

CODING AND GIT

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What will you do?

- Hands-on with git and GitHub
- Prototype a service in Python







Checklist

- Download the material folder on the Moodle website.
- Install Python 3.12 [https://www.python.org/]
- Install an IDE/editor of your choice (e.g., Visual Studio Code [https://code.visualstudio.com/], PyCharm [https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/download/]
- Install Git [https://git-scm.com/downloads]
- Create your GitHub account [http://github.com]
- Set up git with Github [https://docs.github.com/en/get-started/getting-started-with-git/set-up-git#setting-up-git]







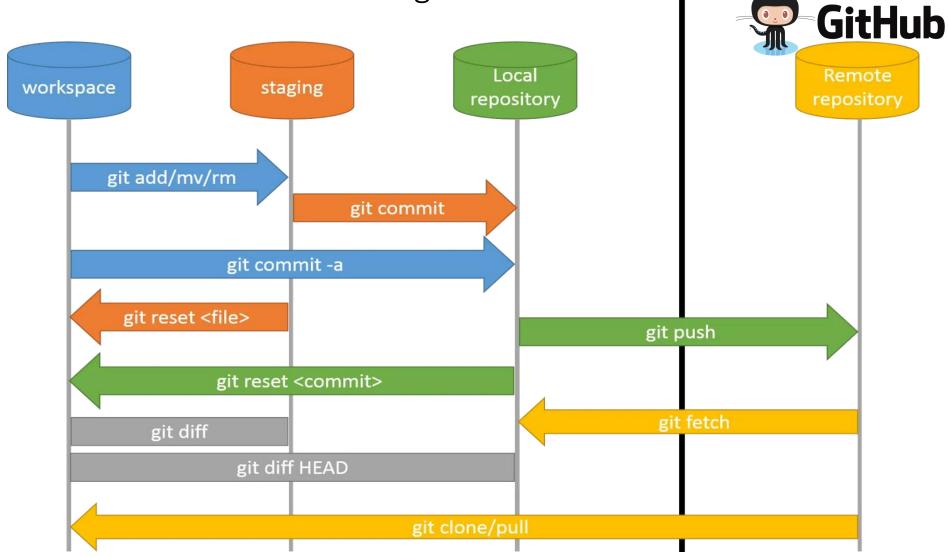




What is git?



Software for distributed code versioning.





How to create a Repo

- Go to github.com and enter with your credentials.
- Repositories are the place where your projects live.
- In the upper-right corner of any page, click + and then New Repository.
- Type a short, memorable name, e.g. ase-lab1-24.
- This repo will be **Public**.
- Initialise it with a README.
- .gitignore template: None.
- Click Create a repository.





How to clone your Repo

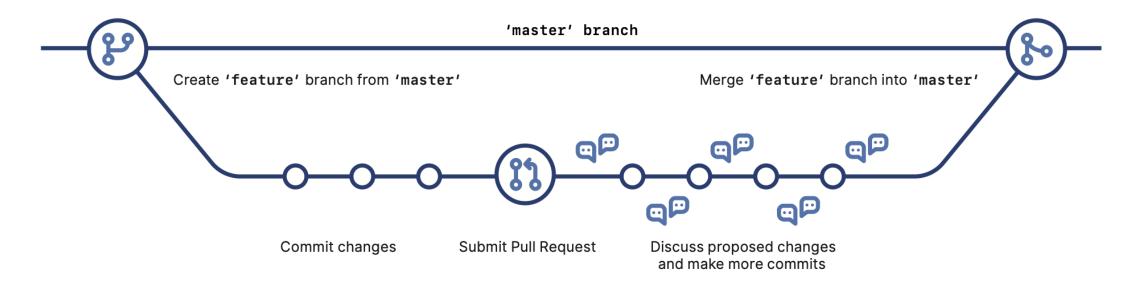
- Open a terminal.
- Move to the directory where you want to store your work (e.g., ASE).
- Use the command git clone [your repo url].
- Move the content of the app folder from the material.zip archive to the project folder. Then:

```
git add *
git commit -m "first commit"
git push
```

Check on the repo website.



GitHub Flow



https://guides.github.com/introduction/flow/



Manage branches

Create a new branch

```
git branch [name_of_your_new_branch]
```

Move to the branch on your local machine

```
git checkout [name_of_your_new_branch]
```

Push it on GitHub

```
git push -u origin [name_of_your_new_branch]
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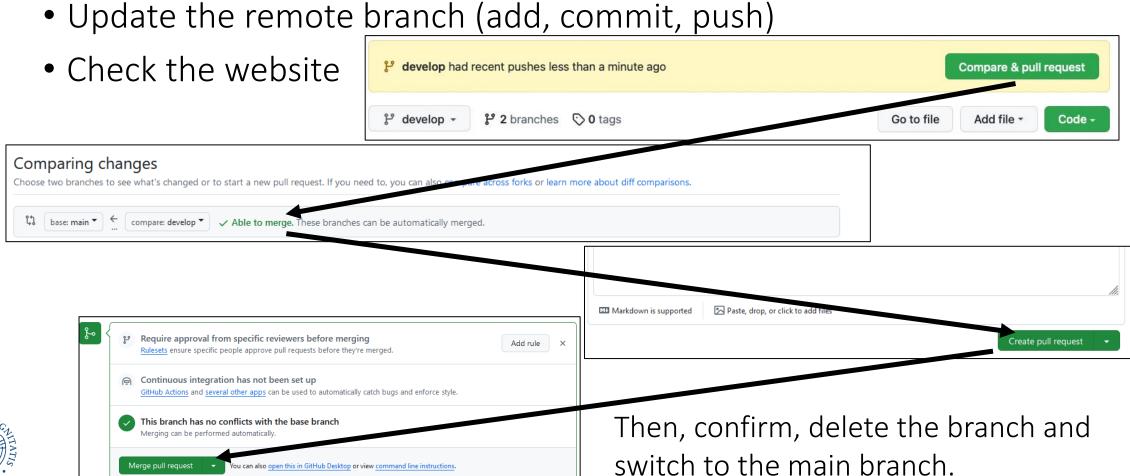
List all branches with

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git branch -a
```



Merge branches

• Create a new file touch pippo.txt





Merge branches

• Note 1: When you use the web interface the changes are not reflected automatically on your local machine.

```
After moving on the main branch, delete locally the other branch. git branch -D [name_of_your_new_branch]
```

• Note 2: What we did via the web interface can also be done with git commands in the terminal.

What happens when two branches cannot be automatically merged?



Before coding with Python – venv

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How to avoid to push the env

In the root folder of your repo create (or modify if it exists) the file named .gitignore

In this file you can specify the files and the folder that will be not considered by git.

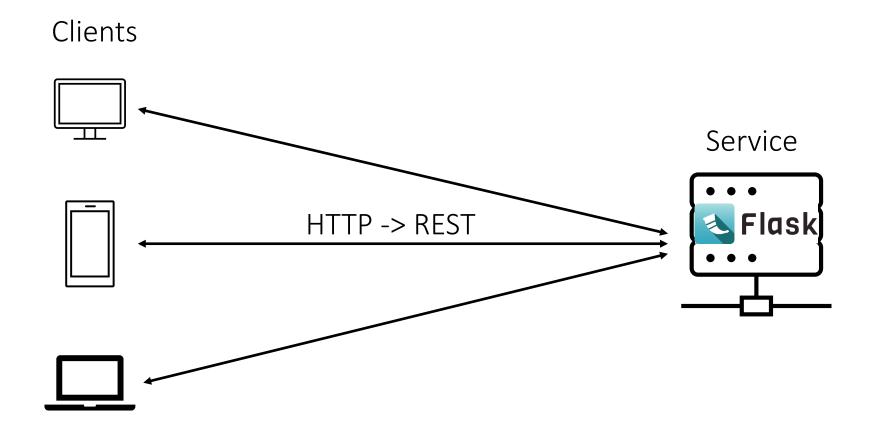
Add the name of the folder you specified as <path> when using venv.

Windows users: activate the option to show hidden files.



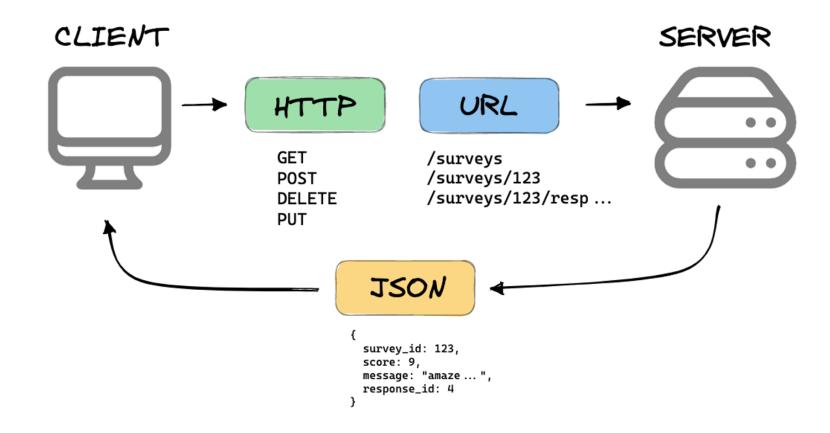
Let's code a web service! - Flask

Flask is a web application (service) framework written in Python.





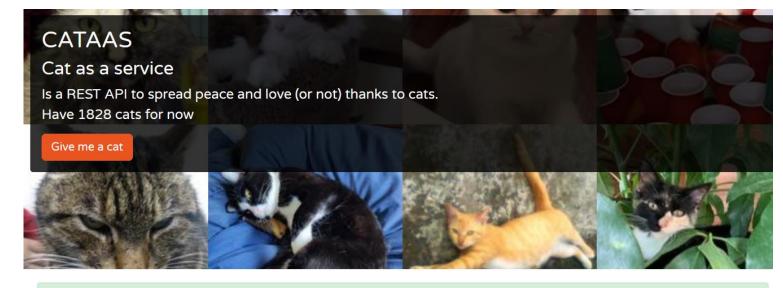
RESTful API





RESTful API example -**CATaaS**

https://cataas.com/



Hey! Do you like Cataas? Do you want to support the project? Buy me a beer 🏗

Hey cat lovers, new major version of cataas:

- Now JSON will returns if request contain application/json header, API doc updated here
- Fix tags search and fix tags combined with "," separator (see documentation)

Basic

Url	Description	Example
/cat	Will return a random cat	Random cat
/cat/:tag	Will return a random cat with a $\pm lag$, You can combine multiple tags with $\pm lag$ separator	Random orange cute cat
/cat/gif	Will return a random gif cat \o/	Random gif cat
/cat/says/:text	Will return a random cat saying :text	Random cat saying hello
/cat/:tag/says/:text	Will return a random cat with a :tag and saying :text	Random cute cat saying hello
/cat/says/:text? fontSize=:size&fontColor=:color	Will return a random cat saying :text with text's :fontSize and text's :fontColor	Custom random cat saying hello



```
6    @app.route('/add')
6    def add() -> Any:
7         a = request.args.get('a', type=float)
8         b = request.args.get('b', type=float)
9         if a and b:
10            return make_response(jsonify(s=a+b), 200) # HTTP 200 OK
11         else:
12         return make_response('Invalid input\n', 400) # HTTP 400 BAD REQUEST
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Python code to generate an HTTP GET response to http://<service_host>/add?a=X&b=Y where X and Y are numbers.



Route: specifies the path (/add) and can specify the HTTP method (default = GET). It is a Flask annotation.

A route is and endpoint part of the REST API of our service.

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Python function that is called when arrives a request for a route.



http://<service_host>/add?a=X&b=Y

Obtaining query string parameters **a** and **b**.





Response to the client, with payload and HTTP code.



How to run a Flask service

From the terminal (inside an activated venv):

- Install the service requirements pip install -r requirements
- Run the service flask run --host=0.0.0.0 --port=5005
 - Now the service will be waiting on any network interface (0.0.0.0) at port 5005.
 - The terminal will log the events of the service, to close the service and take control of the terminal ctrl+C (Command+C).
 - If the 5005 port is used by another service of your system, you can change it.
- Open a browser and visit http://localhost:5005/add?a=30&b=12
 You should see the result of the execution of the code.



Now it's your turn

- 1. Create the repo.
- 2. Create a new branch of your repo.
- 3. Complete the REST API of the app.py by coding the commented routes.
- 4. Merge the branch in the main one.







BONUS STAGE!





Bonus stage

- Add new endpoints to the REST API
 - /upper which given the string a it returns it in a JSON all in uppercase.
 - /lower which given the string a it returns it in a JSON all in lowercase.
 - /concat which given the strings a and b it returns in a JSON the concatenation of them.
 - /reduce which takes the operator op (one of add, sub, mul, div, concat) and a lst string representing a list and apply the operator to all the elements giving the result. For instance, /reduce?op=add&lst=[2,1,3,4] returns a JSON containing {s=10}, meaning 2+1+3+4.
 - /crash which terminates the service execution after responding to the client with info about the host and the port of the service.
 - /last which returns a string representing the last operation requested with success, in the format op(args)=res, e.g. add(2.0,3.0)=5.0 or reduce('add',[2,1,3,4])=10 or rand(1,3)=2. It answers with HTTP code 404 if no operation was performed.

Hint: to do this you have to modify the other endpoints and use a file.





Lab take away

- ☐ Create a GitHub repository
- ☐ Play with git branches
- ☐ Code and run a Python service





Project take away

- ☐ The project will be delivered in a GitHub repository.
- ☐ It will be a service with a REST API.
- ☐ Python language it is not mandatory.



