

Web Services and Applications

Lab 4.03 using packages.

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In this lab we are going to use the package PyGitHub to interact with GitHub

It is easier than making all our own requests.

Install using

Pip install PyGithub

Documentation on this package:

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/introduction.html>

For examples

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples.html>

Full reference

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference.html>

Use your own GitHub account make sure you do not put the token in any code you push.

I suggest that you make a special repository for this lab to interact with, put a text file in the repository called **test.txt**

1. install pyGitHub

```
pip install PyGithub
```

2. Write a python script called lab05.03-githubbymodule.py

3. Test that your pyGitHub works

```
from github import Github
from config import config as cfg

apikey = cfg["githubkey"]
# use your own key
g = Github(apikey)

for repo in g.get_user().get_repos():
    print(repo.name)
```

4. Modify the program to get the clone URL of a repository on your account (you could make a private one just for this if you wish). Put a file in the repository called test.txt

```
g = Github(apikey)

repo = g.get_repo("yourccount/yourrepo")
print(repo.clone_url)
```

5. Get the download URL of the file in this repository called test.txt (make sure that there is a file called test.txt in there)

```
fileInfo = repo.get_contents("test.txt")
urlOfFile = fileInfo.download_url
print(urlOfFile)
```

6. I would comment out the print statements once you are happy the program is working

7. Use the download URL to make a http request to the file can output the contents of the file (TEXT contents).

```
response = requests.get(urlOfFile)
contentOfFile = response.text
print (contentOfFile)
```

8. Append the text more stuff (with a newline character) to the contents of the file.

```
newContents = contentOfFile + " more stuff \n"
print (newContents)
```

9. Update the contents of the file on git up by using the function

`update_file(path, message, content, sha, branch=NotSet, committer=NotSet, auth or=NotSet)`

```
gitHubResponse=repo.update_file(fileInfo.path,"updated by prog",
newContents,fileInfo.sha)

print (gitHubResponse)
```

10. Look at the file on GitHub and confirm that the text was added.

Just make sure you do not push the key to GitHub.

11. Put the key in a file called config.py

```
config = {
    "githubkey" : "github_pat_XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXD"
}
```

12. Add the name config.py to your `.gitignore` file, so that it is not pushed up to your repository

```
# my configuration files
config.py
```

13. Your program does not have your key in it.

```
from config import config as cfg
apikey = cfg["githubkey"]
```