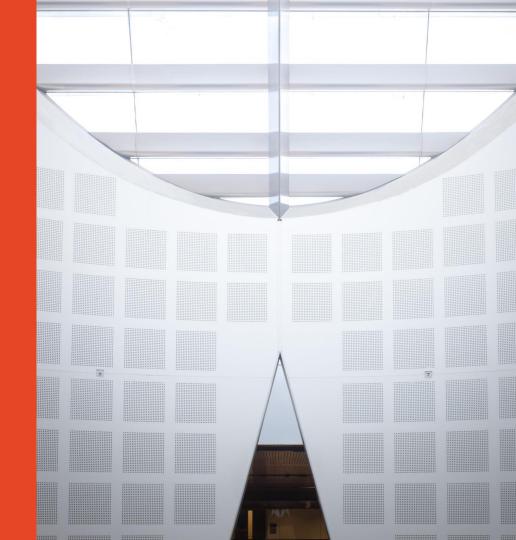
Agile Software Development Practices SOF2412 / COMP9412

Team Dynamics; Tools and Technologies for Teamwork

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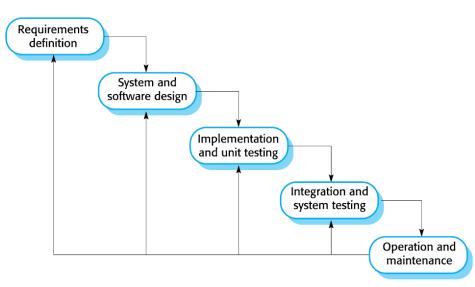
Agenda

- Teams in Agile Development

Team Dynamics

Tools and Technologies for Teamwork

Software Development Models - Teams



Waterfall model plan-driven development

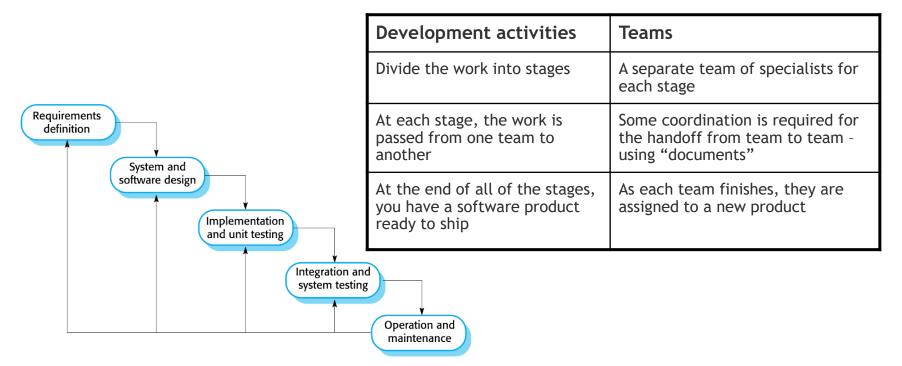
A INTEGRATE & TEST REVIEW **Agile** NEXT ITERATION ONTO development A. 5. Lifecycle ADJUST & TRACK Reprioritize features

Agile model Incremental & iterative development

https://blog.capterra.com/agile-vs-waterfall/

lan Sommerville. 2016. Software Engineering (10th ed. Global Edition). Pearson

Waterfall Model - Teams



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Groups under different SDLC models

- In a traditional structure how do teams work?
 - As work is planned and allocated, it can be divided into pieces that should be more-or-less independent
 - Specialist teams / clear division of labor
 - Project management tracks progress and reallocates "resources"
 - Clear authority lines, so disagreements can be resolved
 - Problems?
 - Single points of failure
 - Inflexibility
 - Lack of feedback

– An in Agile teams?

Agile Manifesto – Revisit

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

 Why Agile values individuals and interactions over processes and tools?

Agile Manifesto – Why Individuals and Interactions?

- Why Agile values individuals and interactions over processes and tools?
 - People tend to follow processes blindly, and make mistakes
 - "A great tool can sometimes help people to do the wrong thing faster"
 - Tools or best practices are not enough people who need to use should buy into it to realize its benefits
 - People needs to see the value of following certain practices

 It is important to recognize that you are working with a group of people who have different motivations, ideas and preferences

Agile Principles - People

- Business people and developers must work together daily throughout the project
- Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done
- The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation
- The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from selforganizing teams
- At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective,
 then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly
- Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software

Teams - Individuals and Collaboration

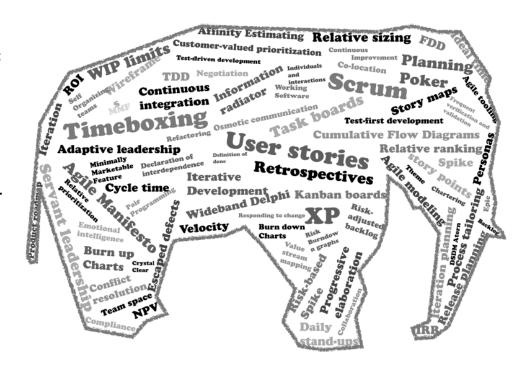
- Common problem experienced in software development teams "throw it over the wall"
 - Team members are busy thinking about their own project work and problems; developers thinks about development work, project managers focuses on managing resources, and they throw the code over the wall to a business user who thinks business
 - Individual working separately with no communication teams are divided and collaboration is killed

Teams – Individual Practices

- When adopting agile practices, team members may follow the same thinking:
 - Each person uses only the practices that impact their work; developers focus on automated tests and build, project managers on task boards, project velocity and burn-down charts, business users on user stories
 - Adopting practices individually will improve things, but this may lead to a selfcontradictory effect
 - Each person sees the part of agile that affects their specific work (attitudes: "see! I was right all along")
 - Agile is made up of day-to-day practices, but it's much bigger than those practices

Understanding the Agile Elephant

- The agile elephant is made up of many practices, the whole thin is much bigger than the sum of the parts
- If you only sees the practices that directly affect your project work, then you will see the one small piece of agile



Team Dynamics

- What is team dynamics?
- Is team dynamics a good or bad thing?
- What about group dynamics?

Team Dynamics

- "Team dynamics are the unconscious, psychological forces that influence the direction of a team's behaviour and performance"
- Factors that lead to team dynamics:
 - Personalities and work styles
 - Nature of the team's work
 - Organization culture and structure
 - Cultural differences, background

S. P. Myers, 2013 https://www.teamtechnology.co.uk/team/dynamics/definition/

Team Dynamics – Pros and Cons

- Can be good
 - E.g., Improve overall team performance (productive conflict, different perspectives)
- Can be bad
 - Can lead to unproductive conflict can demotivate and prevent team from achieving its goals

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Group vs Team (Dynamics)

- "Groups are social community consisting of two or more people who have something in common"
- A team is special instance of a group the commonality is the shared goal
 - Team members are dependent on each other for success (sport teams, development teams)
- The essential difference is in the terms "group" vs "team", team dynamics and group dynamics are very similar

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Team Dynamics - Tuckman Team Development Model



Image: https://www.atlassian.com/agile/teams

Tuckman's stages of group development - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuckman%27s_stages_of_group_development

Team Dynamics - Identification and Resolution

- Result from the interaction of many factors
 - E.g., Personalities, work style, roles, culture, organizational structure
- Investigate the root causes of conflict or poor team performance
 - Structured interviews or informal chats in a private and confidential environment
 - Individuals can share their views openly
- Based on the investigation, improvements can be identified
 - E.g., change in office layout, team development workshops (practices, personality dynamics, cultural change programs, tools to better facilitate communication/interaction

Source: https://mysoftwarequality.wordpress.com/2014/09/04/cross-dysfunctional-teams

Team Building

- "A collective term for various types of activities used to enhance social relations and define roles within teams, often involving collaborative tasks"
- Goal settings: emphasizes the importance of clear objectives and individual and team goals
- Interpersonal relations: focus on teamwork skills such as giving and receiving support, communication and sharing information
- There is an evidence how team building affect positively team effectiveness

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Team_building

High-Performing Agile Teams

- Cross-functional; different roles in a team (engineers, designers, architects, sales)
- Built on mutual respect and mutual responsibility
 - Not blaming culture, and/or "throw it over the wall"
- Are built on sound engineering practices (tools and automation)
- Value and belief in the significance of agile practices and principles
- Apply agile practices effectively as individuals and as a team
- Receive continuous training (technical and non-technical) and team monitoring/coaching

Team Success - Mistaken Beliefs

 Teams that work together harmoniously perform better than those with lots of conflict

 Team dynamics are largely caused by the leader's style (authoritarian versus democratic)

Larger teams perform better than small ones

Agile only works with the best developers

- Every project needs at least one experienced and competent lead person (Critical Success Factor)
- Each experienced and competent person on the team
 permits the presence of 4-5 "average" or learning people

 With that skill mix, agile techniques have been shown to work many times

Mutual Respect

- Developer: "Testers are failed programmers, they shouldn't be called engineers"
- Tester: "Developers are only able to produce bugs, the world would be better with more testers and less developers"
- Business Analysts: "I don't know why I bother talking to testers and developers, they are total idiots"

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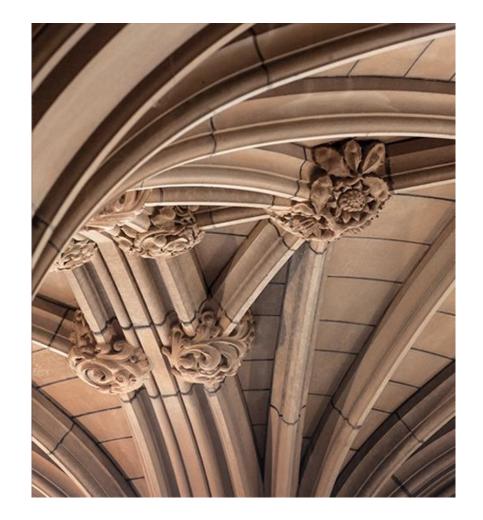
Not My Responsibility

- Developer: "It works in our environments, it's operations responsibility to make it work in production"
- Tester: "Listen, it worked in User Acceptance Testing, it must be a configuration issue, or a missing firewall hole and nothing I could have spotted during testing..."
- Customer: "Hello! Nothing works here..."

How much can you find out?

- Search for:
 - Team effectiveness
 - Self-managed teams
 - Group conflict
 - Team efficacy...
- Learn about the theory of teams!

Tools and Technologies for Teamwork





Issue Tracking Systems

- A software that manages and maintains lists of issues
- Used to create, update and resolve reported issues internally (employees or departments) or externally (e.g., customer support call center)
- Bug (defect) Tracking System: keeps track of reported software bugs in software development projects
 - Provide centralized overview of development requests (bugs and improvements) and their states
 - May assigned a priority, status, severity and/or complexity
 - Prioritized list of pending items (Backlog) helps to define the product roadmap or next release
 - Typically integrated with other tools or software management systems

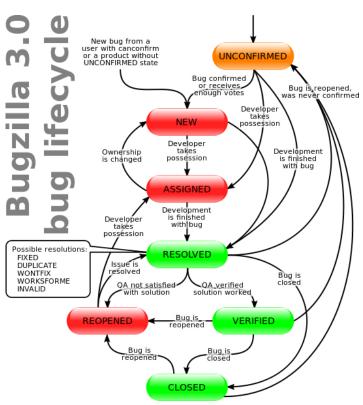
Bug/Issue Tracking Part of other Systems

- Part of integrated project/software development management systems
- It helps integrating issue/bug tracking with other activities; e.g., development,
 source control management
- Distributed bug tracking tools are designed to be used with distributed revision control software
 - Allow bug reports to be conveniently read, added to the database or updated while a developer is offline

Bugzilla - Bug Tracking Tool

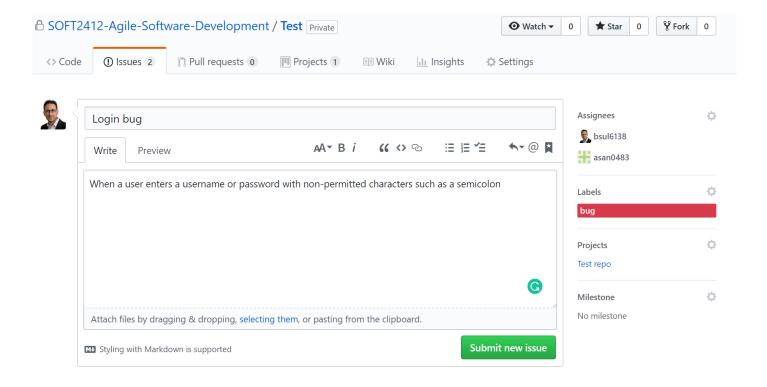
- Open-source web-based bug tracker and testing tool developed by Mozilla project
 - For free and open-source software and proprietary software
- Bug (or feature) requests can be submitted by anyone and will be assigned to a particular developer
- Various status updates for each bug are allowed
 - E.g., Bugzilla itself allows the public to file bugs it assigns all bugs to a gatekeeper whose job is to assign responsibility and priority level

Bugzilla – Bug Lifecycle

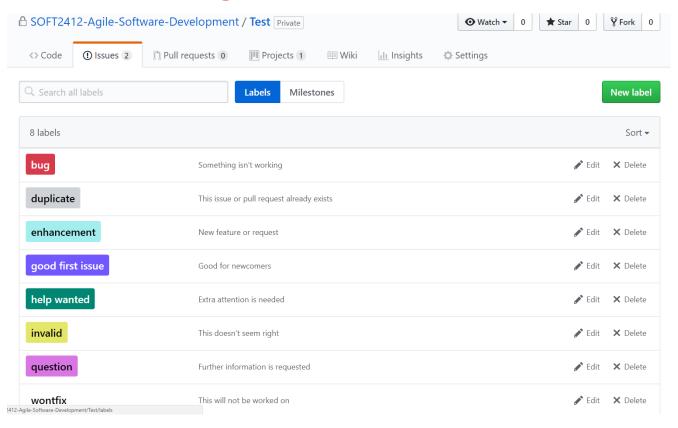


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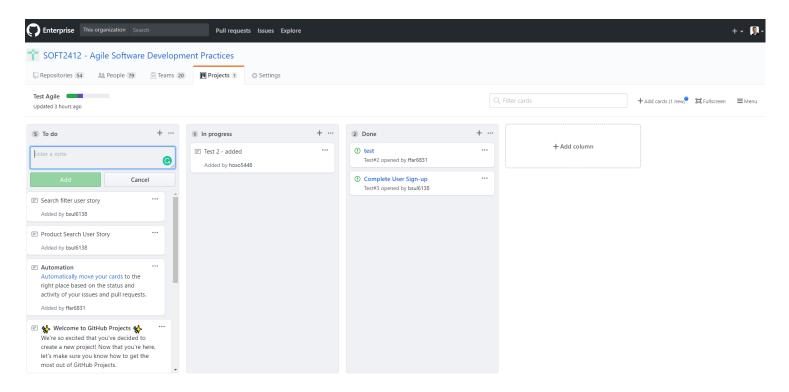
Issue Tracking - GitHub



GitHub Issue Tracking - Edit Labels



GitHub Issue Tracking - Project Management



Version Control Systems – GitHub

- GitHub allows groups of people to collaborate across many projects at the same time in organizations account via organization account
 - Group of people with shared ownership of projects
- Organization's members can have owners or member roles:
 - Owner: have complete administrative access to the organization (often a few people in the organization should be assigned as owner roles
 - Member: default role for everyone else
- Owners can manage members' access to the organization's repos. and projects with fine-grained permission controls
 - Create your own organization
 - Understand and carefully manage members access to your organization
- Can add collaborators from outside of the organization (consultant) to have access to one or more organization repos. without bring a member of the organization

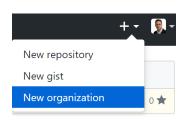
GitHub - Organization Access Control

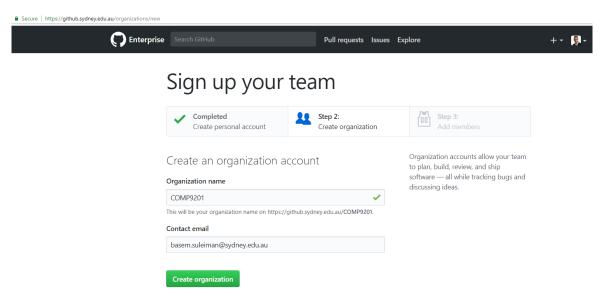
Organization action	Owners	Members
Invite people to join the organization	X	
Edit and cancel invitations to join the organization	X	
Remove members from the organization	X	
Reinstate former members to the organization	X	
Add and remove people from all teams	X	
Promote organization members to team maintainer	X	
Add collaborators to all repositories	X	
Access the organization audit log	X	
Delete all teams	X	
Delete the organization account, including all repositories	X	

Organization action	Owners	Members
Create teams	х	х
See all organization members and teams	x	X
@mention any visible team	x	X
Can be made a team maintainer	x	x
Transfer repositories	x	
View a project board and add or reorganize its cards and columns	x	X
Create or delete a project board and edit its description	x	X
Automate actions for project boards	x	X
View and post private team discussions to all teams (see "About team discussions" for details)	X	
Edit and delete team discussions in all teams (for more information, see "Managing disruptive comments	X	

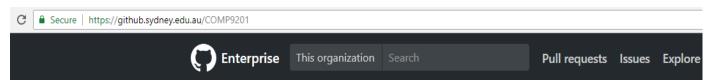
Examples of access permissions for organization's owners and members

GitHub - Creating Organization

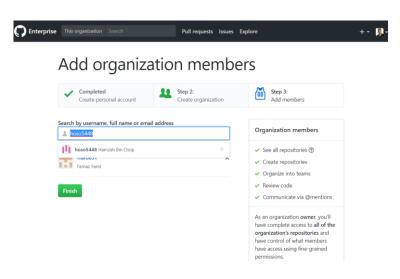




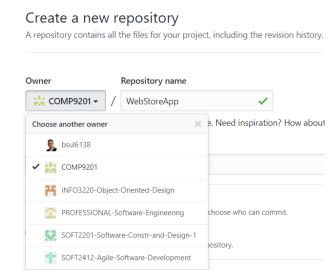
Organizational accounts have a namespace where all their projects exist



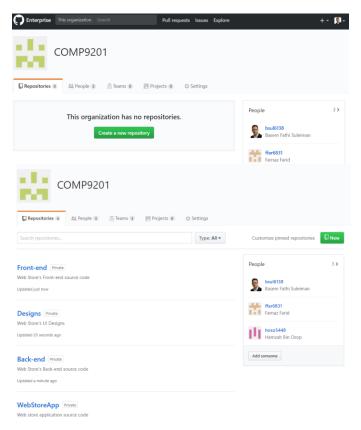
GitHub - Add Members to Organization

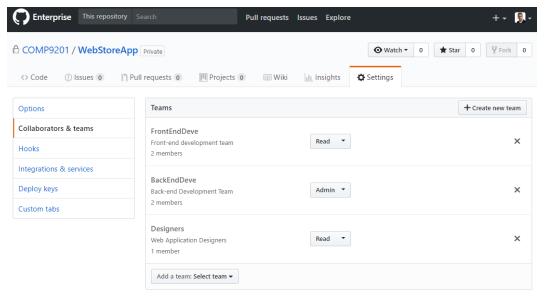


Note: when you create a new repo you can create them under your personal account or under any of the organizations that you're owner in

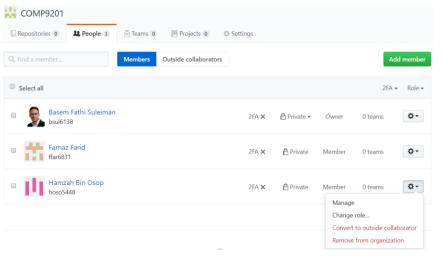


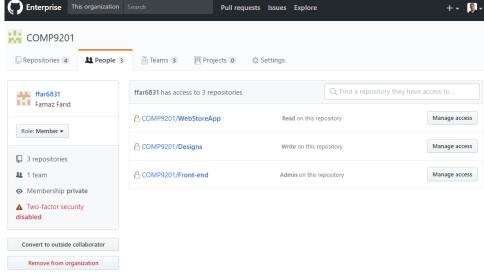
GitHub Organization – Manage Repos





GitHub Organization - Manage People





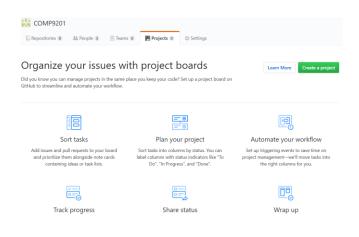
GitHub Organization – Manage Teams

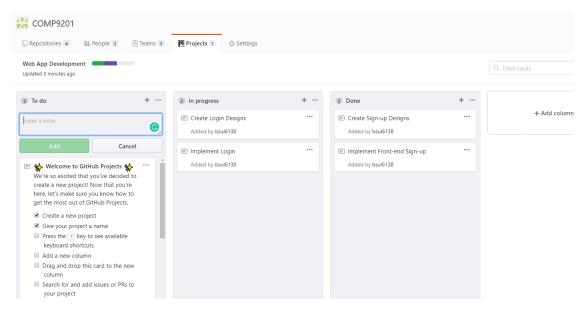


You may have 3 repos; Designs, Front-end and Back-end. You want FrontEndDeve to work on the Front-end and Designs repos, Designers team to work on Designs repo and BackEndDeve to work on Back-end repo



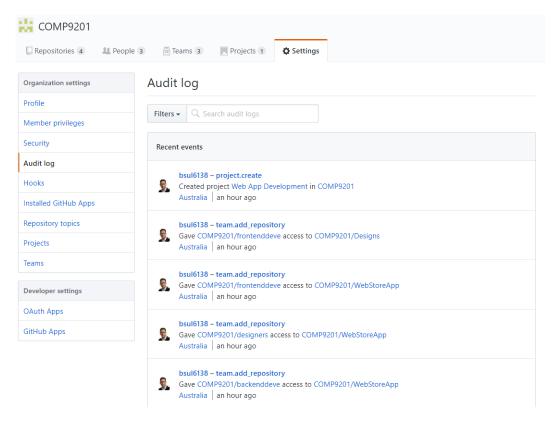
GitHub Organization - Manage Projects



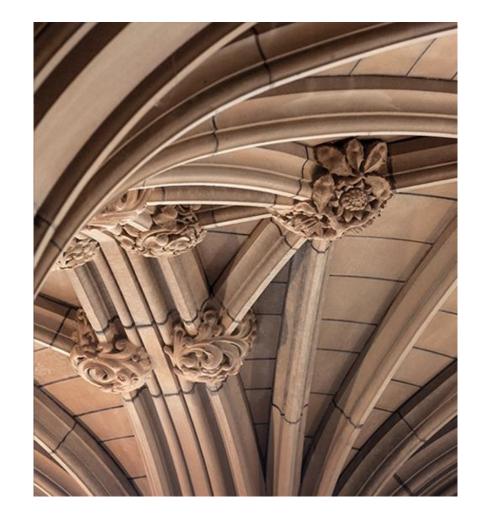


GitHub Organization - Audit Log

 Audit log records all events that have happened at the organization level, who did them and where in the world they were done

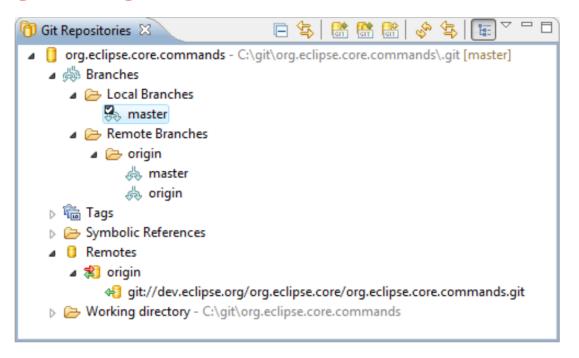


Git in Development Environments



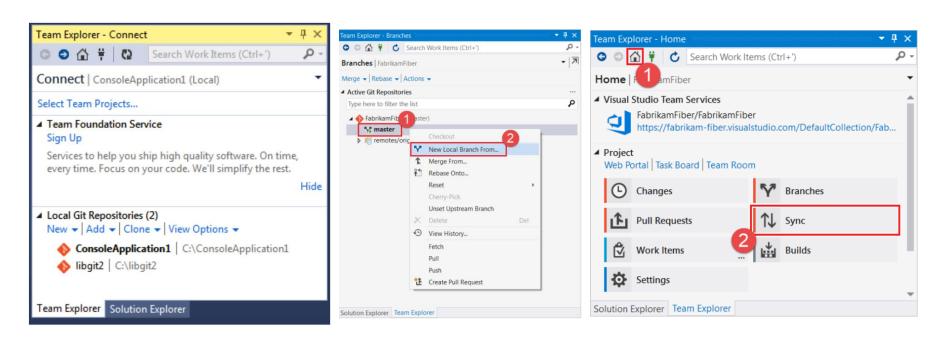


Eclipse Plugin – Egit



https://www.eclipse.org/egit/

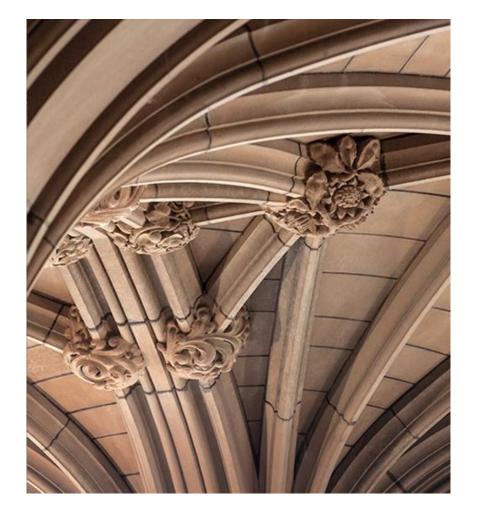
Git in Visual Studio



https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/vsts/repos/git/gitquickstart?view=vsts&tabs=visual-studio

Jenkins

Continuous Integration / Continues Delivery/ Deployment



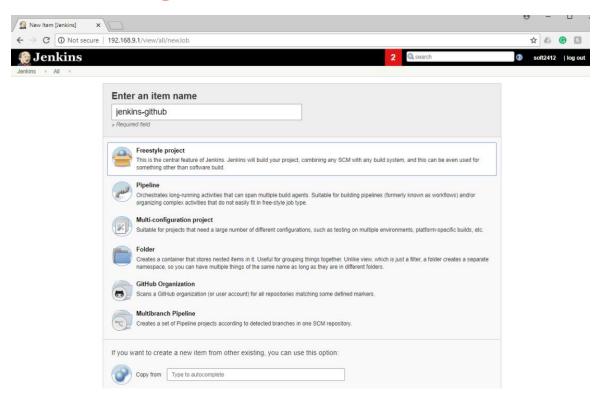


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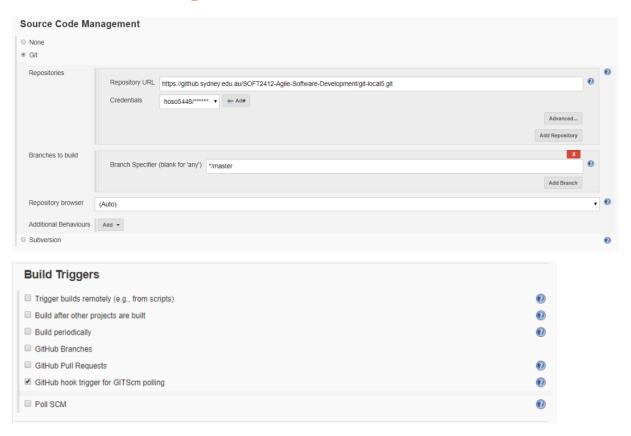


- "Jenkins is a self-contained, open source automation server which can be used to automate all sorts of tasks related to building, testing, and delivering or deploying software."
- Jenkins pipeline is a suite of plugins which supports implementing and integrating continuous delivery pipelines into Jenkins
 - A continuous delivery pipeline is an automated expression of your process for getting software from version control right through to end users/customers
 - Typically written in Jenkinsfile which is checked in a project's source code repository

Jenkins – Integration with GitHub (1)



Jenkins – Integration with GitHub (2)



Jenkins – Integration with GitHub (3)

- Webhooks allow to build or set up GitHub Apps which subscribe to certain events on GitHub
- When one of those events is triggered, HTTP POST payload will be sent to the webhook's configured URL
- Webhooks can be used to update an external issue tracker, trigger Cl builds, update a backup mirror, or even deploy to your production server

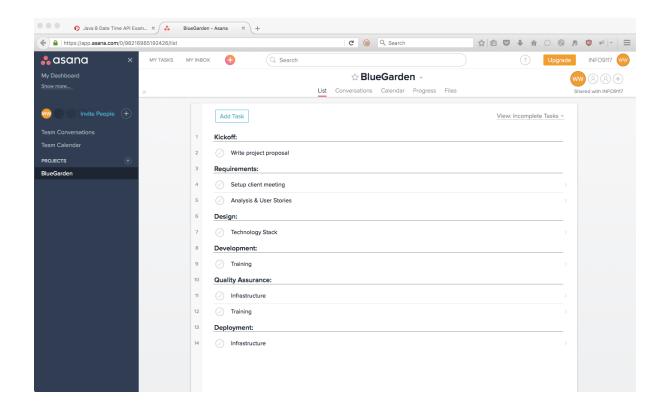
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https://developer.github.com/webhooks/

Teamwork Collaboration Tools

- What tools would you use to help support your team?
- Examples:
 - Dropbox
 - Google Docs
 - Skype
 - Trello
 - Slack
 - Basecamp
 - Asana
 - ... other

Other Tools - Asana - Project Management



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