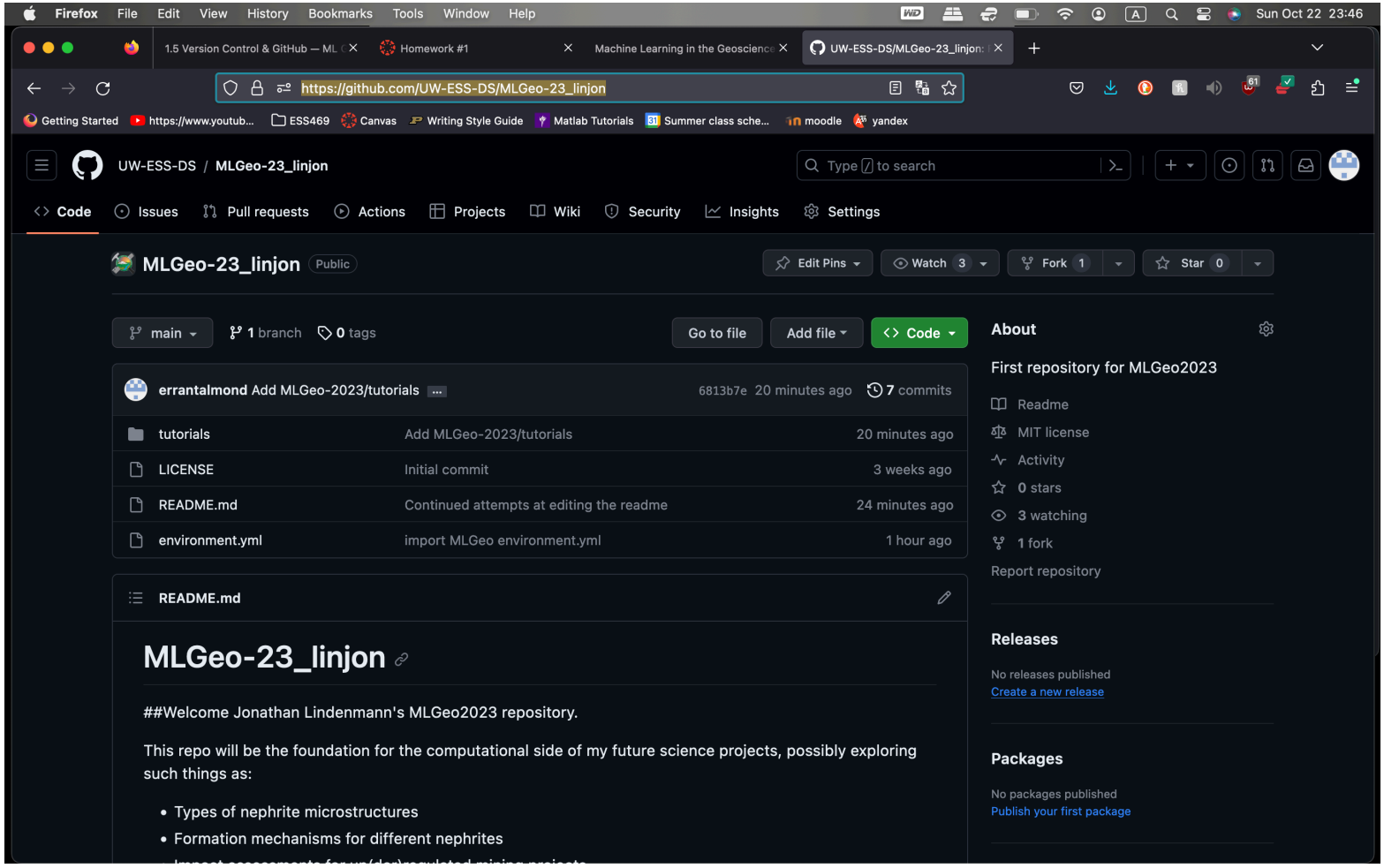
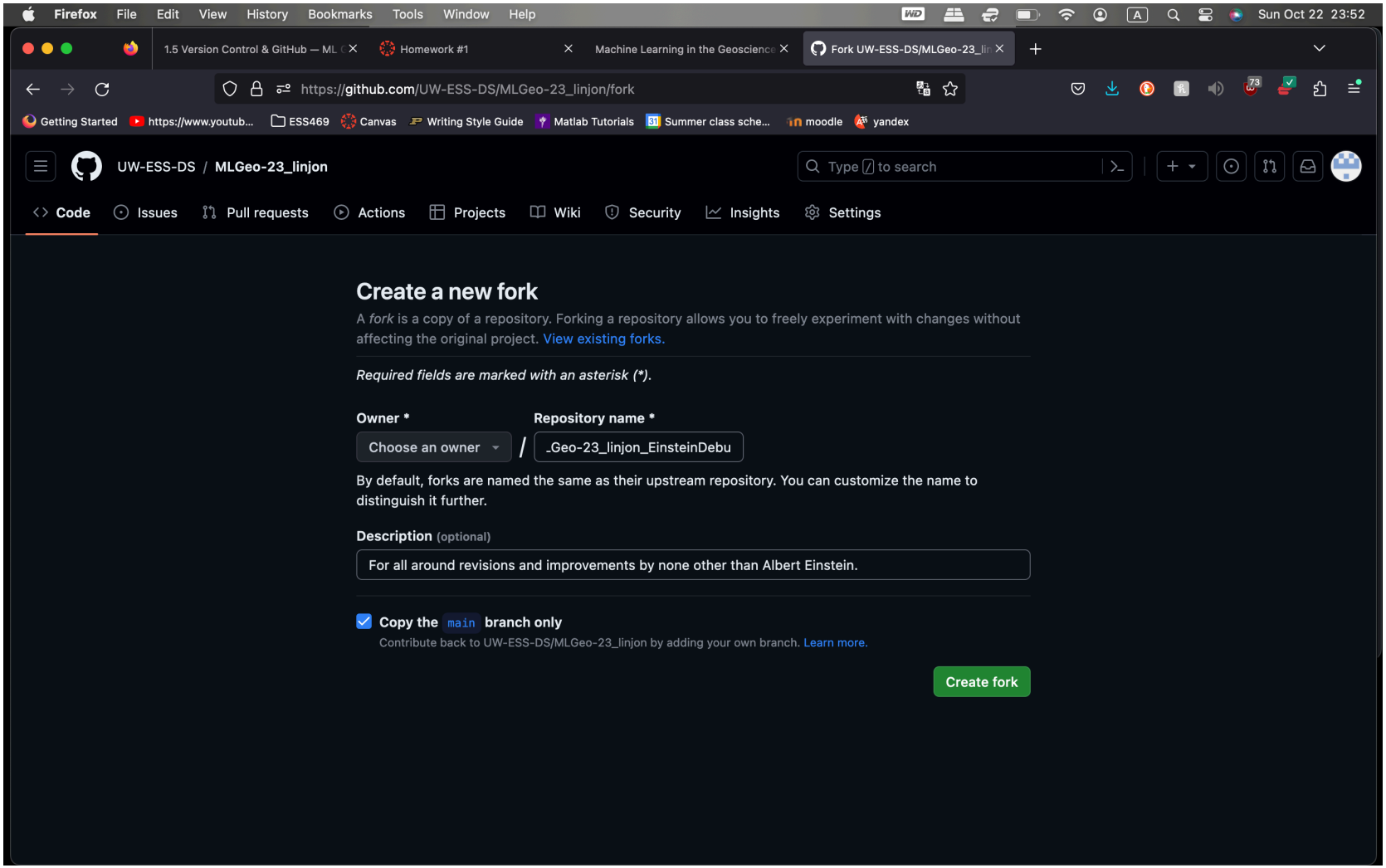
Making your own contributions to my repository

To work on my anything stored in my repository, you can get all the files to your local system with a pull request. Here are the steps:

1. Access my repository on GitHub and click on ‘fork’ near the top right of the page:

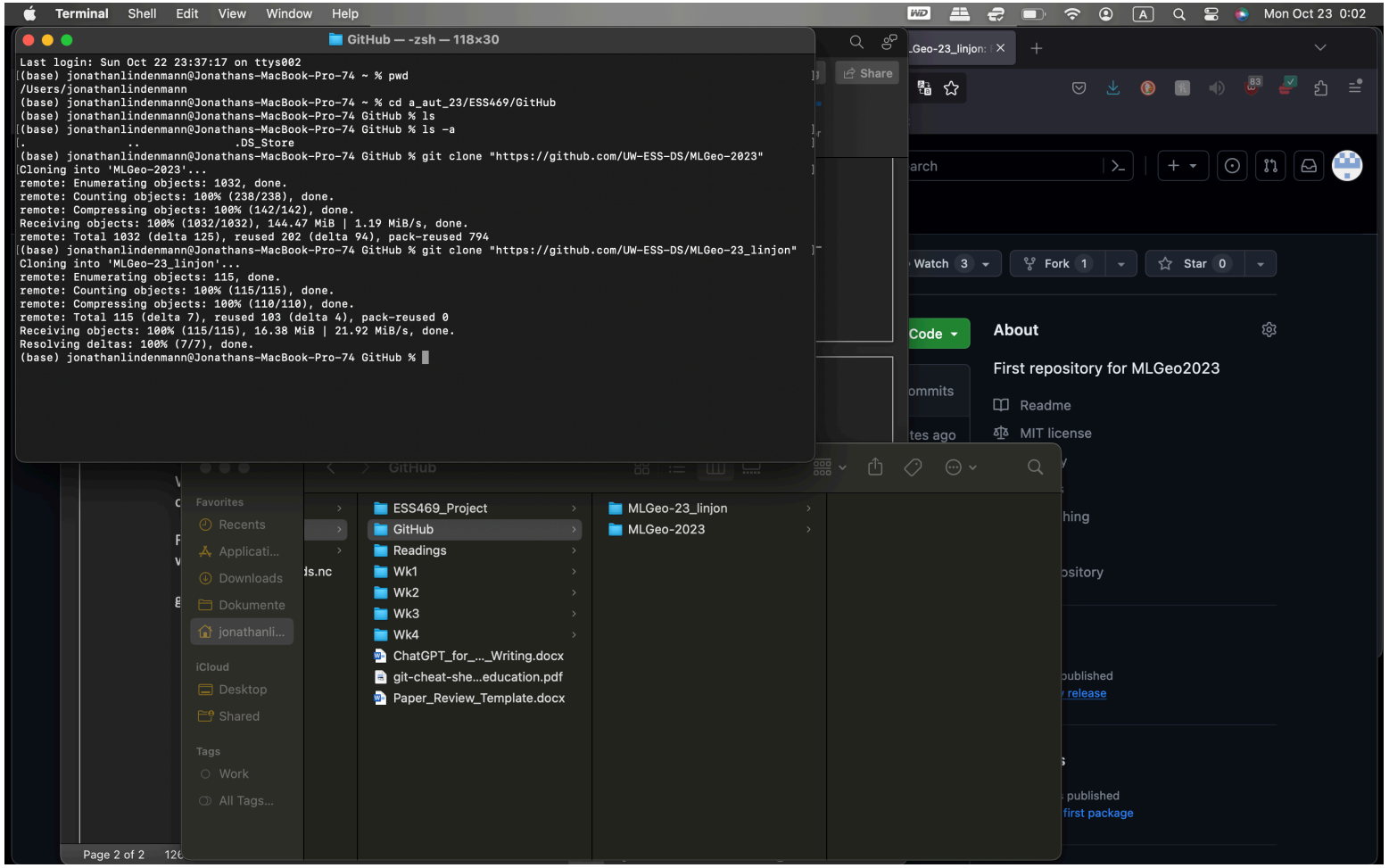


2. Add some information on the following page to identify the purpose of the fork and who is working on it. You'll also want to choose yourself as the owner:



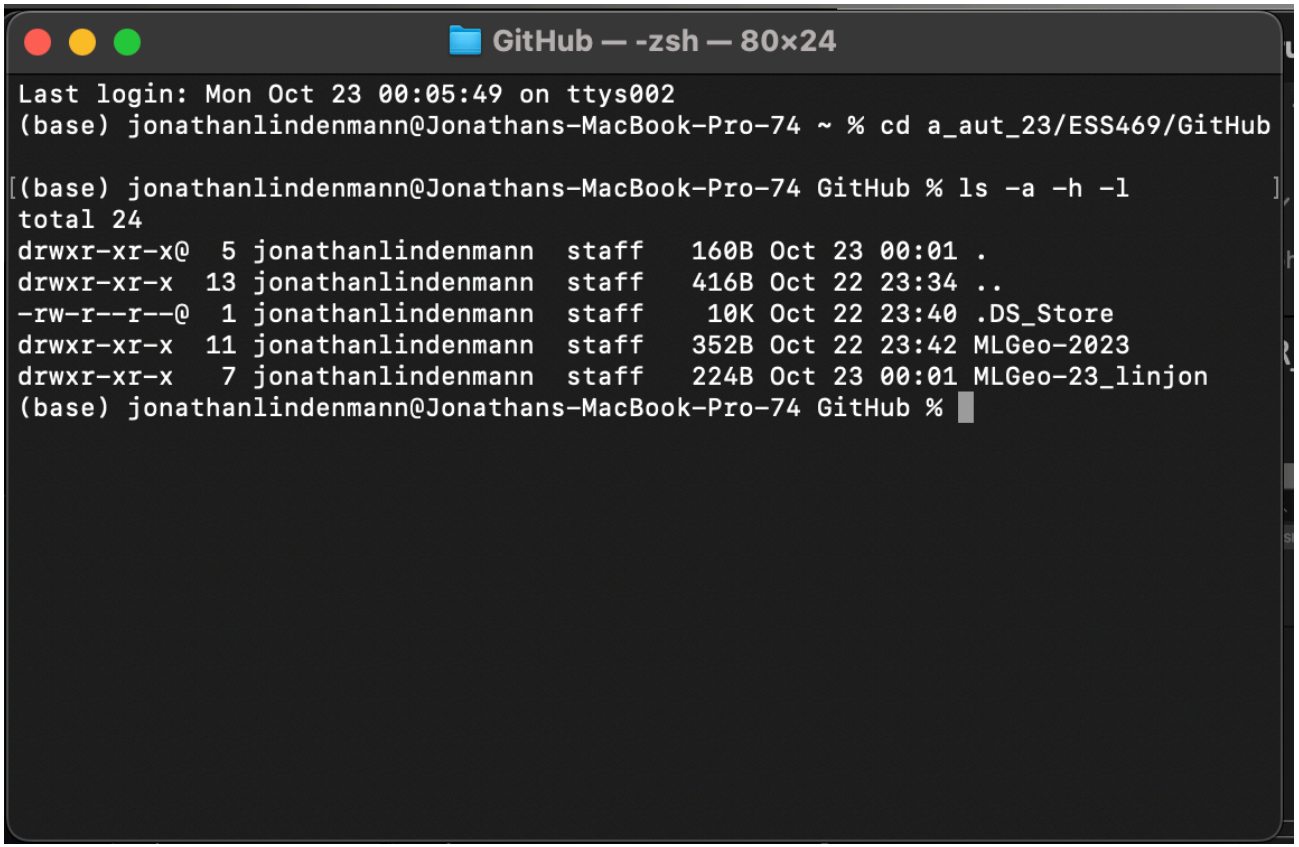
3. With the new fork created, you can now use GitHub Desktop or a command line interface to clone your new fork onto your local system and begin working on it.
   For Mac OS, simply enter the following into the terminal after navigating to the directory you want to clone to:

   ```
   git clone “https://github.com/[YOUR_GITHUB_PAGE]/[YOUR_NEW_NAME_FOR_MY_REPO]”
   ```



In the image above you can see the inputs and outputs in terminal which cloned the MLGeo-23_linjon MAIN repo and the MLGeo-2023 class repo from the UW-ESS-DS GitHub organization into the …/ESS469/GitHub folder shown in the Finder.

You can see below that the GitHub folder now contains the directories (folders) of the two repositories, as well as the .git repos, represented by the '.' and '..':



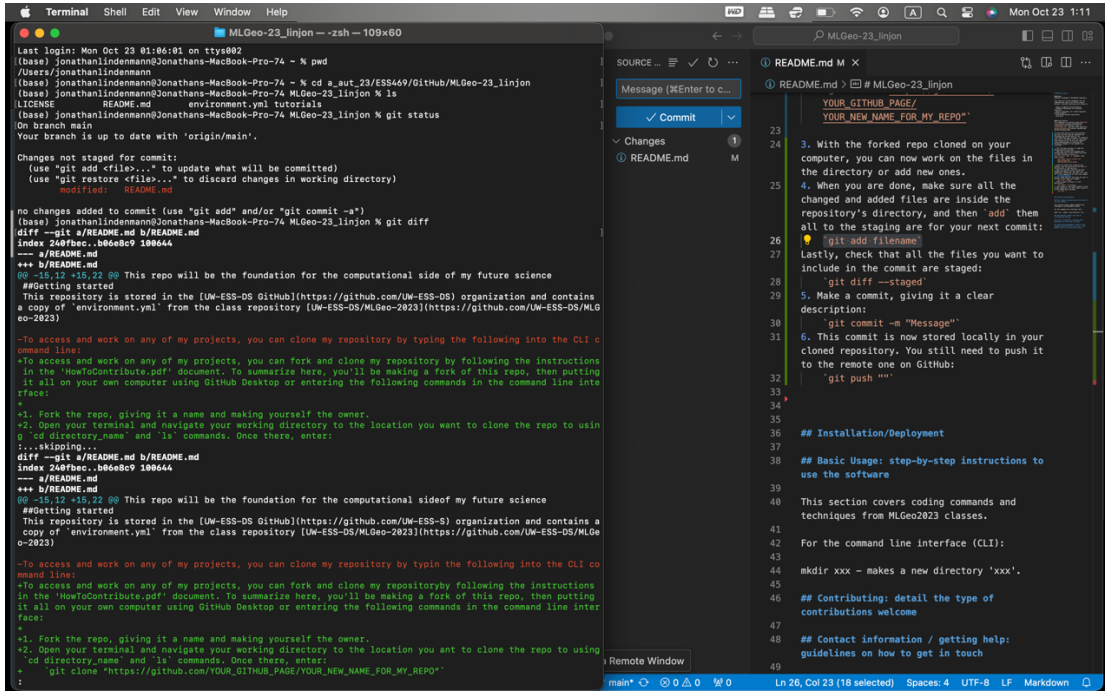
4. Now, you can work on the files in the repository or add new ones. When you are finished, stage and commit them to your clone of your fork, and finally, you can submit a pull request to have your fork merged back into the main repository.
   For example, if I want to work on my readme.md for the main repository, I could work on it in my cloned for on my computer, and when I am finished, I can add it to the staging area for changes to commit to the cloned repository, before then pushing that commit to the remote repository on GitHub. Let's say I've worked on my readme.md a bit in VSCode and saved the file. I can now stage the file:

   Check status and see what the changes are:

   ```
   git status
   ```

   ```
   git diff
   ```

   The image below shows that these commands return the readme.md file as modified and show the changes I made.



Next, we want to stage the changes, and to see what is staged. The only file with changes is the readme file, so:

```
git add README.md
```

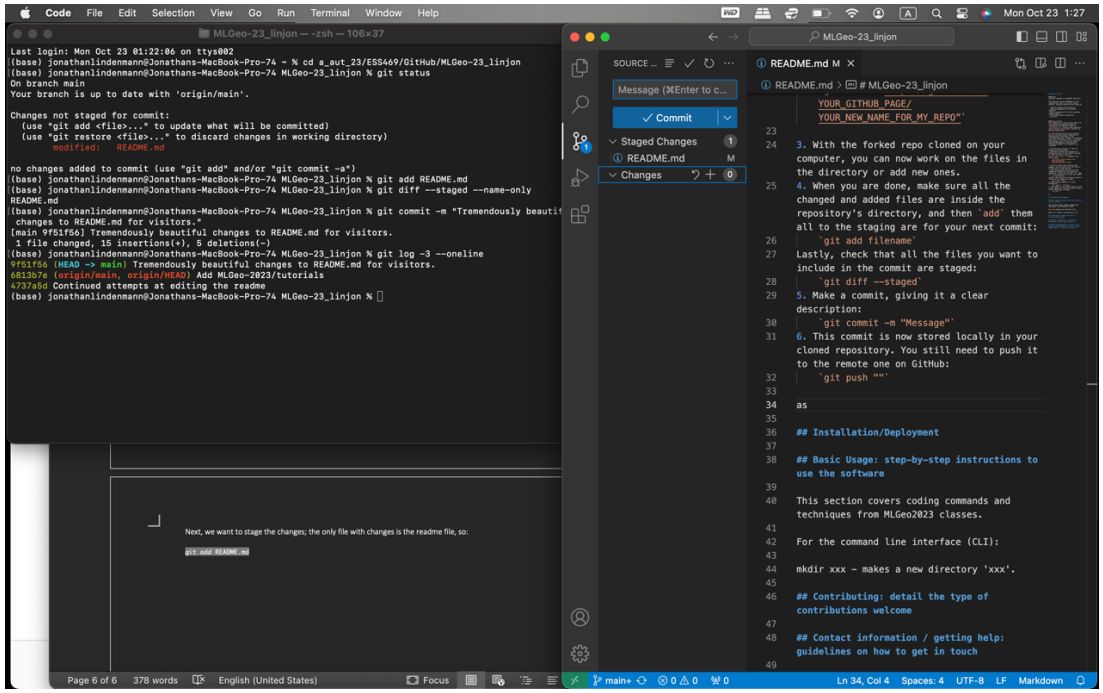
```
git diff --staged –name-only
```

Now we can commit the changes and check if it worked with `git log` :

```
git commit -m “Tremendously beautiful changes to README.md for visitors.”
```

```
git log -3 --oneline
```

The image below shows all these steps in the terminal on the left, with the changes open in the editor on the right. The VSCode UI for the same commit process is visible there:



5. The final step is to push the commit to your remote forked repo on GitHub (you can then go on to create a pull request on GitHub to have the code merged with the main repo). However, it's best to first pull the repo, just in case you are missing some fresh changes on your local version:

```
git pull
```

```
git push
```

Now you've pushed the commits onto Github. And you're all done! See the image below or the final steps in Terminal and the changes reflected on the online Github repository.