# GitHub Basics Workshop

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### What is Git/GitHub?

- Web-hosting service for code/projects
- Collaborative features
  - Organizations
  - Issue tracking /Bug reports
  - Access control
- Save and publish your code online
  - Documentation
  - Markdown support
  - GitHub Pages
- Version Control

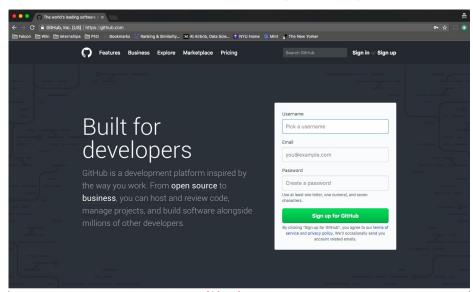


## Why do we need it?

- Helps avoid saving files like Code\_v1.R, Code\_v2.R, Code\_final.R, Code\_final\_final.R, etc.
- Ability to travel back in time!
  - Access code written the past
  - Revert back changes
- Easy way to publish your work online
- To find a job
  - More and more recruiters want to see your code
  - A lot of applications require a link to your GitHub

## Getting started

Create a GitHub account (It's Free!)



www.github.com

Install Git on your computer

#### Terminal (Mac users)

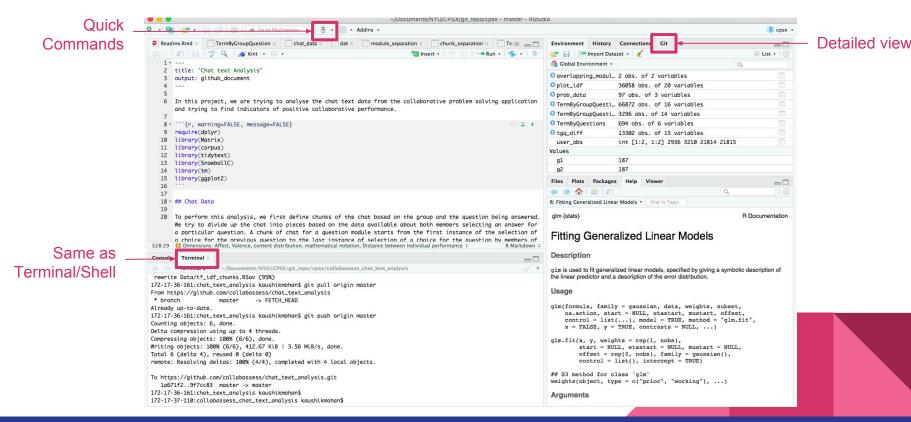
Install Homebrew first
 ruby -e "\$(curl -fsSL
 https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/inst
 all/master/install)"

Install Git using Homebrew brew install git

#### Windows Users

https://gitforwindows.org/

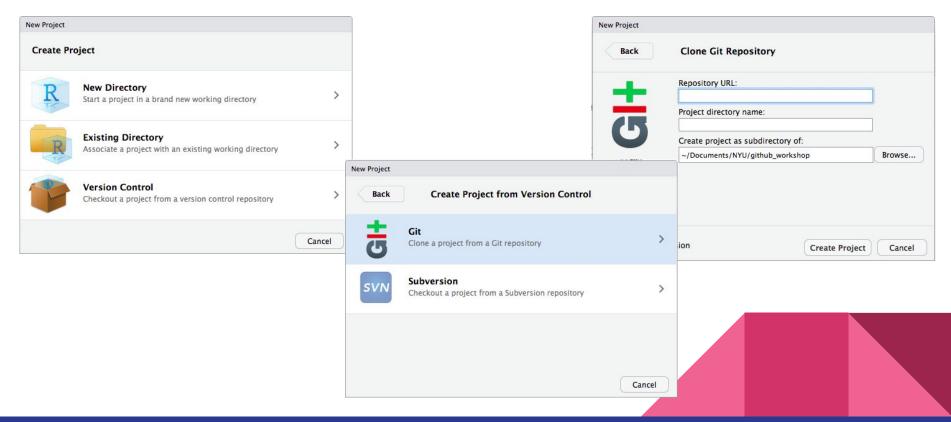
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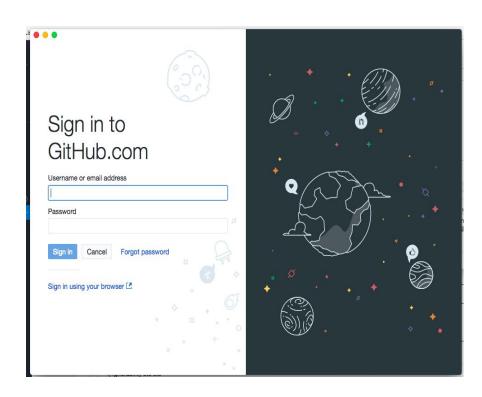
### Platforms- Terminal/Shell

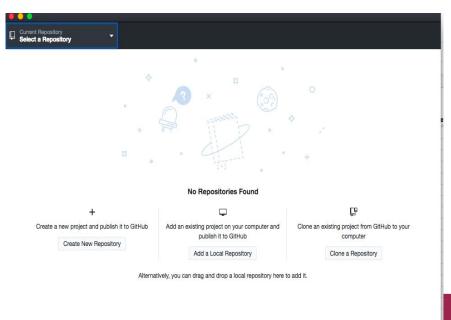
- Setting up the your Git username and emails
  - Credentials by which you code will be saved in git on the machine as well as on GitHub
- Global config
  - This config applies to ALL your repositories
- Setting up username, email, text editor
  - o git config --global user.name "Kaushik Htet"
  - o git config --global user.email "inrazkicks@nyu.edu"
  - o git config –global core.editor "nano -w" *OR* git config –global core.editor "vim" *OR* git config –global core.editor "emacs"

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## Platforms- GitHub Desktop





## Repositories

#### From the terminal:

First basic terminal commands

- *cd* Change directory
- mkdir Make a directory
- Is List contents of the directory
- pwd Print out current directory
- rm Remove a file
- rm -r Remove a folder

You can always do man "the command" to read what the command is about.

As to how to quit after the page show up, write **q** after the full colon: *for nano*, **wq** after the full colon: *for vim* 

## Repositories cont'd

#### From the terminal:

- 1. Go to the directory you want to create a folder
  - a. cd /Users/zarnihtet/Desktop
- 2. Create a directory
  - a. mkdir A3SRocks
  - b. cd A3SRocks
- 3. Initiate a Git repository
  - a. git init
  - b. Add some codes like nano README.md and type in like "Stern sucks!"
  - c. Add in a gitignore file too (More on that later)
    - i. touch .gitignore

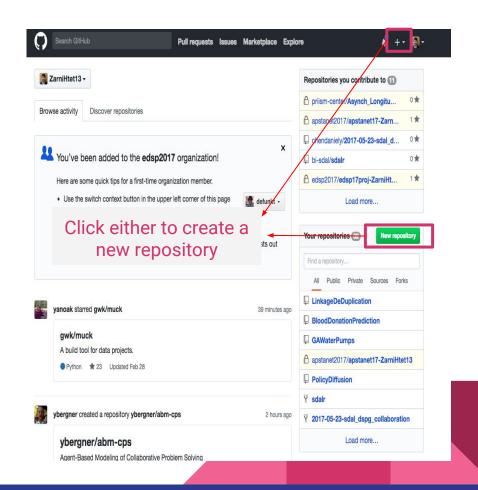
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#### 3. Initiate a Git repository (cont'd)

- git add . (Note: there's a period after add)
- git commit -m "Preliminary Code"

#### 4. Go to github.com

- Create a repo
  - Give it a name
  - Write some short descriptions
- From the initial set up page
  - git remote add origin
     https://github.com/kaushik12/testing.git
  - git push -u origin master

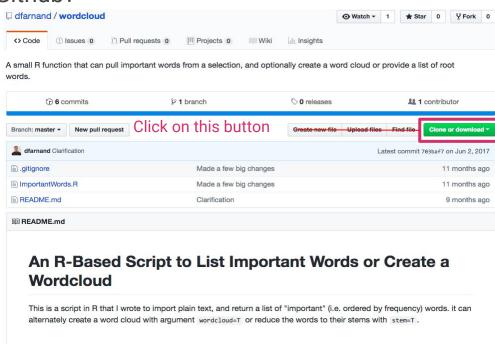


## Repositories cont'd

#### 5. What if you want to get a repo from Github?

- You need to **Clone**
- Go to repo that you want to clone
- Click on Clone or Download
  - Copy the https link
  - Go back to the terminal and the directory where you want to clone, then

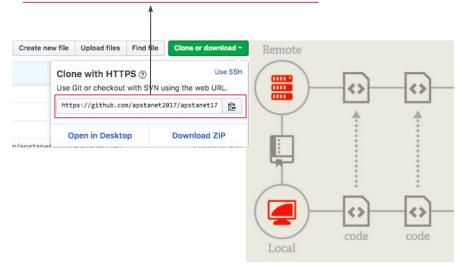
git clone "https://github.com/dfarnand/wordcloud.git"



### **Basic Commands-I**

#### Remote add origin

git remote add origin
"https://github.com/USERNAME/REPOSITORY.git"



#### Status: check overall status of changes made

git status

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172-17-37-110:networks_project kaushikmohan$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is behind 'origin/master' by 2 commits, and can be fast-forwarded.
 (use "git pull" to update your local branch)
Changes not staged for commit:
 (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
        modified:
                   Readme, Rmd
                   code/Data/edge_list.csv
        modified:
        modified:
                   code/Data/page_details.csv
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
       Readme_files/figure-html/
```

### **Basic Commands-II**

Diff: Check differences in your files

git diff filename

## Add: Add files to commit git add filename (to add files individually)

git add filename (to add files individually) git add. (to add all files with changes)

#### Commit: Stage files before pushing

git commit -m "a message about the changes" Make the message meaningful as it would come in handy in the future!

Stash: If you don't want to commit changes and go back to clean working directory git stash

git stash pop (to get back the changes you stashed earlier)

### **Basic Commands-III**

Pull: get the latest updates from the online repo

git pull origin master

Origin: nickname for the remote repository

Master: branch name (more on this later if time

permits)

\*This step is very important when collaborating with

others\*

Push: Update the online repo with your changes

git push origin master

Log: see your recent commits

git log

commit 73fda13f1a4a67e6d1f7bde0c9033c943bed8043 (HEAD -> master)

Author: Kaushik Mohan <kaushik.s.mohan@gmail.com>

Date: Mon Dec 18 20:41:13 2017 -0500

knitted file

commit d9b6b184cd6bb0eef18292bf481b57c21c4a7be2

Author: Kaushik Mohan <kaushik.s.mohan@gmail.com>

Date: Mon Dec 18 20:23:29 2017 -0500

updated Readme.Rmd

Commit number

### Commands to time travel

revert: The command to undo the changes from a previous commit. This adds new history to the project.

git revert [<commit>]

(undo the changes from the specific commit)

[<commit>]: commit number

Step 1: type *git log* to get your commit history

Step 2: select the commit number (associated with the commit message) that you want to revert

Step 3: type git revert < commit number>

### Command to time travel

reset: The riskier command to go track back any changes made. It's a lifesaver but a bit tricky! It undoes the changes without creating a new commit.

git reset filename

(this is the opposite of git add)

git reset [<mode>] [<commit>]

(the main command to reset changes)

mode: --hard, --mixed, --soft

commit: commit number

--hard: resets the working directory and removes any changes in the tracked files since <commit>
Use under extreme circumstances

--soft: resets the HEAD to <commit> and keeps changes in the tracked files since <commit> which can be seen if do *git status* 

## Scenarios (Revert vs. Reset)

Revert Reset

I overwrote a file by mistake, committed and pushed the code. I want to go back to the old version I accidentally committed a file with my password and want to remove the commit

## Key points to remember

- git init -> git remote add
- add -> commit -> pull -> push
- Remember to commit / stash changes
- Add meaningful messages with commits
- Apply caution when using git reset
- Pull updates before you start!
- Make use of projects in RStudio

### Conflicts and resolutions

Markers of conflicts: <<<<<, ======, >>>>>>

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<<<<< HEAD
This is an example file. We are using this file to show conflicts.
======
### K and Z make aa good TEAM
### A3SR is better than STERN!
This is an example file.
>>>>>> 0b1f8570f3c987d0deedc0ac78bfe9843237e22e
```

Remove the markers and retain what is needed. Save, add, commit and push changes normally after that

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### Git++

#### Git LFS

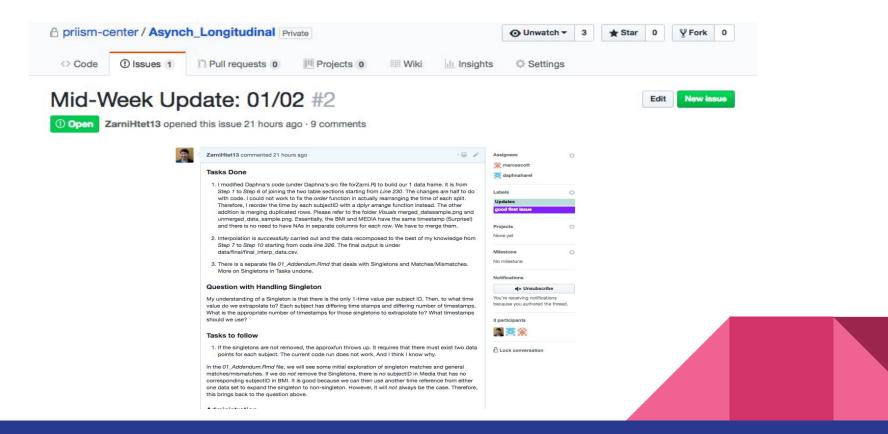
- Large File System (LFS) used for versioning files >50MB
- GitHub provides a 1GB limit for free
- Install Git LFS:
  - https://git-lfs.github.com/
- git Ifs install
- git Ifs track "filename/type"
- git add .gitattributes
- Add, Commit & push normally afterwards

#### .gitignore

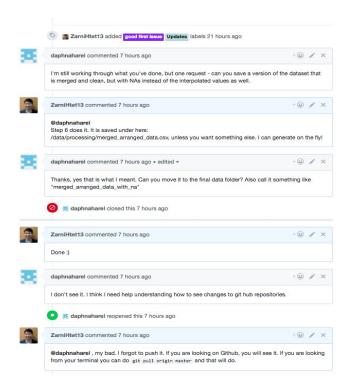
- Tells Git what files/types of files to ignore (i.e: don't monitor changes in)
- Some examples:
  - Packages: \*.7z, \*.dmg, \*.gz, \*.iso, \*.jar, \*.rar, \*.tar,
     \*.zip (good to unzip these and push the content)
  - OS generated files: \*.DS\_Store
  - R: \*.Rproj.user, \*.Rhistory, \*.Ruserdata, \*.RData
  - Python: \*.pyo, \*.pyc
  - Backup files: \*~

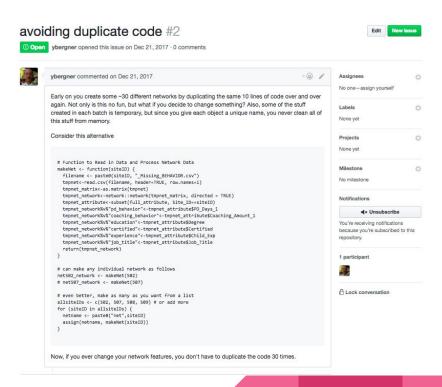


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### GitHub Flavoured Markdown

- Make your RMarkdown files look good on GitHub
  - .html and .pdf files don't display properly on GitHub
  - Easy to publish a .md file directly to GitHub pages
- At the top of RMarkdown file, set
  - output: github\_document
- Unfortunately Math mode doesn't work
  - Equations would have to be inserted as images
  - Use https://www.codecogs.com/latex/egneditor.php

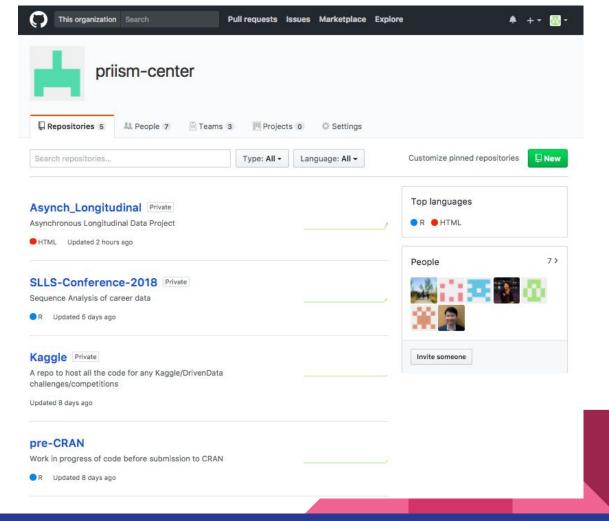
## Best practices

- Create a README file that documents your repository structure
  - What are the different folders? eg: data, src, results, etc.
  - O What does each folder have?
- Check/skim through differences before commit
- Try to follow a good Project template structure as much as possible

ZarniHtet13 Data Switch		Latest commit 9f4abee 2 hours ago
■ Visuals	Data is properly shaped for interpolation function	2 days ago
data	Data Switch	2 hours ago
iii lit	Restructure Marc's Repo	8 days ago
mnotes	Restructure Marc's Repo	8 days ago
output	Restructure Marc's Repo	8 days ago
src src	Clean data pushed	6 hours ag
gitignore	Restructure Marc's Repo	8 days ago
Asynch_Longitudinal.Rproj	Restructure Marc's Repo	8 days ag
README.md	Initial commit	9 days ag

### PRIISM-center

- Private repos for student projects and student-A3SR faculty collaborations
  - Data and code can be kept private to the team
- Easy to publish student work in the future
- We have a repo with tutorials/guides on various topics from last 3 semesters



# Thank you!