**What is GitHub? When was it created? Why? By who? What similar platforms exist? Why would you use such a platform? (Paragraph between 3 and 5 lines)**

GitHub is an open-source platform that makes it easier for people to collaborate on projects. It was created by Linus Torvalds in 2005 for kernel development. Platforms similar to GitHub are CVS, Subversion, and BitKeeper.

**Define the following terms in the context of Git (2 lines maximum for each):**

* Repository – is similar to that of a folder containing all project files
* Commit – a change to something in the repository
* Push – sends changes to repository on GitHub
* Branch – allows for changes to be made without disturbing the main branch until potentially merged
* Fork – a copy of another person’s repository that you can edit without disrupting the original repository
* Merge – combines the changes in one branch with another
* Clone – a copy of a repository that remains on your computer, rather than accessing it solely through GitHub
* Pull – fetches changes that were made on the remote repository to the local one
* Pull request – proposed changes to a repository that can either be accepted or declined

**Editing README.md File Steps:**

1. Went to the link and forked the repository.
2. Then I used git clone <https://github.com/bbenjamin18/courses.git> in terminal to retrieve the file. At this point I was already in my local github repository.
3. I opened the README.md file and added my name, the date, and the time.
4. I did a git add .
5. Then a git commit message.
6. Then I did a git push origin master.
7. Lastly I did a pull request on GitHub.