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UNIT - 2

TOPIC - 9

GIT COMMANDS: WORKING WITH REMOTE REPOSITORIES - REMOTE, CLONE, PULL, PUSH, FORK

1. Git Remote

Git remote allows you to manage connections to **remote repositories**, which are Git repositories hosted on the internet (like **GitHub** or **Bitbucket**). A remote repository is where you can save or retrieve your project from a server, and you use this command to add, remove, or view the addresses (URLs) of these repositories.

• To add a new remote repository, you use:

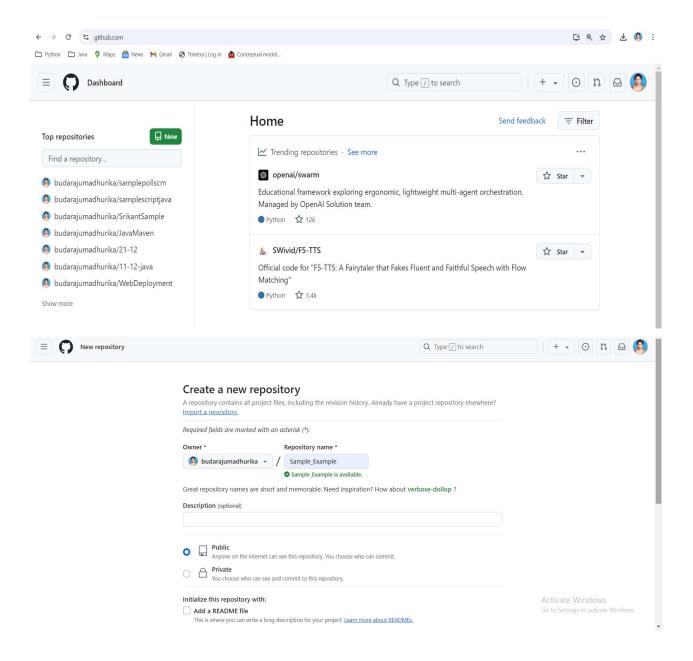
```
git remote add origin https://github.com/user/repo.git
```

This adds a new connection to a remote repository called origin, which is the common default name for remote repositories. After setting up the remote, you can start interacting with it, like pushing or pulling code.

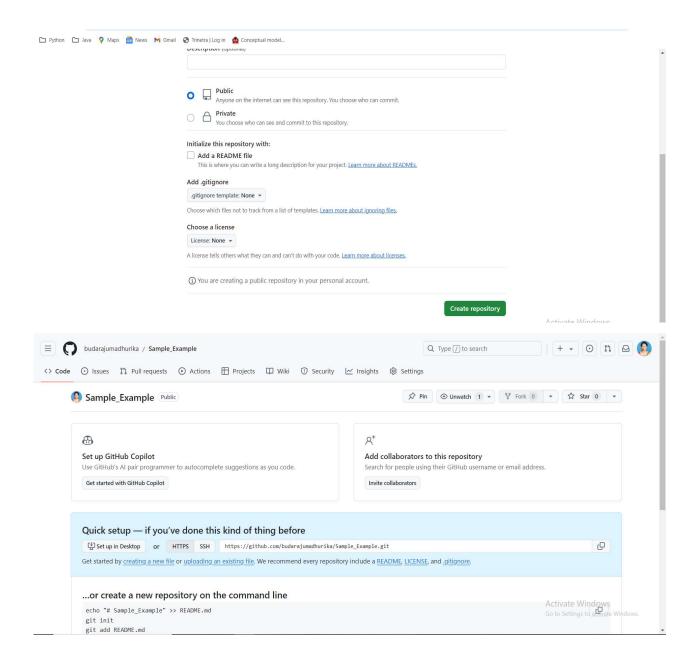
• Important Commands:

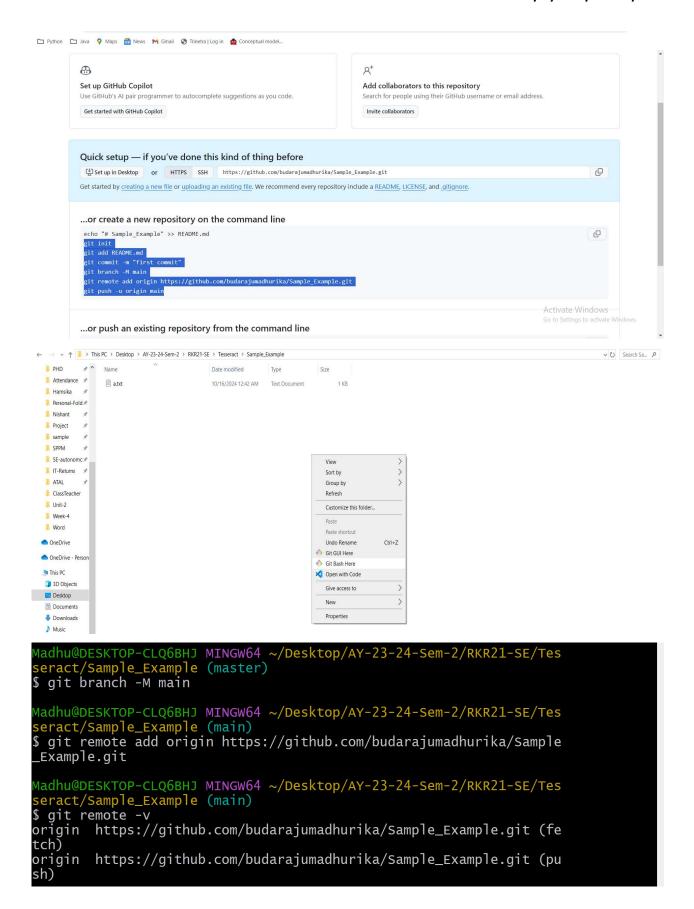
- o git remote -v: Shows the current remotes and their URLs.
- o git remote add <name> <url>: Adds a new remote connection.
- o git remote remove <name>: Removes an existing remote.

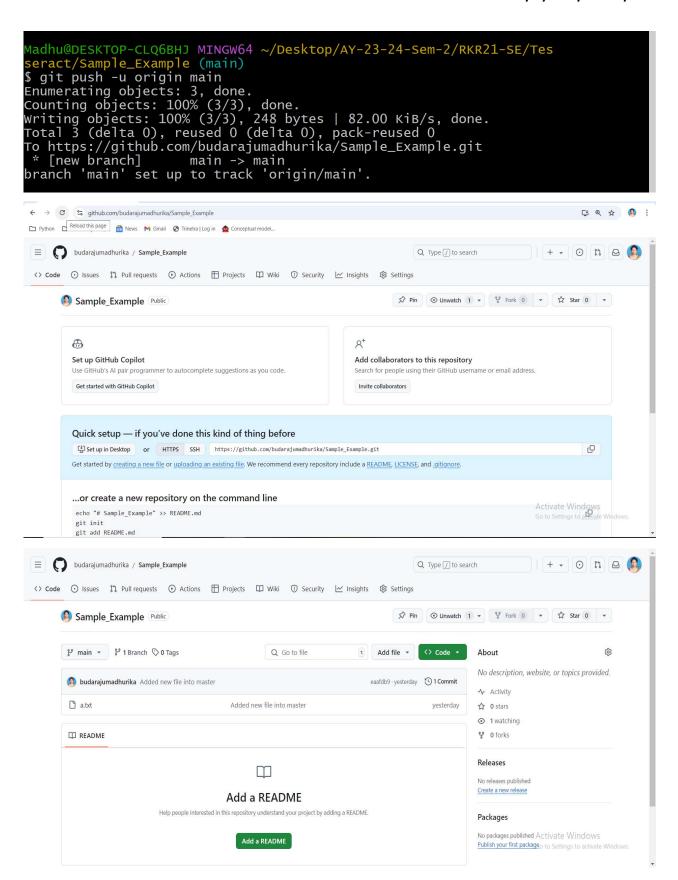
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2. Connecting Git to GitHub Using SSH Key

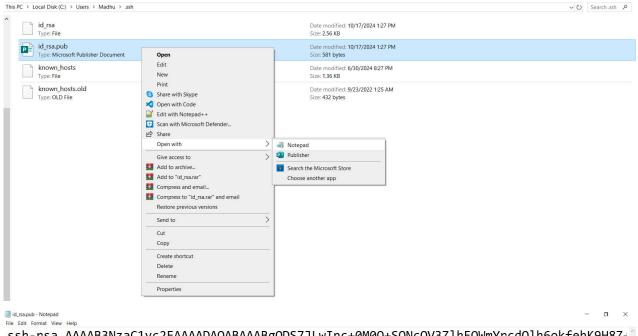
SSH (**Secure Shell**) keys are a way to connect your computer to GitHub without needing to enter a password each time.

It uses a **key pair**:

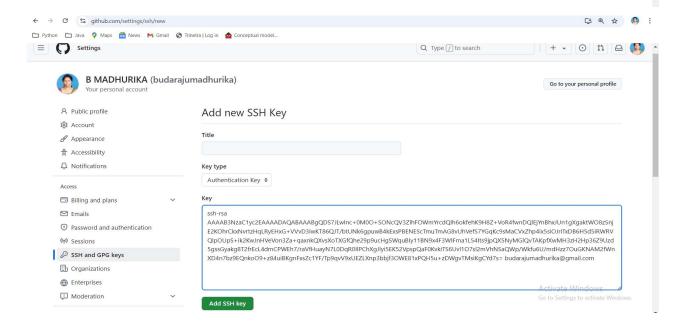
- A private key that stays on your computer.
- A **public key** that is shared with GitHub to verify your identity.
- Steps for Generating SSH Key:
 - Generate SSH Key: Use the command ssh-keygen -t rsa to generate the key on your system.
 - 2. Copy the Public Key: The public key is stored in a file (usually id_rsa.pub), and you copy this key.
 - 3. Add to GitHub: In GitHub, go to Settings > SSH and GPG keys > New SSH Key.

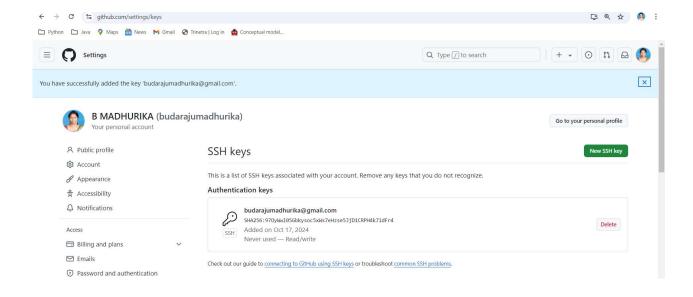
 Paste the copied key into the text box and click "Add SSH key."

This allows you to securely interact with GitHub without typing your password every time.



ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABgQDS7JLwInc+0M00+SONcQV3Z1hFOWmYrcdQlh6okfehK9H8Z-





3. Git Clone

The **git clone** command is used to **download** a copy of a project from a remote repository to your computer. It creates a local version of the project that you can start working on right away.

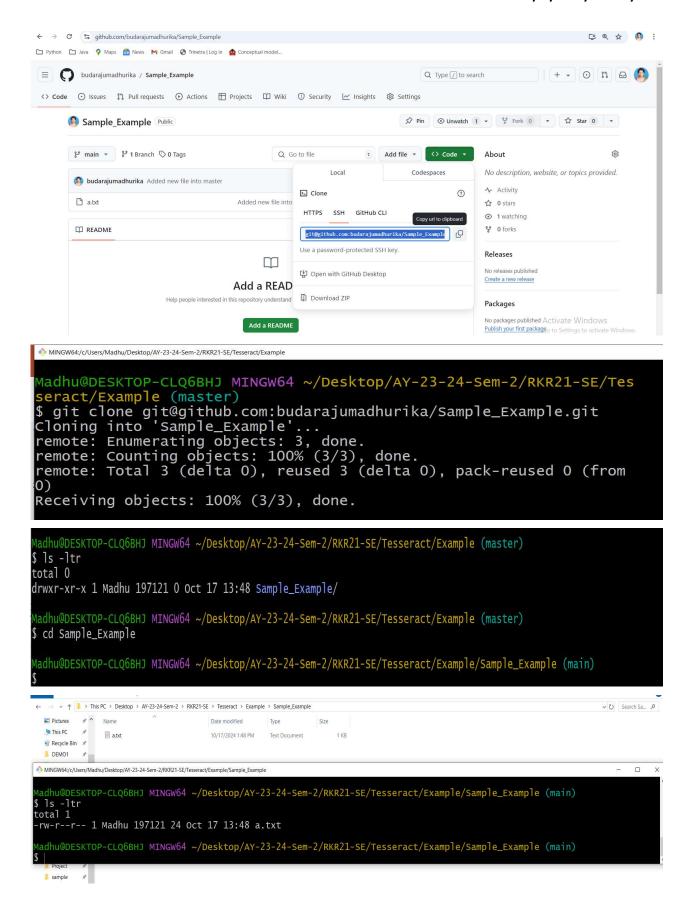
• If you want to work on a project hosted on GitHub, you would use:

```
git clone https://github.com/user/repo.git
```

This creates a local copy of the project so you can begin editing the code on your computer.

• Other Commands:

 ls -ltr: Lists the files in the current directory, showing the latest modified files after the cloning is done.



4. Git Push

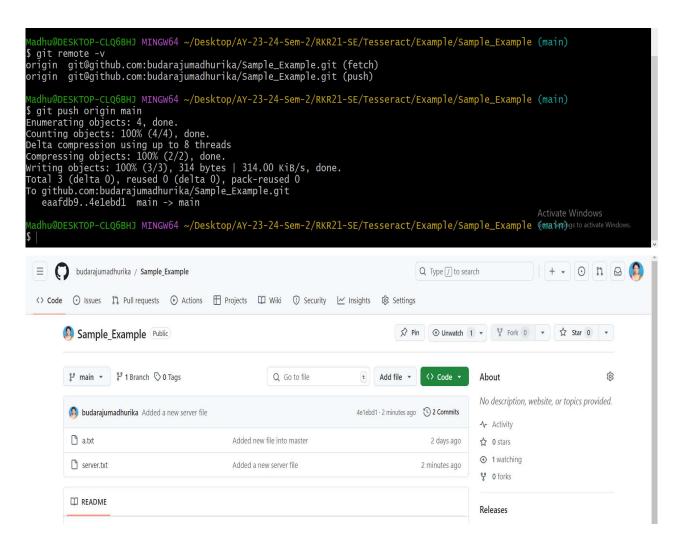
After making changes locally, you use the **git push** command to send these changes from your local repository to the **remote repository** (for example, back to GitHub). This is how you **share your work** with others or keep your remote repository updated with your changes.

• After editing files on your computer and committing the changes, you would push them to the remote repository using:

```
git push origin master
```

This pushes the changes from your local master branch to the origin remote (which is the GitHub repository).

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$ ls -ltr
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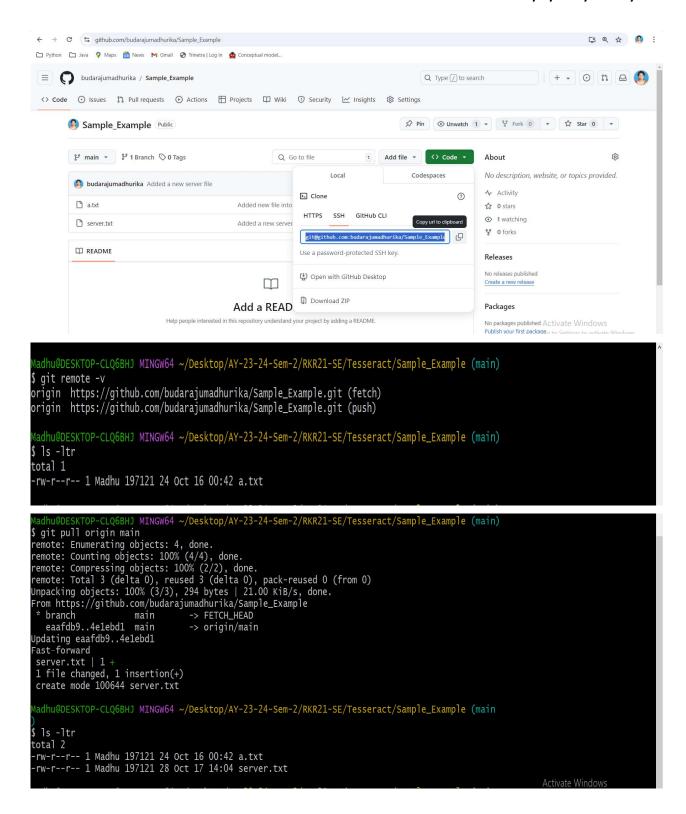
5. Git Pull

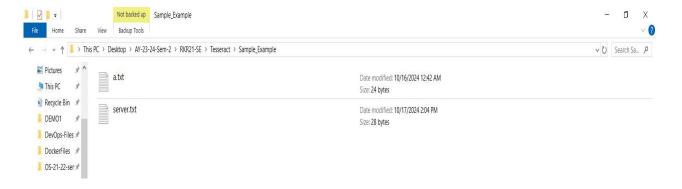
The **git pull** command fetches changes from the remote repository and merges them into your local repository. This ensures that you have the latest version of the project, including updates made by your teammates or collaborators.

• If you're working on a project with others and want to get the latest updates they made on GitHub, you would use:

```
git pull origin master
```

This will download any new commits from the master branch of the remote repository (origin) and merge them with your local code.



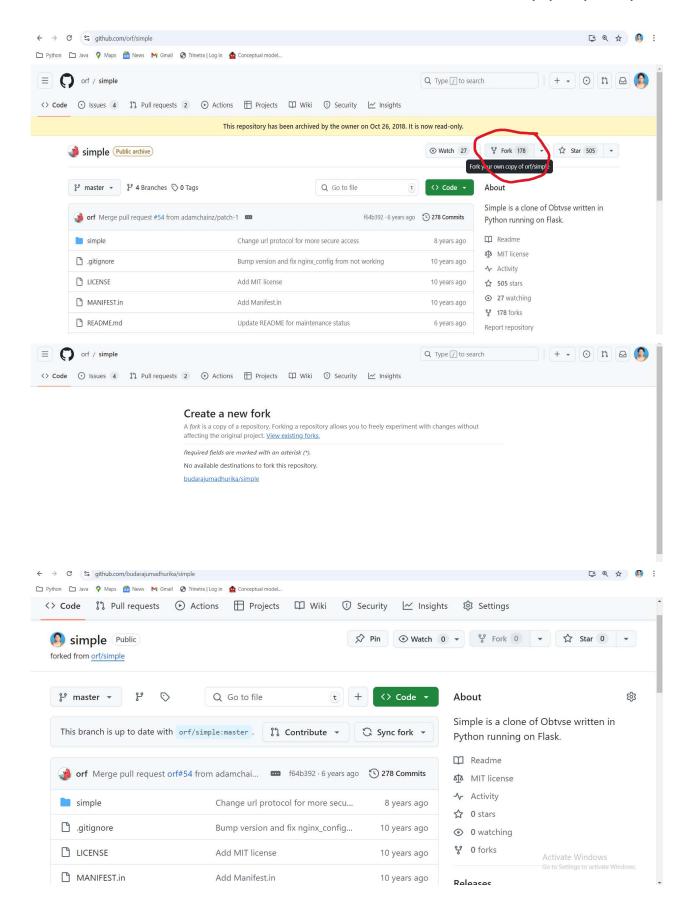


6. Git Fork

A **fork** is a personal copy of someone else's repository, typically used in open-source projects. When you **fork** a repository, you get your own version of the project on GitHub that you can edit without affecting the original project. You can then propose changes to the original project by making a **pull request**.

• To fork a repository, go to the original repository on GitHub and click the "Fork" button. This makes a copy of the repository under your GitHub account where you can make your own changes.





Detailed Flow with Examples

1. **Clone a Repository**: If you want to contribute to an open-source project or collaborate with others, you first clone the repository to your computer:

```
git clone https://github.com/user/repo.git
```

2. **Make Changes Locally**: Once you have the project on your local machine, you can make changes to the files, such as fixing bugs or adding new features. After editing, you commit the changes:

```
git commit -m "Added new feature"
```

3. **Push Changes to Remote**: After committing your changes, you push them back to the remote repository (GitHub):

```
git push origin master
```

4. **Pull Changes Made by Others**: If someone else makes changes to the project while you're working on it, you can pull those updates to ensure your version is up-to-date:

```
git pull origin master
```

5. **Use SSH Keys for Security**: Instead of typing your password every time you push or pull changes, you can set up an SSH key to make this process secure and automatic:

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa # Generate SSH key
```

- 6. **Forking a Repository**: If you want to make your own changes to someone else's project (such as in open-source), you fork the repository first, creating your own copy:
 - Visit the original project on GitHub.
 - o Click the Fork button.
 - Make your changes in your personal copy, and then propose your updates back to the original repository by creating a pull request.