Report on Version Controlling the Class Diagram Using Git

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1. Introduction

This report documents the process of version-controlling a class diagram using Git, as part of the CCS3313 - Advanced Software Design course. The primary objective of the assignment was to simulate collaboration on a software project by using Git and GitHub. This process involved creating a local Git repository, adding a class diagram, pushing changes to a remote GitHub repository, and managing collaboration using branching and pull requests.

The project focused on an Inventory Management System, and as part of the task, a class diagram representing the system's entities and relationships was version-controlled. A Payment entity was added to the diagram, demonstrating the use of Git for version control and collaboration.

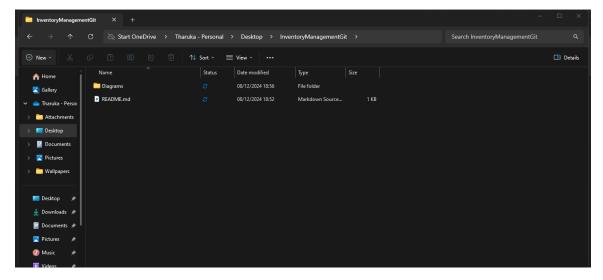
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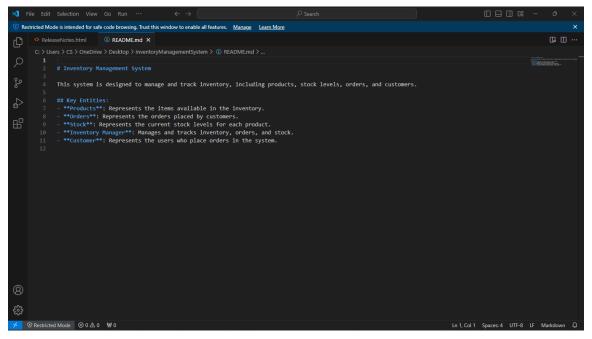
2.1. Repository Setup

• Created a local Git repository and organized the project files.

- Added a README.md file to describe the Inventory Management System.
- Created a subfolder called Diagrams and added the class diagram (ClassDiagram.png).
- Committed the initial files to the repository.

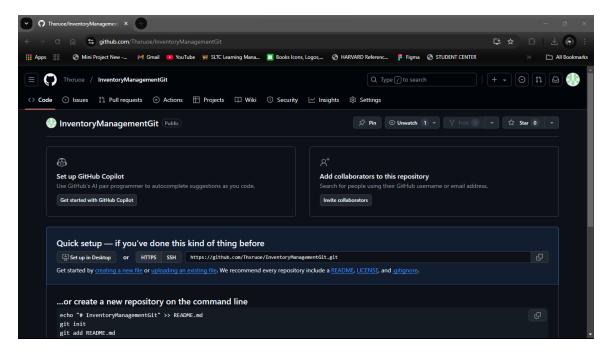






2.2. Remote Repository

- Created a remote repository on GitHub and linked it to the local repository.
- Pushed the initial files to GitHub to make the repository accessible for collaboration.

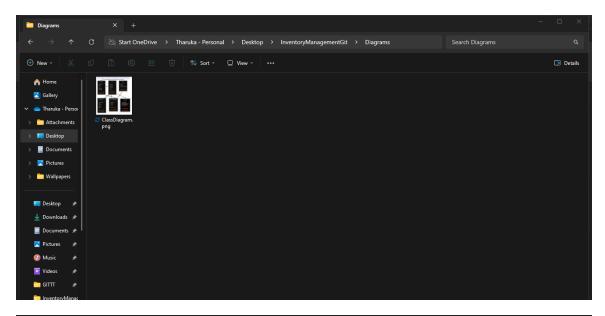






2.3. Collaboration:

- Simulated collaboration by creating a new branch (update-class-diagram).
- Added the Payment entity to the class diagram and established a relationship between Order and Payment.
- Committed and pushed the changes to the remote repository.



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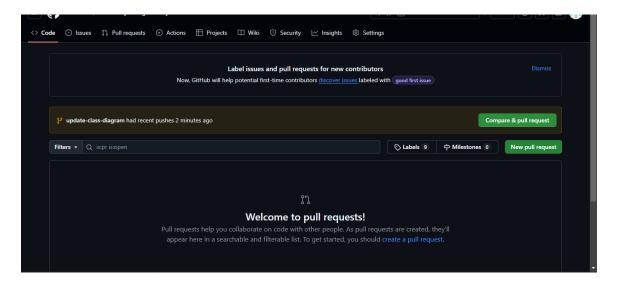
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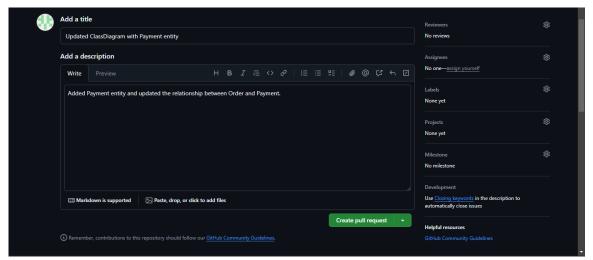
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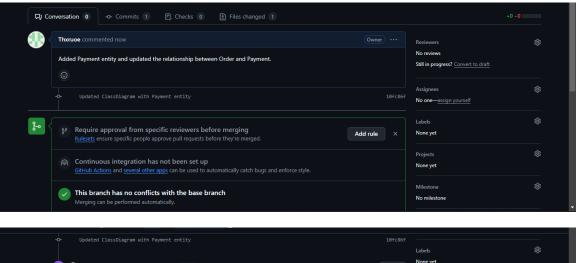
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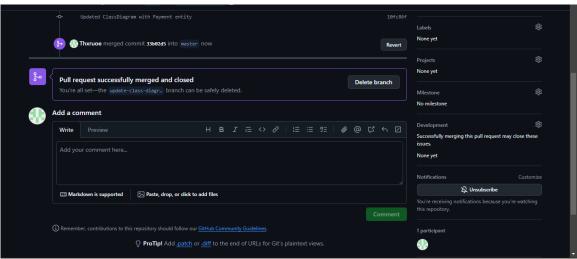
2.4. Pull Request & Merge

- Created a Pull Request (PR) for merging the update-class-diagram branch into the master branch.
- Reviewed and merged the PR after confirmation.

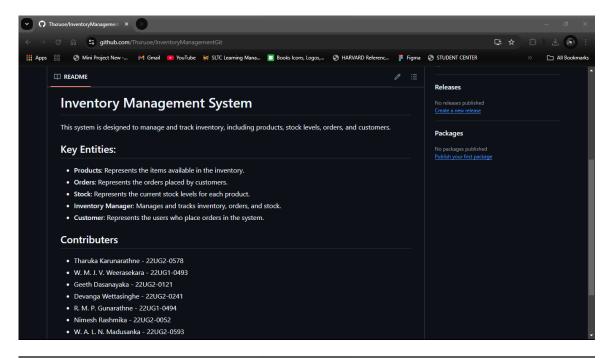


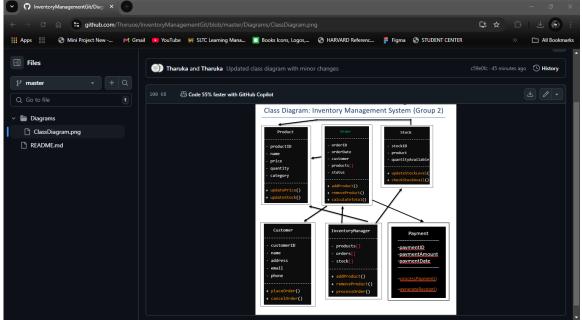












3. Challenges Faced

Branching and Merging: Initially, managing branches and ensuring changes
were correctly pushed to the remote repository was a challenge. However, this
was overcome by creating a new branch and using Git commands such as git
checkout, git commit, and git push.

• Conflict Handling: While no actual conflicts were encountered, learning about how to handle merge conflicts (using git merge and resolving issues locally) was important to ensure smoother future collaboration.

4. Key Learnings from Using Git:

- Version Control: Understanding the importance of version control for collaborative projects. Git allows easy tracking of changes, collaboration across team members, and reverting to previous versions if necessary.
- Branching and Merging: Gained hands-on experience in using branches to implement changes independently and merging them back into the main branch, which is essential for team collaboration.
- Pull Requests: Learned how to create and review Pull Requests, a key aspect of collaboration in GitHub. PRs ensure that code changes are reviewed before being merged into the main codebase.
- Conflict Resolution: While no conflicts arose, We learned how to handle them effectively. Understanding how to use Git to manage conflicting changes in the code is an essential skill for working in teams.

6. Conclusion

This task provided a comprehensive understanding of how to use Git for version control, collaboration, and handling changes in a project. It demonstrated the power of GitHub for managing a software development project, even for a simple task like version-controlling a class diagram.