



## Introduction to git and GitHub

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## What will you need?

Prior to the training session, you will need to have setup 4 different programmes/ accounts + 2 other 'image related' tasks.

- 1. Text editor (programme)
  - Atom <a href="https://atom.io/">https://atom.io/</a>

     (preferable over Notepad ++)
  - Notepad ++ <a href="https://notepad-plus-plus.org/downloads/">https://notepad-plus-plus.org/downloads/</a>
- 2. Git (programme)
  - https://git-scm.com/downloads
- 3. GitHub (account)
  - https://github.com/
- 4. GitHub (desktop)
  - https://desktop.github.com/
- 5. 3 'personal' photos that you are happy to share and describe!
- 6. Think of 1 cartoon or animal.

For a more detailed setup guide see the other presentation: 'GitHub\_training\_intro\_prior\_setup\_instructions.pptx'

https://github.com/SBurnard/GitHub training



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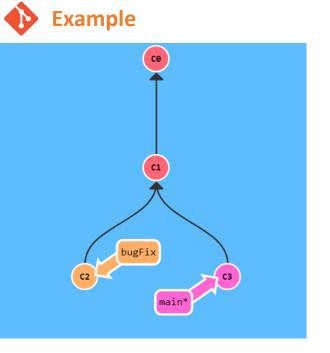


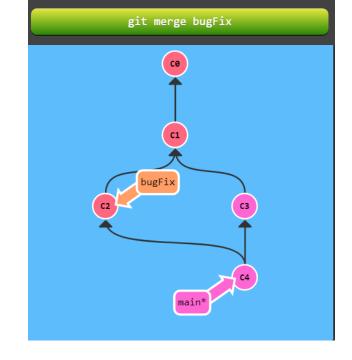


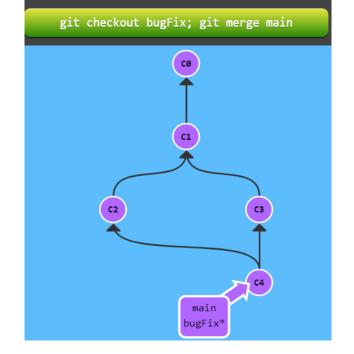
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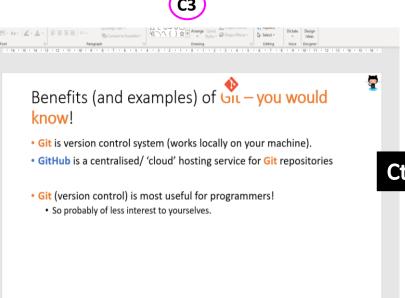
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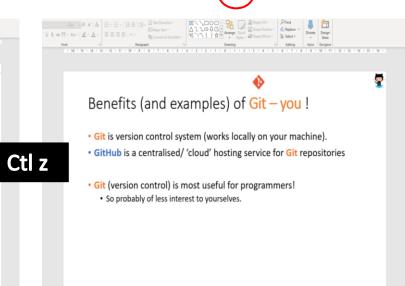


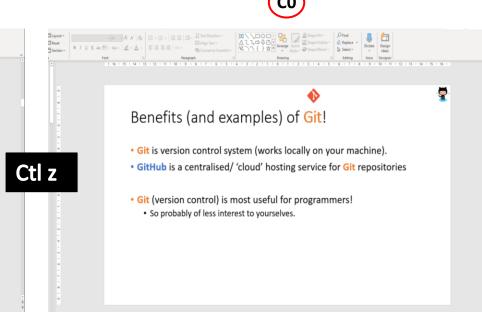




#### **Example of needing to return to an earlier version...**











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- GitHub very useful for researchers
  - 1. Store and share your data/ code
  - 2. Access tonnes/ 'heaps' of open source programmes and data
  - 3. FREE!
  - 4. Versatile.





## Benefits (and examples) of GitHub!

#### Example GitHub page from a lab group sharing software:

- https://github.com/mhammell-laboratory
- https://github.com/PMBio

#### Example GitHub page from an individual:

https://github.com/sirselim

#### Storing and sharing training:

https://github.com/PMBio/SingleCellCourse

#### Data and information for a publication:

https://github.com/PMBio/scNMT-seq

#### Easily create webpages:

- <a href="https://learning-zone.github.io/website-templates/avenger-multi-purpose-responsive-html5-bootstrap-template/">https://learning-zone.github.io/website-templates/avenger-multi-purpose-responsive-html5-bootstrap-template/</a> (generic example template see more <a href="https://github.com/learning-zone/website-templates">https://github.com/learning-zone/website-templates</a>)
- <a href="https://sirselim.github.io/tSNE\_plotting/">https://sirselim.github.io/tSNE\_plotting/</a> (Interactive plots on a webpage linked to a publication)
- https://sirselim.github.io/tSNE\_plotting/img/test\_large\_tsne\_plot.html

#### Share your journey to promote a tool, generate interest and invite/ benefit from collaborative troubleshooting:

<a href="https://github.com/sirselim/jetson\_nanopore\_sequencing">https://github.com/sirselim/jetson\_nanopore\_sequencing</a> (his <a href="current">current</a> journey developing a cheap and portable setup for the Nanopore!)

These are just a few 'basic' example uses of GitHub

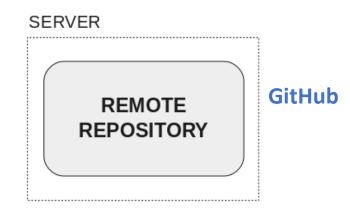




How do Git + GitHub interact?

1º. add 2º. commit 3º. push

## Workflow Diagram



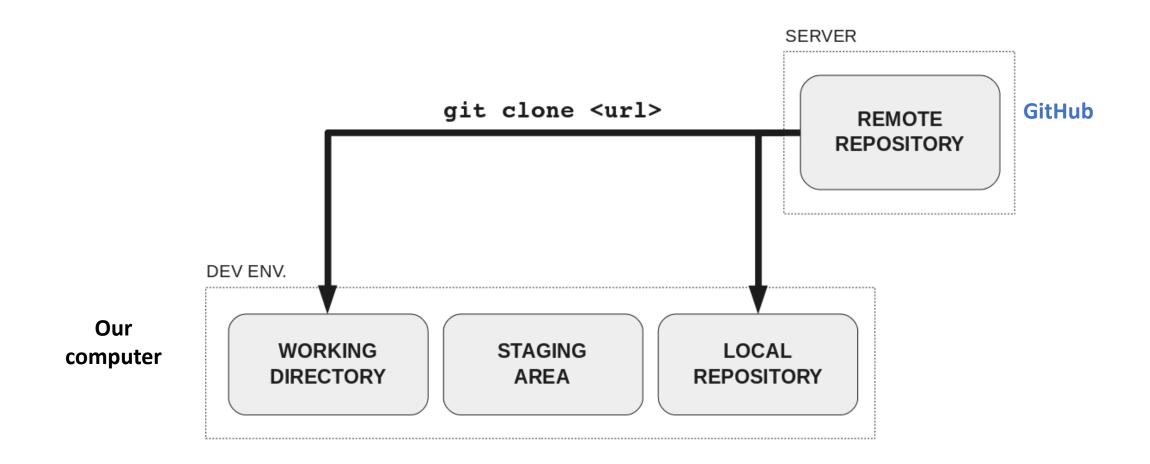
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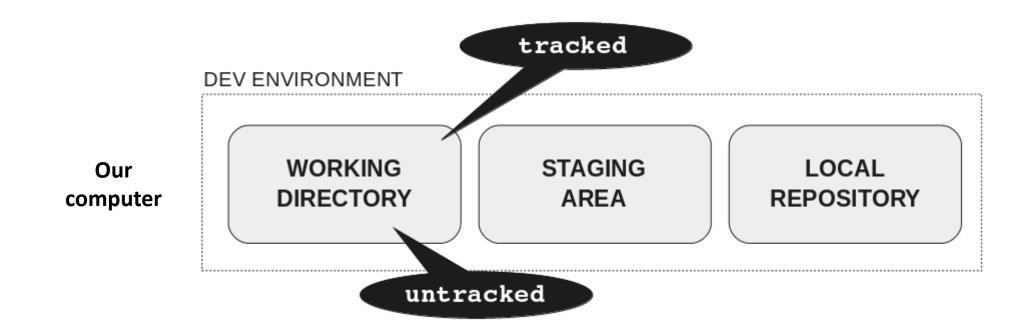
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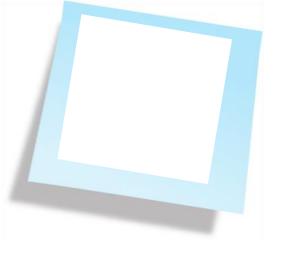


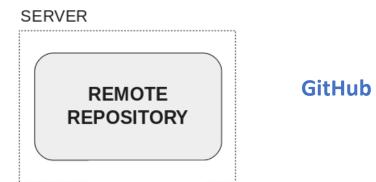




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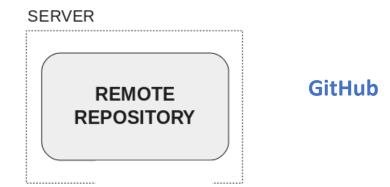
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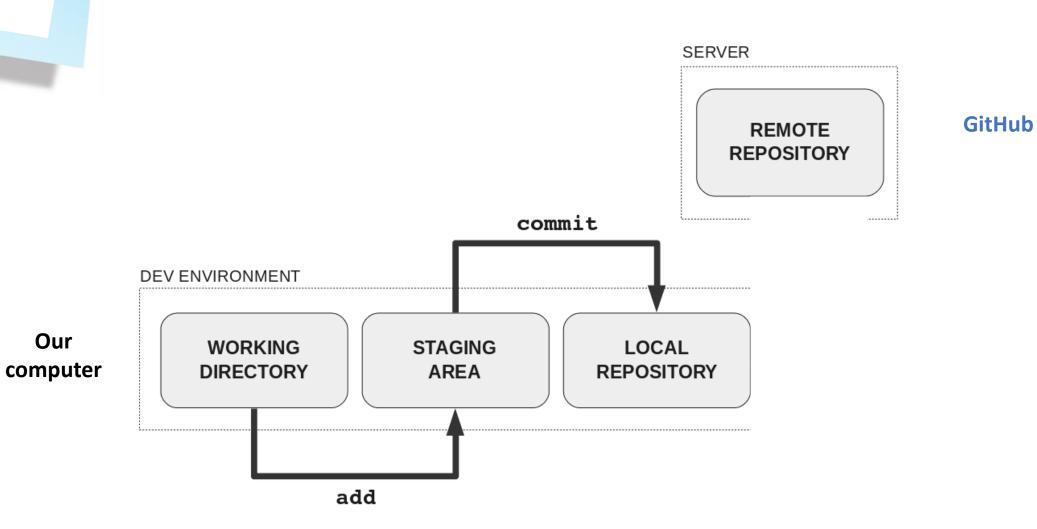
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#### **Git Commits**

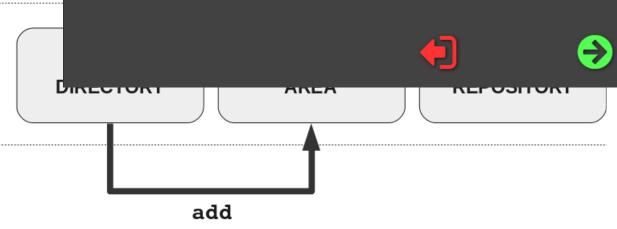
A commit in a git repository records a snapshot of all the (tracked) files in your directory. It's like a giant copy and paste, but even better!

Git wants to keep commits as lightweight as possible though, so it doesn't just blindly copy the entire directory every time you commit. It can (when possible) compress a commit as a set of changes, or a "delta", from one version of the repository to the next.

Git also maintains a history of which commits were made when. That's why most commits have ancestor commits above them -- we designate this with arrows in our visualization. Maintaining history is great for everyone working on the project!

It's a lot to take in, but for now you can think of commits as snapshots of the project. Commits DEVEN are very lightweight and switching between them is wicked fast!

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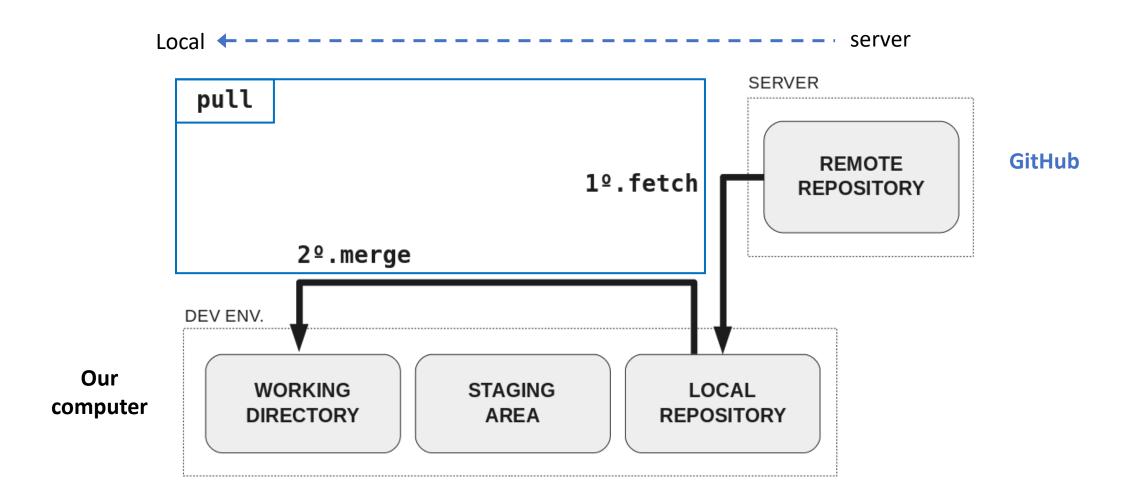
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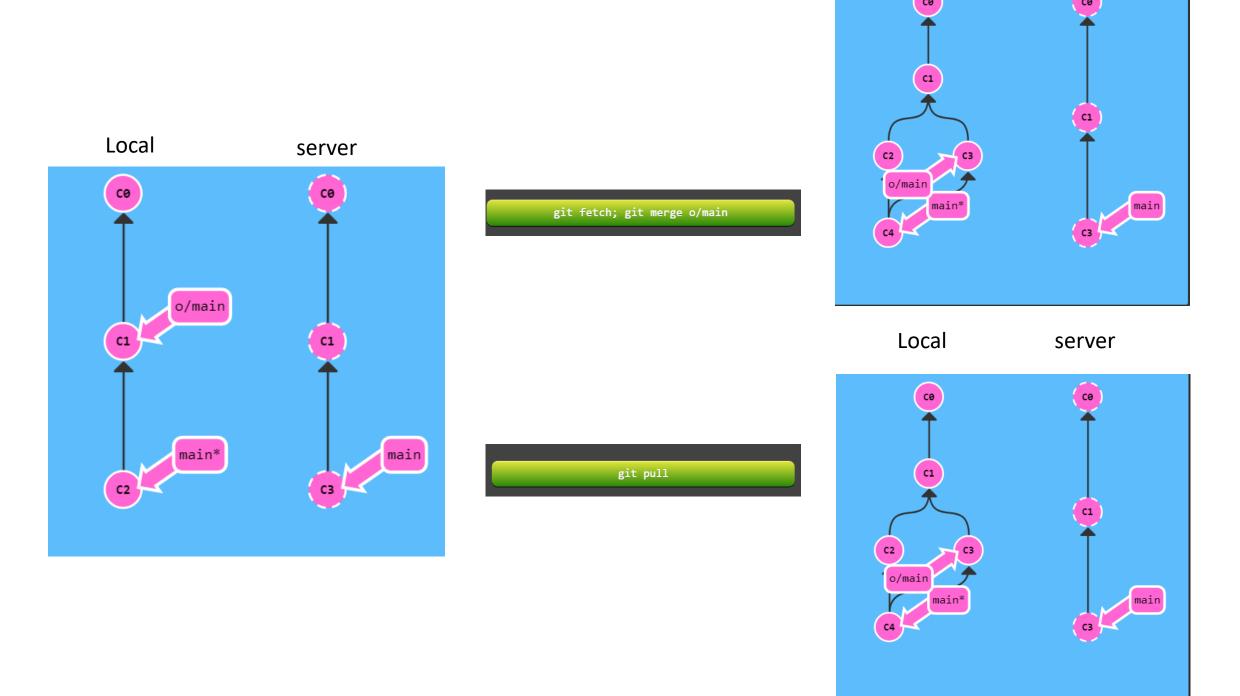
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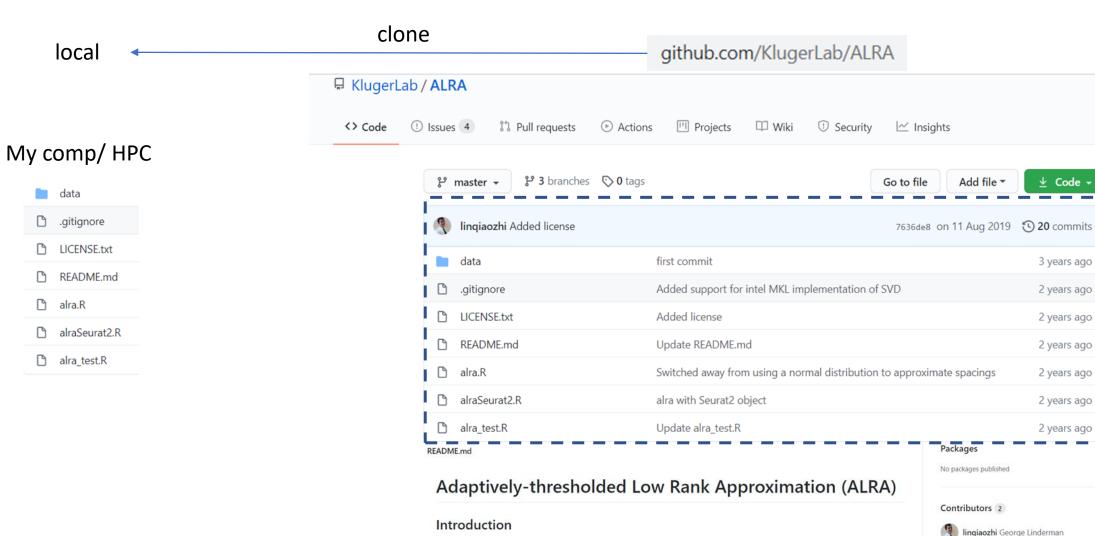
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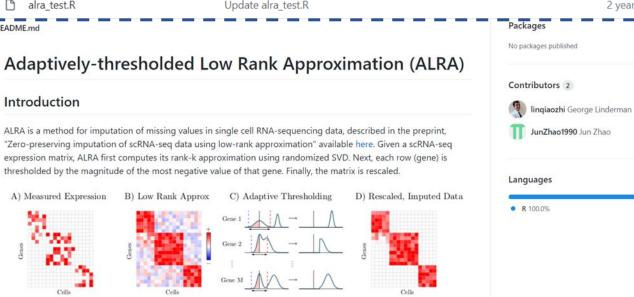
Local server **SERVER GitHub** REMOTE **REPOSITORY** commit **DEV ENVIRONMENT** push **WORKING STAGING LOCAL** computer **DIRECTORY AREA** REPOSITORY add











### **Exercises**

#### 1. Clone GitHub training repo

- Using <u>Git bash terminal</u>
- Open document

#### 2. Make and edit your own repo

- Using <u>GitHub.com</u> and <u>git bash terminal</u>
- Copy contents of GitHub training.
- Create a note and upload with your favourite animal.
- These default as public (keep it public for this one).

#### 3. Find a friend

- On the <u>GitHub website</u>
- Find each other and find out their favourite animal...;)

#### 4. Fork and create website!

- Using <u>GitHub desktop</u> and <u>GitHub.com</u>
- Check your coding friends page and see if their 'favourite animal' featured on their webpage. :D

## Exercise 1— 'Clone my repo!'

Clone this GitHub training github:

https://github.com/SBurnard/GitHub\_training

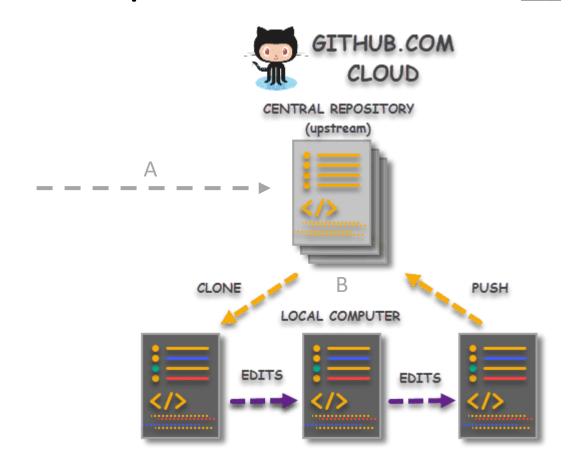
- 1. Open the 'Git Bash' programme.
- 2. Move to your desktop cd Desktop
- 3. Clone the repo

git clone <a href="https://github.com/SBurnard/GitHub">https://github.com/SBurnard/GitHub</a> training

DONE! You've now made an exact copy of all this directory and all of it's files.

4. Go check it out. (And open the exercises doc)

# Exercise 2 – Make you own Repo A) Direct upload to GitHub and B) edit (via command line)

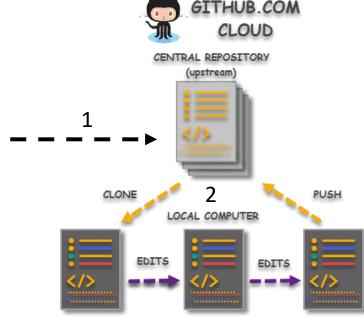


### Exercise 2 – Make you own Repo

#### Aim:

- 1) Make you own Repo on GitHub (directly uploaded to GitHub.com)
- 2) Modify/ edit (via command line Git Bash)

• Follow the instructions in the exercises doc (from the repo you just cloned).



# Exercise 3 – Find a friend! Collaborations require.... Collaborators!

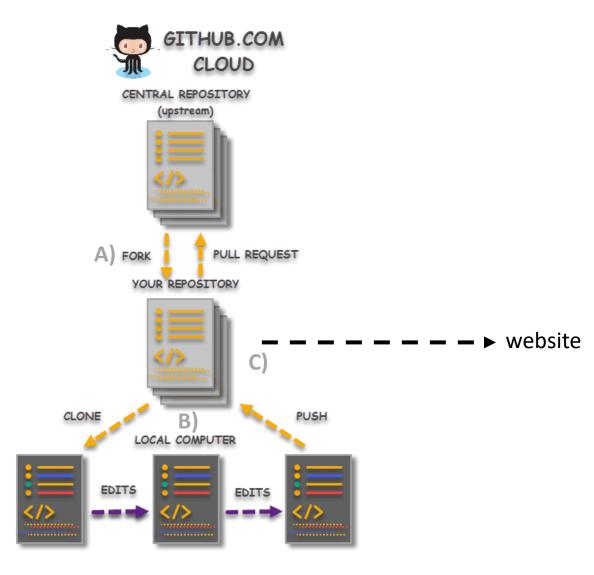
Find and follow each other. Three 'easy' methods:

- 1) use the search bar and click user.
- 2) type users:<name> directly in the search bar
- 3) Ask your friend their username and type github.com/<Their\_User\_Name>

And... Most importantly what was their favourite animal?! :D (Go search their public repos)

# Exercise 4 – A) Fork, B) edit and C) upload your own website!

(via GitHub desktop)



# Why go through all this effort and not just allow 'autosaving'?

• Such as often defaulted in word or excel....

Questions....





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## What have you learnt/ done?

- Learnt and used both git and GitHub
- Various benefits and uses of GitHub
- Have your own GitHub account:
  - Created your own repo
  - Launched your own website!
  - Made some friends/ collaborators.
- Used several different methods:
  - Git bash terminal
  - Git Desktop
  - GitHub.com (directly uploading and editing on the website)

## Good additional training options

#### From GitHub:

- https://lab.github.com/githubtraining/prepare-to-use-github
- https://lab.github.com/githubtraining/introduction-to-github
- <a href="https://lab.github.com/githubtraining/first-day-on-github">https://lab.github.com/githubtraining/first-day-on-github</a>

#### Alternative sites:

- <a href="https://blog.upperlinecode.com/how-to-teach-git-commits-github-to-teenagers-a3f740b2f500">https://blog.upperlinecode.com/how-to-teach-git-commits-github-to-teenagers-a3f740b2f500</a>
- <a href="https://rachelcarmena.github.io/2018/12/12/how-to-teach-git.html">https://rachelcarmena.github.io/2018/12/12/how-to-teach-git.html</a>
- <a href="https://towardsdatascience.com/getting-started-with-git-and-github-6fcd0f2d4ac6">https://towardsdatascience.com/getting-started-with-git-and-github-6fcd0f2d4ac6</a>
- <a href="https://learngitbranching.js.org/">https://learngitbranching.js.org/</a> (interactive for git)