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INTRODUCTION TO GIT AND GITHUB CLASSROOM

Introduction to Git and GitHub

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Submitted assignment work must be developed under Git control and pushed to GitHub

- Git is an open source version control system
- GitHub is a web-based hosting platform for Git repositories
- The key concept in Git is a **commit**. A commit is a version of your system, a snapshot of it in time.
- A **commit** should make sense. Commit every time you added functionality to your program or fixed a bug.
- In the coming slides we will discuss a suitable workflow for the assignments in the module.

Lifecycle of a file in Git

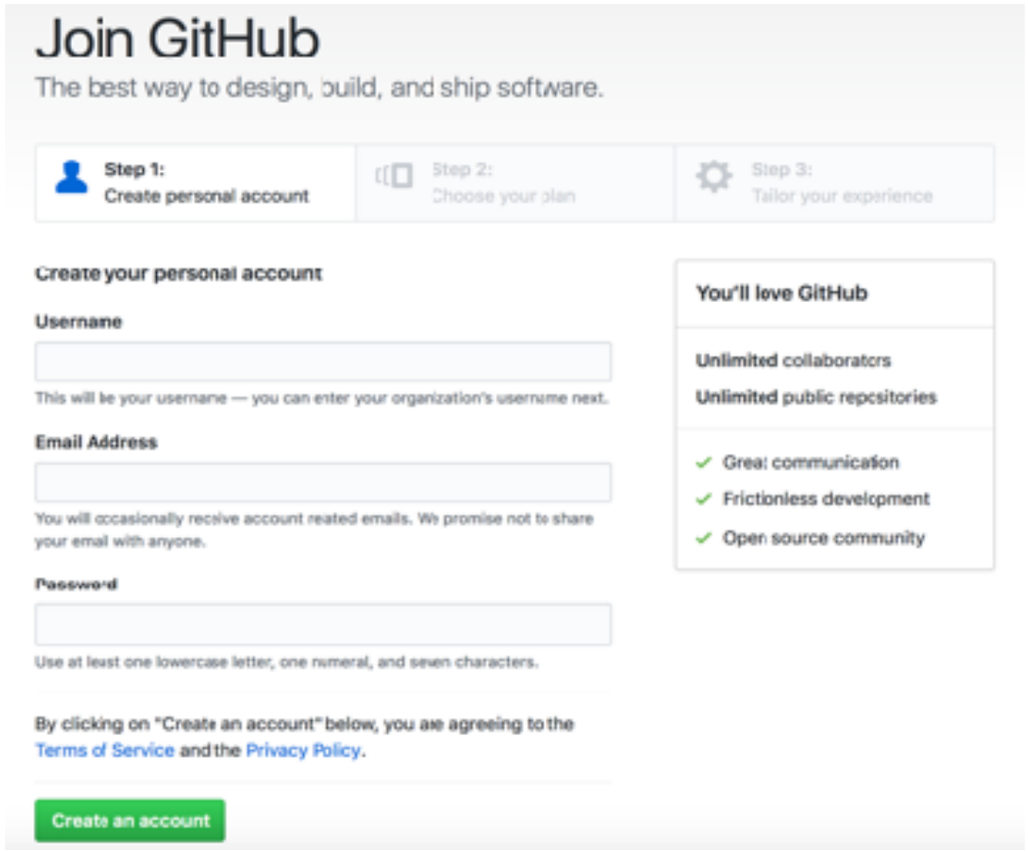
Three different states

- Modified: You have changed your local copy of the file, so now it's different from your latest committed version.
- Staged: You have taken a snapshot of your file so it's ready to be committed on the next commit.
- Committed: You have committed the file to the repository and your local copy is identical to the committed one.

Introduce yourself to Git/GitHub

- GitHub: Go to *www.github.com*
  and create an account,
  if you haven't already.

- Git: Git keeps track of who did what and when they did it, so it needs to know who you are.



Open a terminal and type in the following:

```
git config --global user.name "Max Mustermann"
git config --global user.email "Max.Mustermann@gmail.com"
```

You only need to do it once on each machine you're using Git on.

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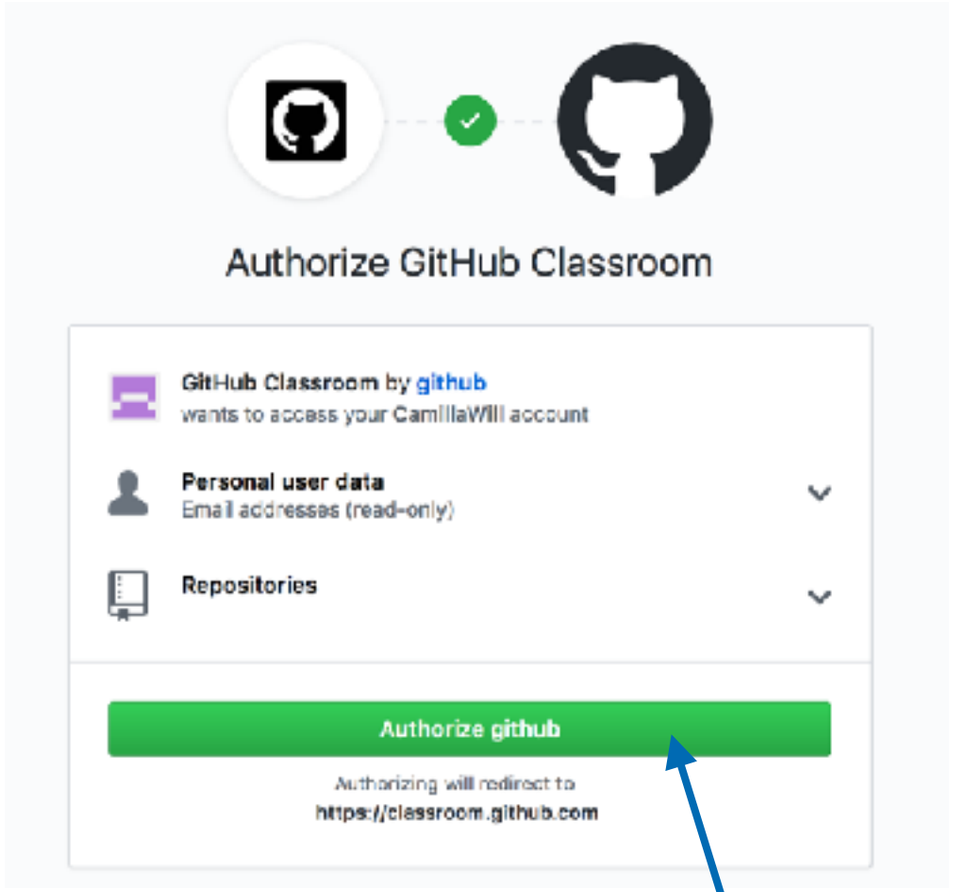
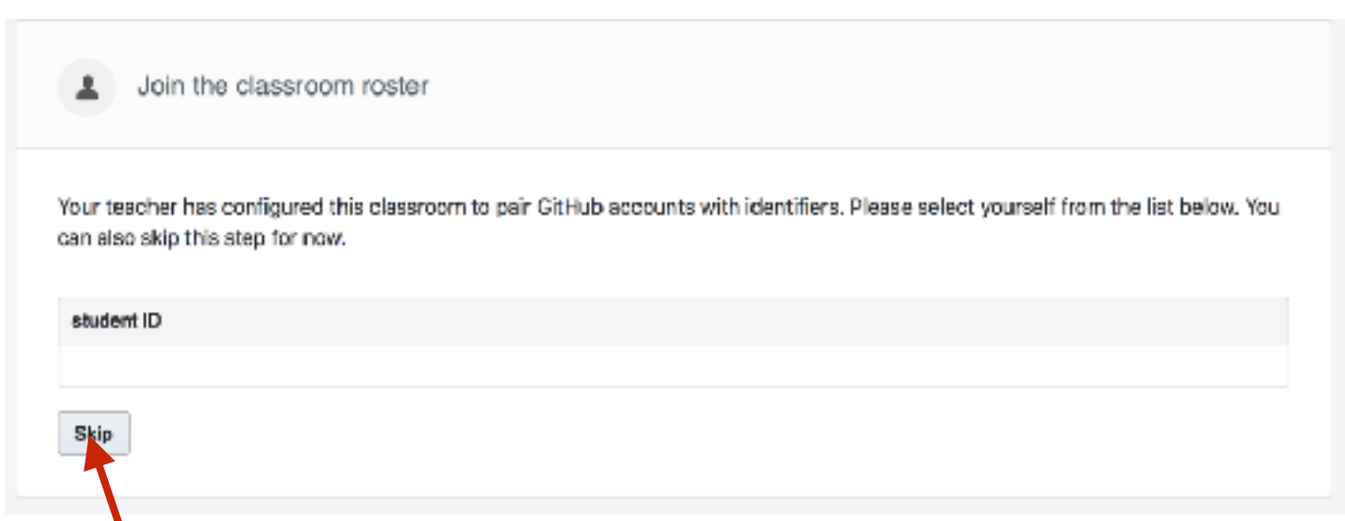
- Each assignment will be a repository in the organisation TP1-HHU.
- We will use the TP1-GitHubpage to distribute new assignments.
- Use the link https://github.com/TP1-HHU and click on the assignment link for todays lab class.





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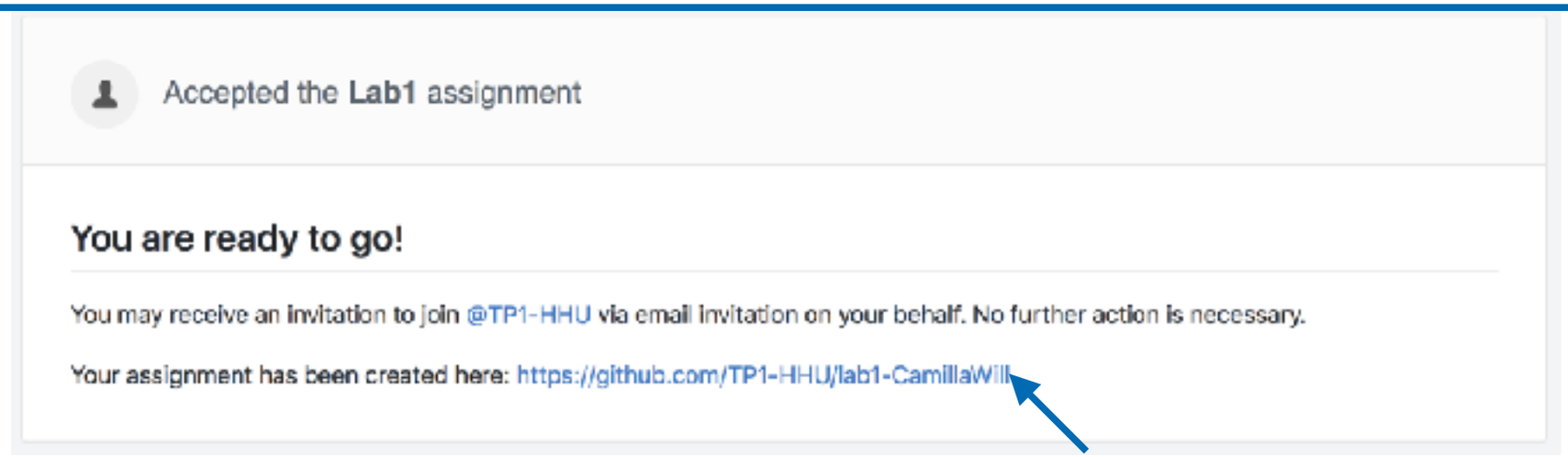

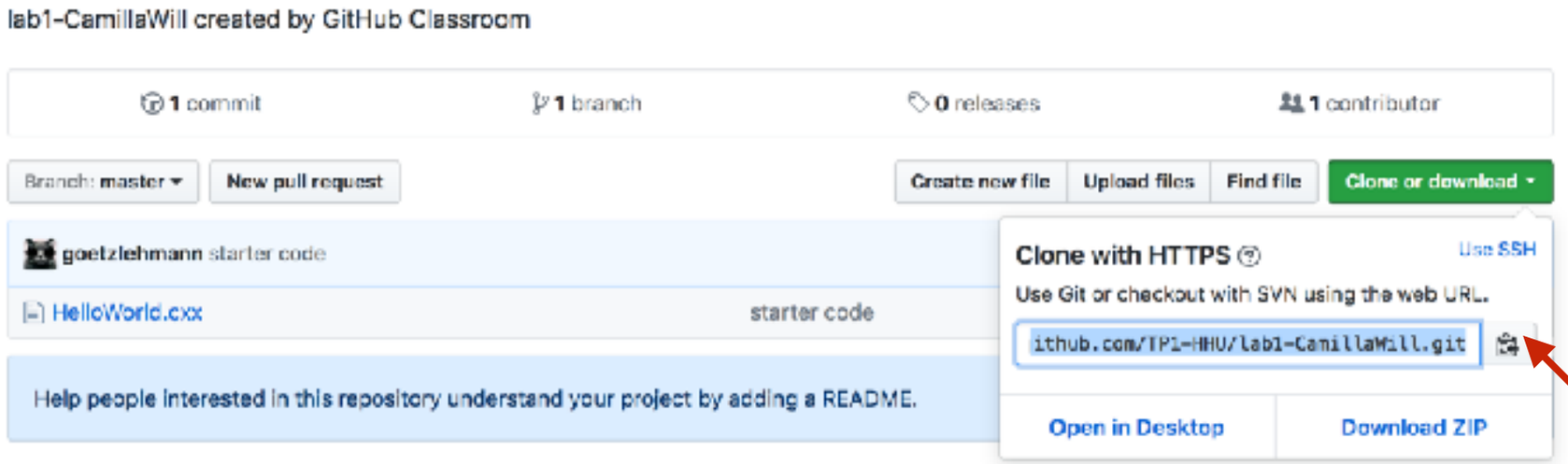

for copying to terminal

Creating Git project locally

- After you accepted the assignment you'll have access to the repository.
- The GitHub repository with your assignment is identified by an URL
- **Copy** the URL. You can find it by clicking this button: 

- Open the terminal and **navigate to the folder** (use the command `cd`) where you want to store your project.
- Now you can clone the repository on GitHub:

```
git clone https://github.com/TP1-HHU/test-MaxMustermann.git
```

- A folder called **test** (example case) will be created. Your local Git repository is now linked to remote repository on GitHub.

Starting Development

- Start by opening a file called HelloWorld.cxx
- Write a code to output the text “Hello World”.
- Test your code to make sure all is going well.

```
g++ -o helloworld HelloWorld.cxx
./helloworld
```

- **Now:** Tell Git to track your file. The file will be staged by using the command: `git add HelloWorld.cxx`

- **Next step:** Commit the staged file to the repository:

```
git commit -m “output hello world”
```

Pushing to GitHub

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- So far you have only interacted with the local Git repository.
- Push your changes to the remote repository on GitHub:

```
git push origin master
```

- **origin** refers to the remote repository on GitHub and **master** refers to the local branch.

- After this push, we can view your code.

What is happening in the repository

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If you want to know whats going on in your repository, you can use the following commands

- `git log`: shows a log of all commands starting from HEAD back to the initial commit (quit with Q)
- `git status`: shows which files have changed between the current repository stage and HEAD
- `git diff`: shows the diff between HEAD and the current repository state
- `git diff --cached`: shows the diff between HEAD and the files that have been staged

Terminology

- A **head** is a reference to a commit.
- One head is called the **master** or the master branch.
- The currently active head is termed HEAD.
- After committing a new commit object with HEAD as its parent is created and HEAD is moved to the new commit.
- In our case a **branch** is essentially a pointer to a commit.