

# GETTING STARTED WITH ECLIPSE AND GITHUB

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# GETTING STARTED WITH ECLIPSE AND GIT

## INTRODUCTION

Eclipse Software Development Kit (Eclipse SDK) is a vast extendable set of tools for software development. Here we are interested in Eclipse's Integrated Development Environment (IDE) component for writing Java software. Eclipse is an open source project of Eclipse Foundation; you can find information about Eclipse Project at <http://www.eclipse.org/eclipse>. Eclipse is available free of charge under the Eclipse Public License.

Eclipse was developed by software professionals for software professionals; it may seem overwhelming to a novice. This document describes the very basics of Eclipse, enough to get started with Java in an educational setting.

Eclipse runs on multiple platforms including Windows, Linux, and Mac OS. There may be minor differences between Eclipse versions for different platforms and operating systems, but the core features work the same way. Here we will use examples and screen shots from Windows.

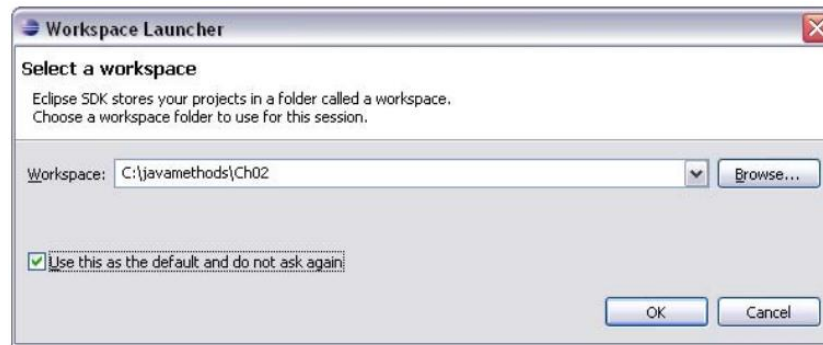
This document describes Version 4.5, Eclipse Mars for Java Developers.

## GETTING STARTED WITH ECLIPSE

Go to <http://www.eclipse.org> and click on "Download Eclipse." In the displayed list of installations click on "Eclipse IDE for Java Developers." On the right, choose the desired operating system and architecture (for example, "Windows 64-bit" if you have a 64-bit system running Windows).

Under Windows, you will download a zip file, for example, [eclipse-java-mars-R-win32.zip](#) (for 32-bit systems) or [eclipse-java-mars-R-win32-x86\\_64.zip](#) (for 64-bit systems). Extract the eclipse folder from the zip file into your file system into [C:\Program Files](#) and rename it [Eclipse](#) (with a capital "E") for consistency with the names of other application folders. (It may take a few minutes to extract Eclipse files from the zip file.) You will find [eclipse.exe](#) in the eclipse folder. This is the Eclipse executable. Create a shortcut to it on the desktop (by dragging eclipse.exe to the desktop while holding down Ctrl+Shift).

Double click on the shortcut or on eclipse.exe. A dialog box will pop up asking you to choose a workspace:



In Eclipse a workspace is basically a folder that contains project files and configuration data. Enter a folder of your choice, for example [H:\ICS4U\Programs](#). Check the “Use this as the default” box — you can change it later. Click **OK**.

Eclipse then comes up with a Welcome screen:



Go over the overview and/or tutorials or click on Workbench (arrow in the top right corner) to start working.

## CONFIGURING ECLIPSE

Here are a few suggestions for setting preferences.

❖ In Eclipse, the Preferences command is located under the Window menu.

Click on it.

Under **General→Editors→Text Editors** check “Show line numbers”.

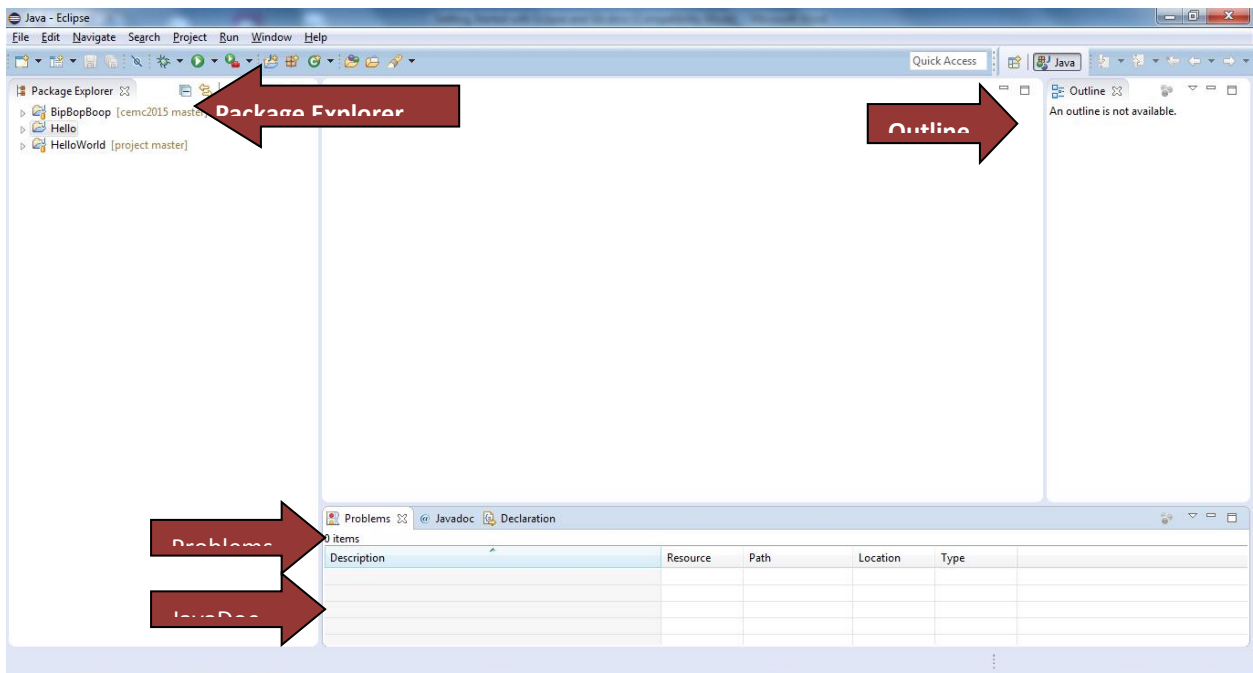
Under **General→Startup and Shutdown** check “Refresh workspace on startup”. Also increase the number of recent workspaces under **General→Startup and Shutdown→Workspaces**.

Under **General→Workspace** check “Save automatically before build.”

When you are finished setting the preferences, click **OK**. If Eclipse asks you whether it is OK to reload the workspace, click **Yes**.

## SETTING UP YOUR PERSPECTIVE

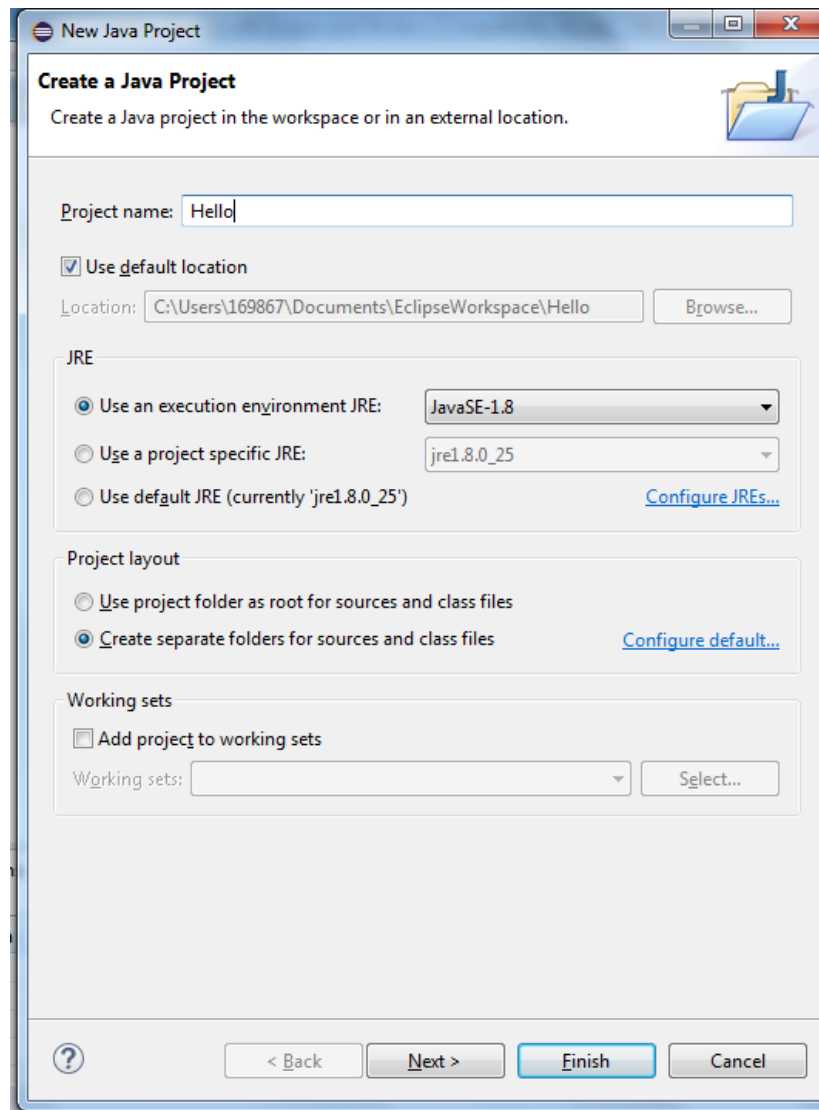
If your screen does not look like the one below, go to **Window→Perspective→Open Perspective** and select Java. If Java is not shown click on “other” then scroll through the list until you see Java. If you are missing any of the panes click on **Window→Show View...** and select what you are missing. Any additional panes on your screen can be closed.



- ❖ One great feature of this version is that if you mess up the layout of your screen you can always go to **Window→Perspective** and select “Reset Perspective” and it will put all the blocks back in their original place.

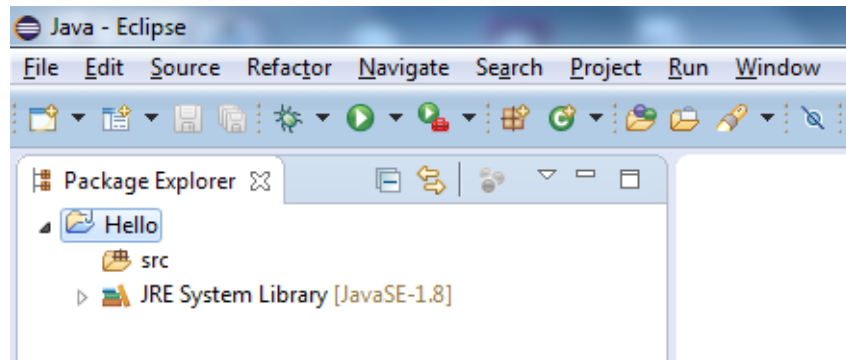
## RUNNING “HELLO WORLD”

On the File menu choose **New→Java Project** (or click on the pull-down arrow next to the New button on the toolbar and choose Java Project). A dialog box pops up. Enter the project name, for example, “Hello”; leave the “Use default location” box checked:



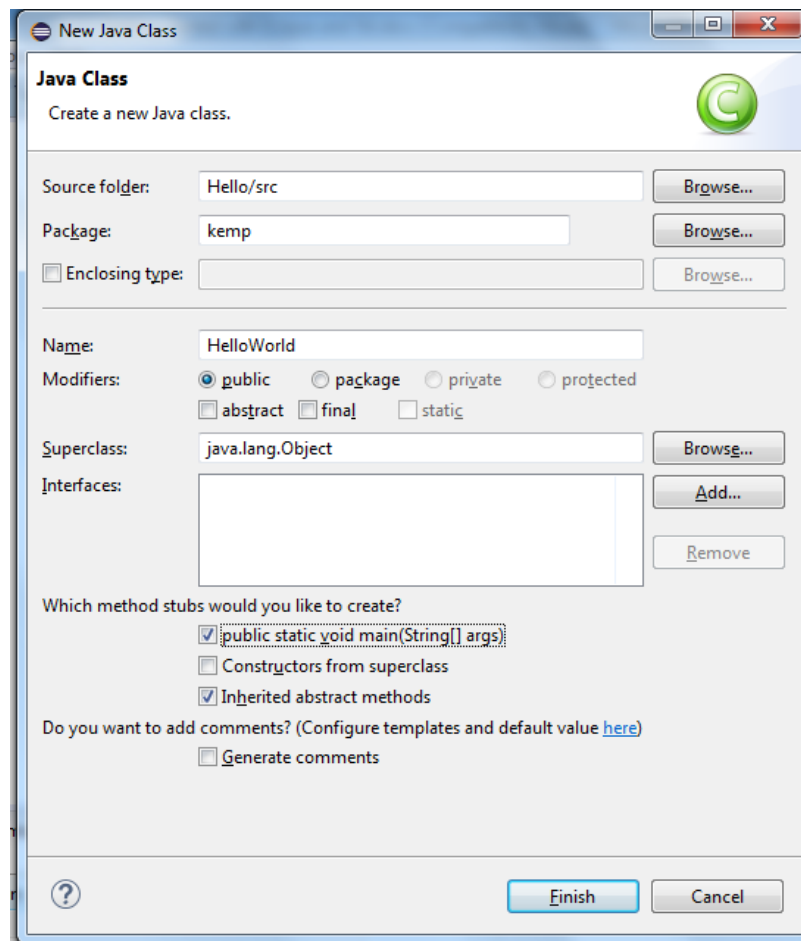
Click **Finish**.

If you expand the Hello folder in Package Explorer, you will see the src subfolder:



That's where Java source files go.

If you are starting from scratch, click on the [New Java Class](#) button on the toolbar (small green C). In the dialog box that pops up, enter the package name (for our purposes your name), the name for your class (for example, HelloWorld), and the features you want automatically generated for your class (for example public static void main).



Click **Finish**.

Enter the code for your class in the editor:

```
/**
 * Displays a "Hello World!" message on the screen
 */

public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

If the indentation is not correct select all the code (**Ctrl+A**) then press **Ctrl+I**.

In the toolbar click the green play button or click **Ctrl+F11**. This will build or rebuild your project, if necessary, and run it. When you run your program for the first time, Eclipse might ask you: Run as Java applet or application? Choose “application.”

- ❖ **It is easy and convenient in Eclipse to have several applets and/or applications in the same project and choose which one of them to run.**

If you press **Ctrl+F11** when a Java class is selected or open it in the editor, Eclipse will run the selected class. If there are several classes that have a main method in them and nothing is selected, Eclipse will ask you which one to run.

## COMMAND-LINE ARGUMENTS AND USER INPUT

In the same project “Hello,” create two more classes,

Greetings —

```
/**
 * This program expects two command-line arguments
 * -- a person's first name and last name.
 */

public class Greetings
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String firstName = args[0];
        String lastName = args[1];
        System.out.println("Hello " + firstName + " " + lastName);
        System.out.println("Congratulations on your second
        program!");
    }
}
```

— and Greetings2:

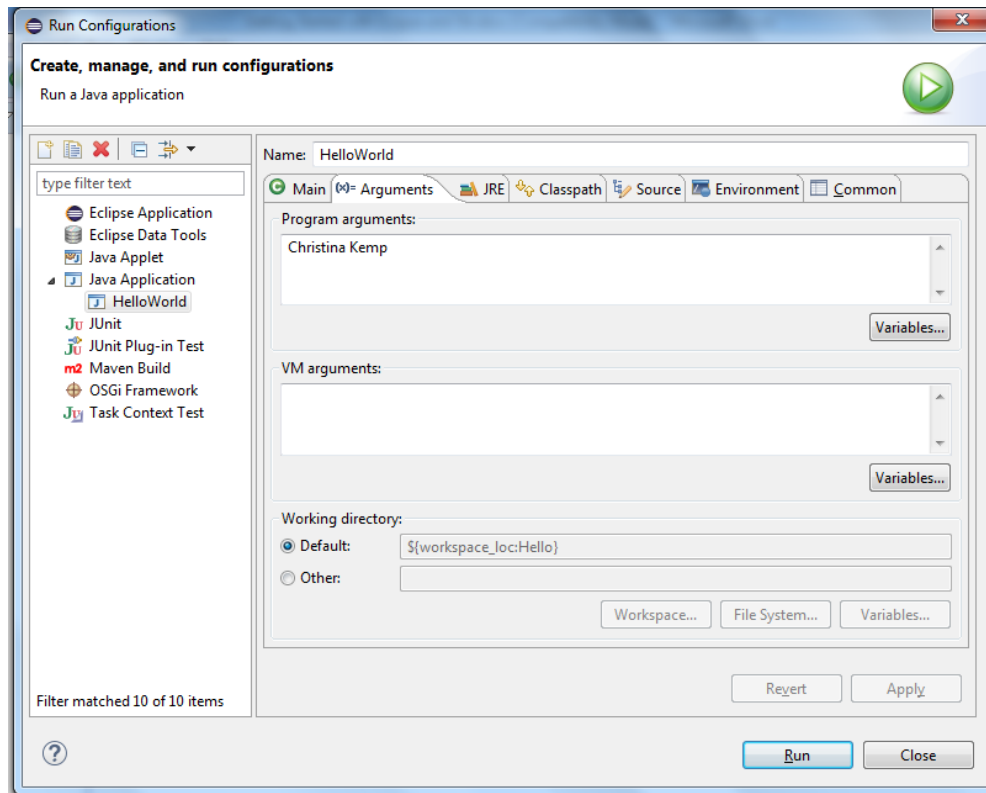
```
/* This program prompts the user to enter his or her first name
and last name and displays a greeting message. Author: Maria
Litvin
*/

import java.util.Scanner;
public class Greetings2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter your first name: ");
        String firstName = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Enter your last name: ");
        String lastName = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.println("Hello " + firstName + " " + lastName);
        System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    }
}
```

Greetings expects command-line arguments and Greetings2 accepts input from the user.

If your application expects run-time parameters from the command line, you need to define a run-time configuration. From the Run menu choose Run Configurations and click on the “(x)=Arguments” tab. Enter the program arguments in the top text area. For example:





Then click **Run**. You only have to do it once, as long as you keep the same program arguments.

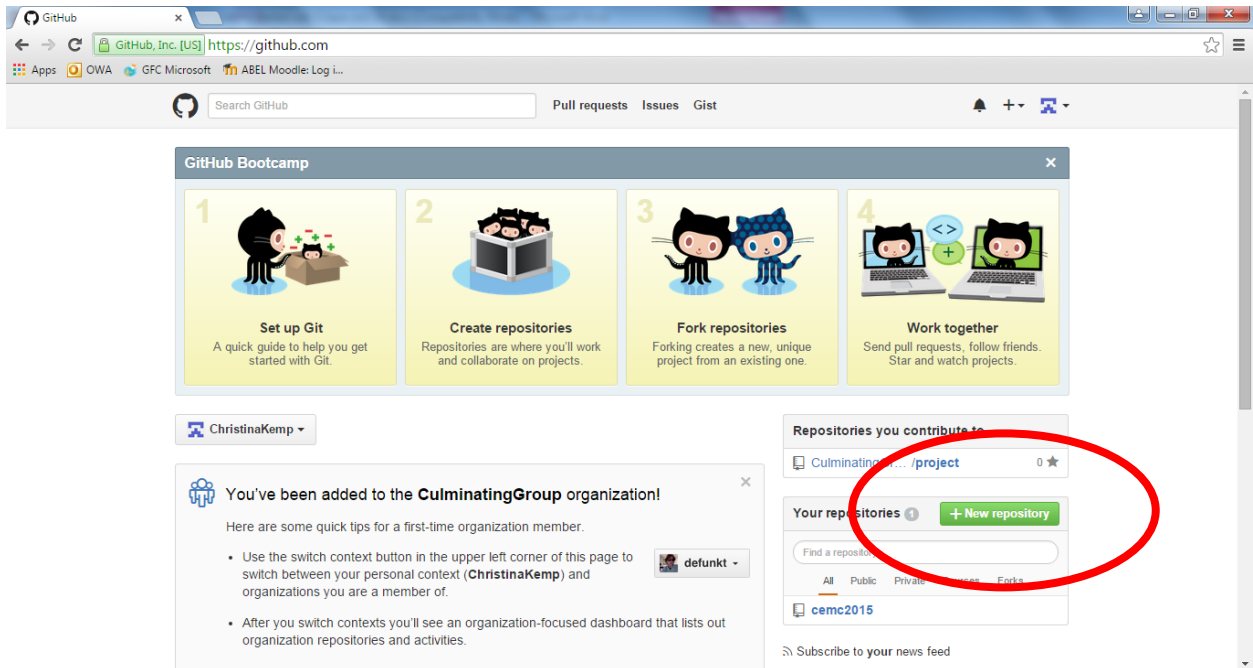
You can double click on any Java file to open it in the editor window.

The third application in our “Hello” project, Greetings2, prompts the user for input.

- ❖ **Unfortunately, Eclipse doesn’t position the cursor correctly on the input line in the console window. If the cursor is in an editor window and you start typing, you will mess up the source code. Make sure to click on the console window before responding to the prompt.**
- ❖ **If your program reads data files (.txt, .wav, .gif, etc.), place them into the project folder (such as Hello, one step above src and bin).**

## CREATING A GIT REPOSITORY IN GITHUB

Open your browser and login to GitHub ([www.github.com](https://www.github.com)). Create a new Git repository:



Name your new repository **ICS4U** and give it a meaningful description.

The screenshot shows the "Create a new repository" page on GitHub. The "Owner" is set to "ChristinaKemp" and the "Repository name" is "ICS4U" with a green checkmark. The "Description (optional)" field contains the text "Programs created for grade 12 computer science class". The "Public" radio button is selected, indicating the repository will be public. There are also checkboxes for "Initialize this repository with a README" and "Add .gitignore" and "Add a license", all of which are currently unchecked or set to "None". A green "Create repository" button is at the bottom.

Click **Create Repository**.

Once it is created you should see a page that says Quick Setup at the top and a link right below it. Copy the https link given for your repository.

GitHub interface for repository **ChristinaKemp / ICS4U**.

Navigation: Pull requests, Issues, Gist

Repository actions: Unwatch (1), Star (0)

**Quick setup — if you've done this kind of thing before**

Set up in Desktop or HTTPS SSH <https://github.com/ChristinaKemp/ICS4U.git>

We recommend every repository include a [README](#), [LICENSE](#), and [.gitignore](#).

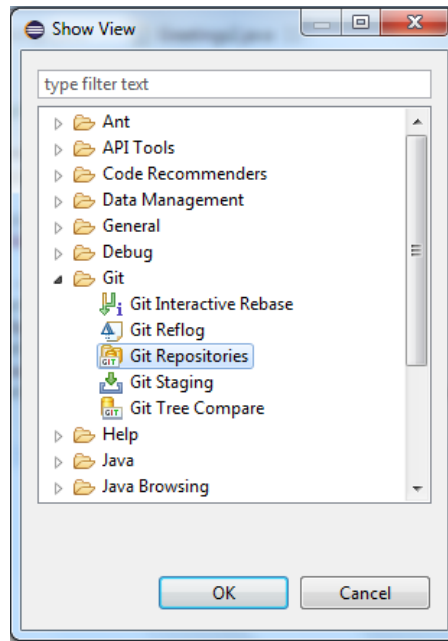
**...or create a new repository on the command line**

```
echo # ICS4U >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
```

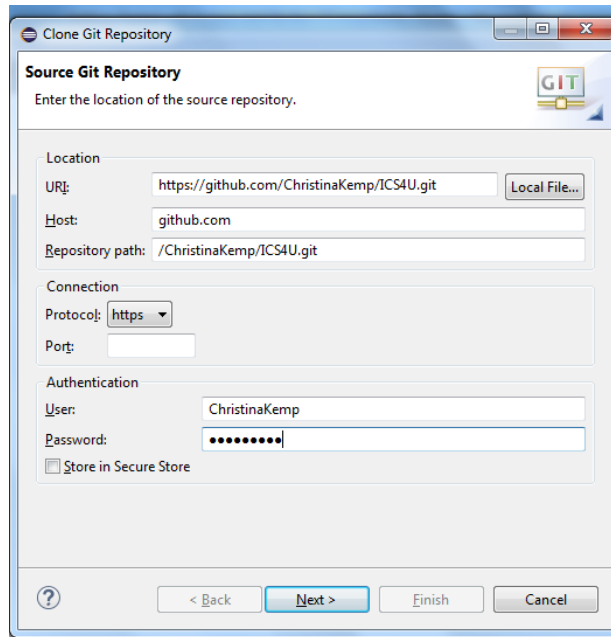
Right sidebar: Code, Issues (0), Pull requests (0), Wiki, Pulse

## ADDING YOUR GIT REPOSITORY TO ECLIPSE

In Eclipse, go to **Window→Show View→Other...** Then select **Git→Git Repositories**



In the Git Repositories box, choose “Clone a Git repository”. Paste the link you copied from your GitHub repository into the URI text field and add your username and password for your GitHub account under “Authentication”:



Clone Git Repository

Enter the location of the source repository.

Location

URI:  Local File...

Host:

Repository path:

Connection

Protocol:

Port:

Authentication

User:

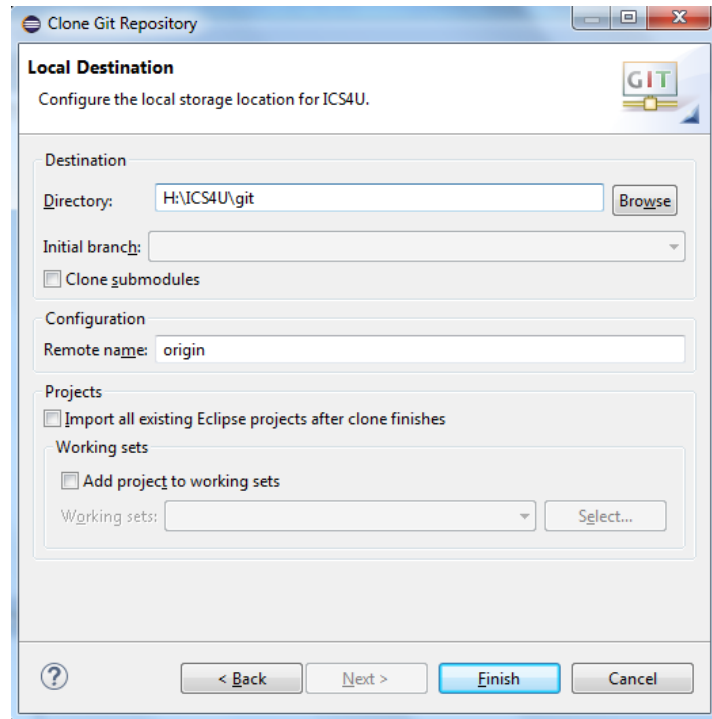
Password:

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Click **Next**, then **Next** again.

Set the directory for the git repository to be stored to be `H:\ICS4U\git` (or whatever the home directory is for your school):



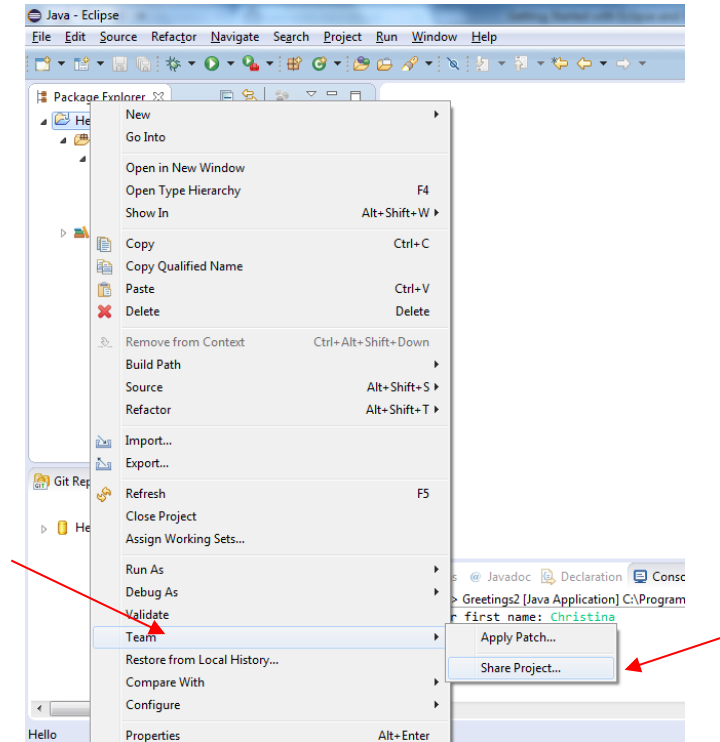
Click **Finish**.

You should now see your repository from GitHub located in the Git Repositories box.

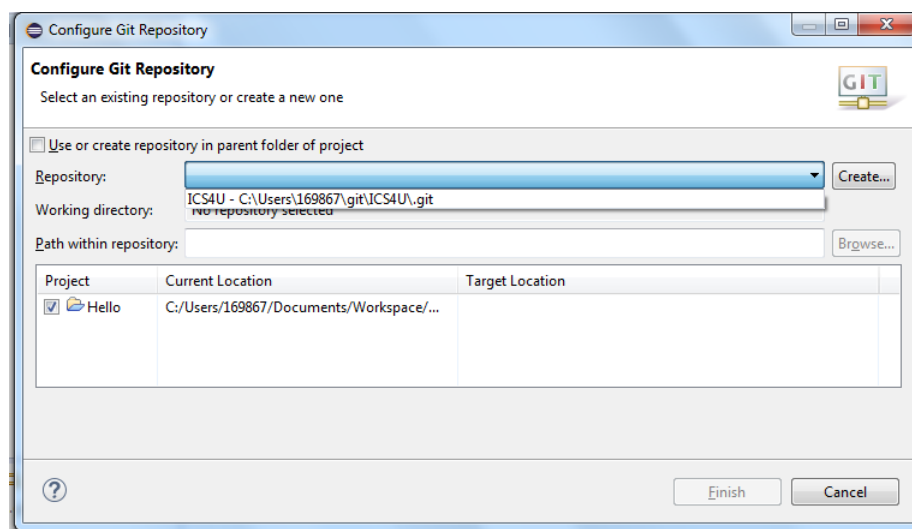


## ADDING A PROJECT TO YOUR GIT REPOSITORY

To add your Java project to your Git Repository Right Click on the project (Hello) in the Project Explorer, go to **Team**→**Share Project...**



In the “Configure Git Repository” window click the drop down list next to “Repository” then select the **ICS4U** repository you added. Ensure your Hello project is selected in the bottom of the window.

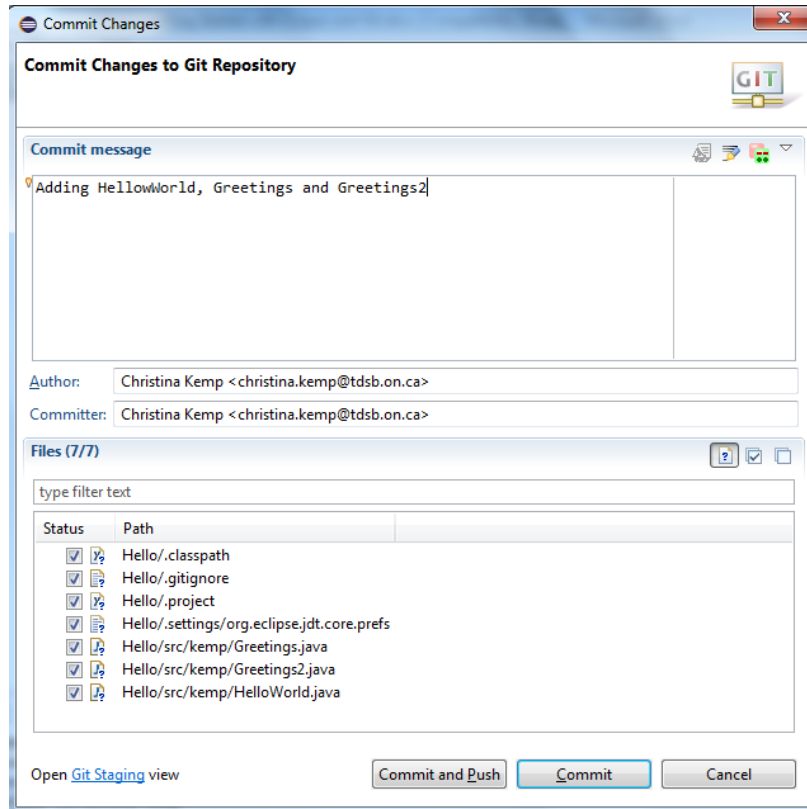


Click **Finish**.

You should now see [\[ICS4U NO-HEAD\]](#) next to the project name in the Package Explorer.

To upload the project to github.com right click on the project (Hello), go to **Team→Commit...**

In the “Commit Changes” window add a description about what you are adding. Ensure the Author and Committer are both your name and email address. Select all files in the bottom window.



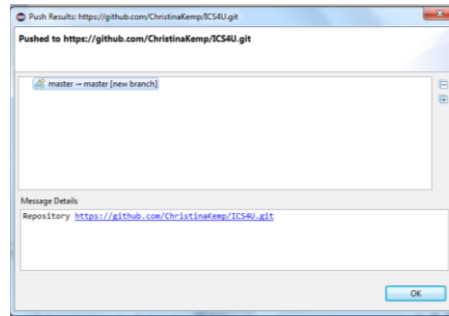
Click **Commit and Push**.

- ❖ Adding a description is important to help you (and others) know what changes were made each time the code was committed.

When the “Push Branch Master” dialog box opens, click **Next**. If the “Login” window opens enter your GitHub username and password then click Okay. Click **Finish**.



You should get a confirmation message once your files have been pushed:



Open your browser to your Git repository ICS4U. Click on [Code](#) on the right side of the page. You should now see your project, "Hello". You can click through the project to get to your source files, and should see your three java files, HelloWorld, Greetings and Greetings2.

- ❖ **Every time you update your java project in Eclipse you simply have to "Commit and Push" and all your changes will appear in GitHub.**
- ❖ **If you are working on the same project on another computer you will need to set the second computer up the same way. Make sure you always "Pull" from GitHub before you start working on your project to ensure you have the most recent version on that particular computer, and "Commit and Push" when you are finished.**
- ❖ **GitHub can be used to collaborate on one project with multiple people using Organizations. For more information see Mark Hoel's video [here](#).**