitHub repository with our last commit message.

main


1 branch

0 tags

Go to file


Add file





Code



lhbotha Added file and text

19e94d9 1 minute ago

 3 commits

	.gitignore	Initial commit	3 hours ago
	README.md	Initial commit	3 hours ago
	operating-systems.txt	Added file and text	1 minute ago
	programming-languages.txt	Added file and text	1 minute ago

We should see that the working directory is clean and that the local and remote repositories are in sync with git status.

```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

## Removing files

When you want to delete files from the working directory, the safest is to use the git rm command. Let's remove the 2 files we created.

```
> git rm programming-languages.txt operating-systems.txt
rm 'operating-systems.txt'
rm 'programming-languages.txt'
```

Let's check the change with git status.

```
> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
        deleted:    operating-systems.txt
        deleted:    programming-languages.txt
```




Like expected we see that the files are deleted and once we commit the changes the files will be removed.



When we make the commit the files are deleted locally.



```
> git commit -m "Removed sample files"
[main 5c180a0] Removed sample files
 2 files changed, 9 deletions(-)
 delete mode 100644 operating-systems.txt
 delete mode 100644 programming-languages.txt
```

The remote repository still have the files, we can now push the change to the remote repository.

```
> git push
Enumerating objects: 3, done.
Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (2/2), 229 bytes | 229.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 2 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
To github.com:lhbotha/4A00EK44-XXXX-introduction-to-programming-firstname-lastname.git
 19e94d9..5c180a0  main -> main
```


We should now see that the files are removed from the  GitHub repository.

 lhbotha Removed sample files 5c180a0 3 minutes ago  4 commits

 .gitignore	Initial commit	4 hours ago
 README.md	Initial commit	4 hours ago


FYI. We can see the repository changes when we click on the 4 commits text.

[Go to file](#) [Add file](#) [Code](#)

5c180a0 4 minutes ago  [4 commits](#)

It will open a view where we will see a history of what was done in the repository.

main ▾		
Commits on Aug 2, 2022		
Removed sample files lhbotha committed 6 minutes ago	 5c180a0	<>
Added file and text lhbotha committed 19 minutes ago	 19e94d9	<>
Added the file lhbotha committed 1 hour ago	 6f070c0	<>
Initial commit lhbotha committed 4 hours ago	Verified  66a94b0	<>

Mark Week 02 - 5 as done on the exercise and attendance  sheet

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# git - the simple guide

just a simple guide for getting started with git. no deep shit ;)


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## GitHub Classroom Assignment Workflow



You can now use the normal  flow to work on the assignment.

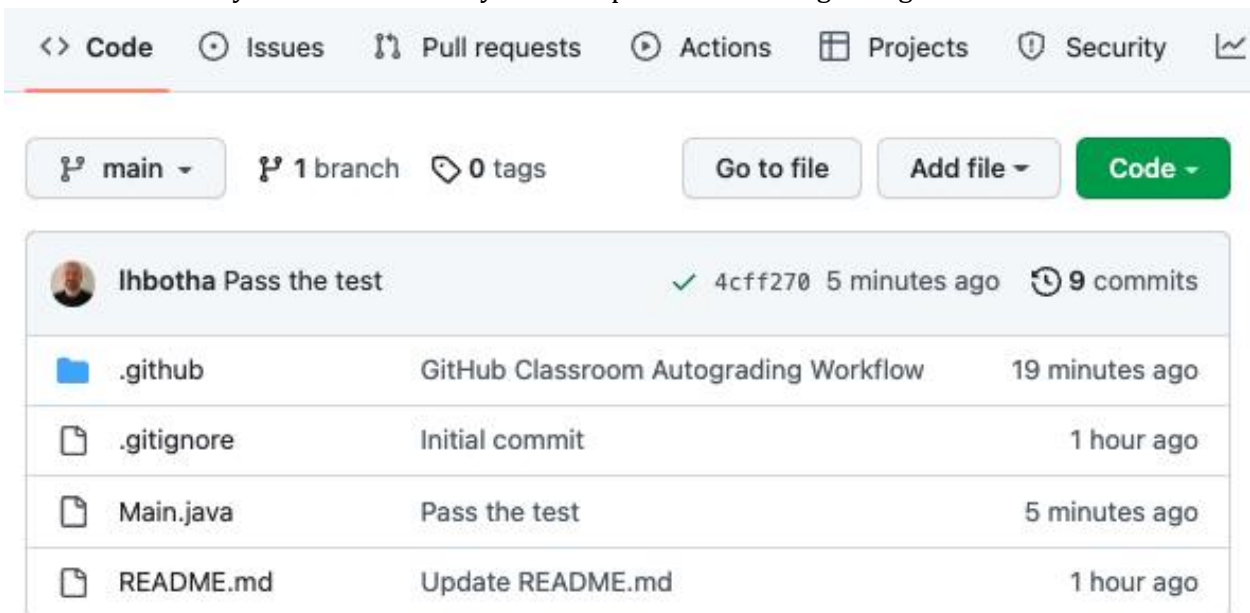


1. `git clone <repository>`
2. Add/Edit files
3. `git add <files>`
4. `git commit -m "Made some changes"`
5. `git push`

Some of the  GitHub classroom assignments will have automated tests that will evaluate the assignment.

-  ***Always start by reading the README.md***
- *If you don't follow the instructions in the README.md, the automated evaluation might not evaluate the code correctly.*

On the dashboard you will see a  if your code passed the auto-grading tests or a  if it failed.



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository interface for 'lhbotha Pass the test'. The 'Code' tab is selected. The repository has 1 branch (main) and 0 tags. The commit history table is as follows:

File	Commit Message	Time Ago
.github	GitHub Classroom Autograding Workflow	19 minutes ago
.gitignore	Initial commit	1 hour ago
Main.java	Pass the test	5 minutes ago
README.md	Update README.md	1 hour ago

You can see the testing tasks under the Actions tab, if your implementation has passed the automated tests.

[Code](#) [Issues](#) [Pull requests](#) [Actions](#) [Projects](#) [Security](#) [Insights](#) [Settings](#)

Select workflow

New workflow

Showing runs from all workflows

Filter workflow runs

5 workflow runs

Event	Status	Branch	Actor
Pass the test	Success	main	lhbotha
Fail the test	Failure	main	lhbotha
Update GitHub Classroom Autograding Workflow	Success	main	github-classroom[bot]
Update GitHub Classroom Autograding	Success	main	github-classroom[bot]
GitHub Classroom Autograding Workflow	Success	main	github-classroom[bot]

You can drill down into the action to see exactly what test failed.

Summary

Jobs

Autograding

Autograding

failed 10 minutes ago in 6s

Search logs

Set up job

2s

Run actions/checkout@v2

1s

Run education/autograding@v1

1s

1 ▶ Run education/autograding@v1

4

5 ::stop-commands::\*\*\*

6

7 Hello World

8

9

10

11 Hello!

12

13 Hello World

14 ::error::The output for test Hello World did not match%0AExpected:%0AHello World!%0AAActual:%0AHello!

15

16 ::\*\*\*::

17 Points 0/1

You can make changes to fix the assignment and push it to the assignment repository.

- What is that points? In the future I might use the points from the tests.
- Currently, until further notice 1 exercise equals 1 point on the sheet, also if you didn't get it to pass.
- 
- Trying is the most important thing!

## Completing the Assignment

The assignment is considered submitted once you have pushed some changes to the repository before the assignment deadline. The deadline is on the course page. The automated system will stop evaluating the code, once the deadline for the assignment has passed. The last commit that was evaluated before the deadline is the commit linked to classroom and considered the final submission.