
Math 4610 Fundamentals of Computational Mathematics - Topic 7.

We will need to communicate through Github for most of the semester. Github is a site where you can store/share all kinds of computational data, programs, and documents. So, in this topic we will go through the process of setting up an account, if you do not already have an account, and set up a repository for the course. Once this is done, we will work with folders and subfolders where you will be able to complete homework and other assignments. More importantly, learning how to create a repository is important.

Get an Account on Github

To create an account on GitHub, go to the Github site on any browser. If you already have an account, you can skip this step.

`https://github.com`

This site will display a place to create an account or sign in to an existing account. If you have an account, sign in. If not, work through creating an account. Accounts for students are free on Github. For instructors and faculty the fee is more than reasonable.

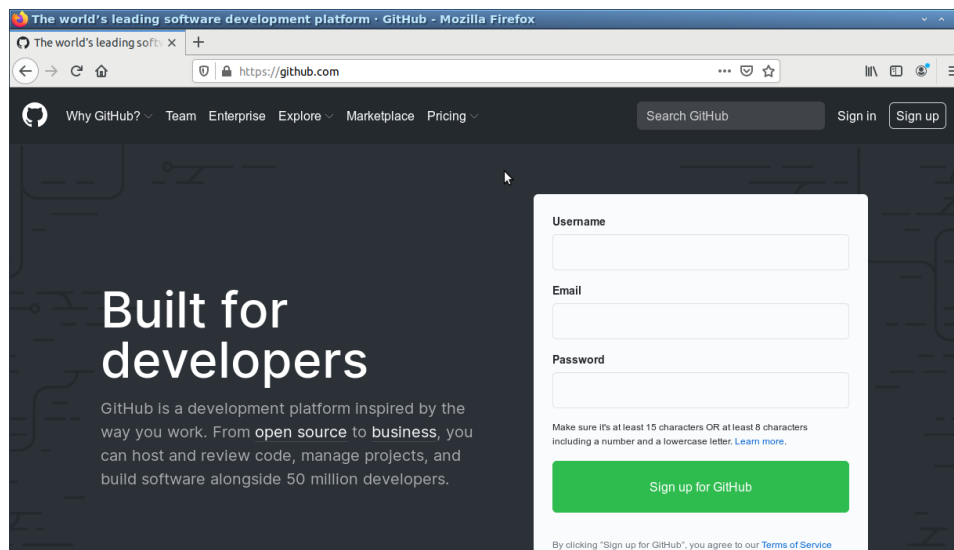


Figure 1: A screenshot of the web page to open an account on Github.

Signing into Github If You have an Account

If you already have an account or have created an account and logged off you will need to be signed in. A screenshot of the Sign In page is shown below.

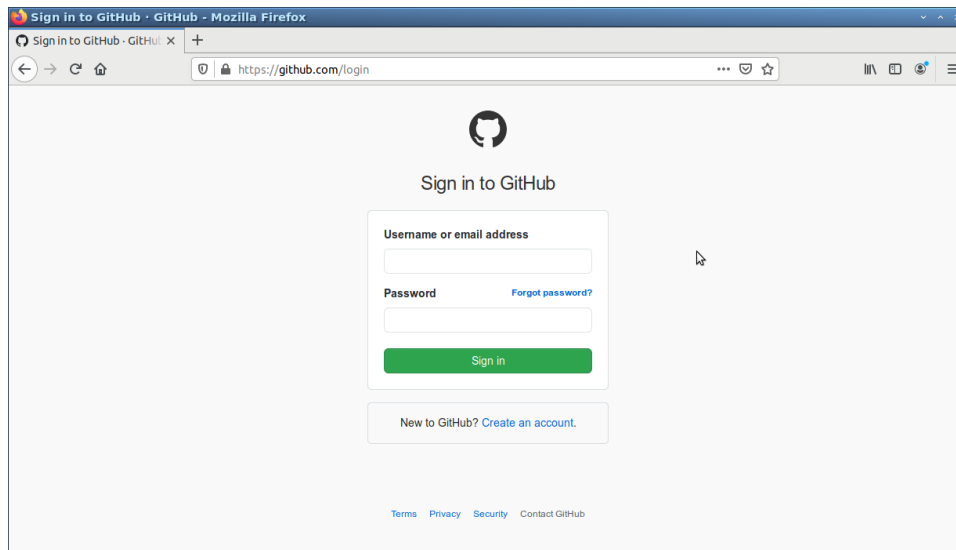


Figure 2: A screenshot of the sign-in page to access your Github account.

The following figure shows the fields filled in to get access to your Github account.

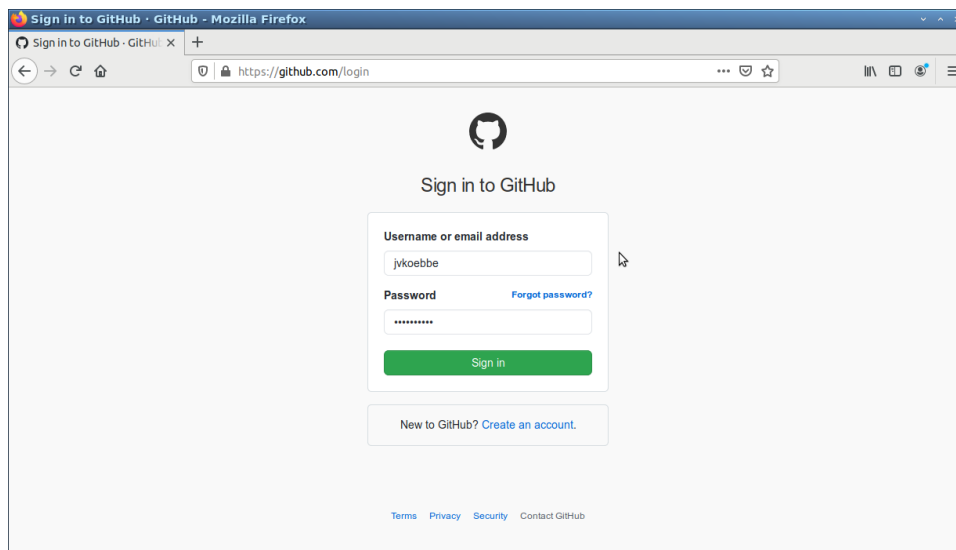


Figure 3: The sign-in window for Github with required fields filled in.

Navigating the Github Home Page

Once you log in, you will see a home page that looks like that in the figure below. In the example, the instructor's page has a bunch of repositories for various reasons. There is already a repository for this course, Math 4610. The notes, assignments, and other information is all stored and shared from this repository. The name of the repository is, math4610. Note that on the homepage for the site, there is a link, jvkoebbe/math4610. If you click on the link the browser will display the main page for the course. Note that you can move around the site by clicking on links or through menu terms in the tool bar at the top.

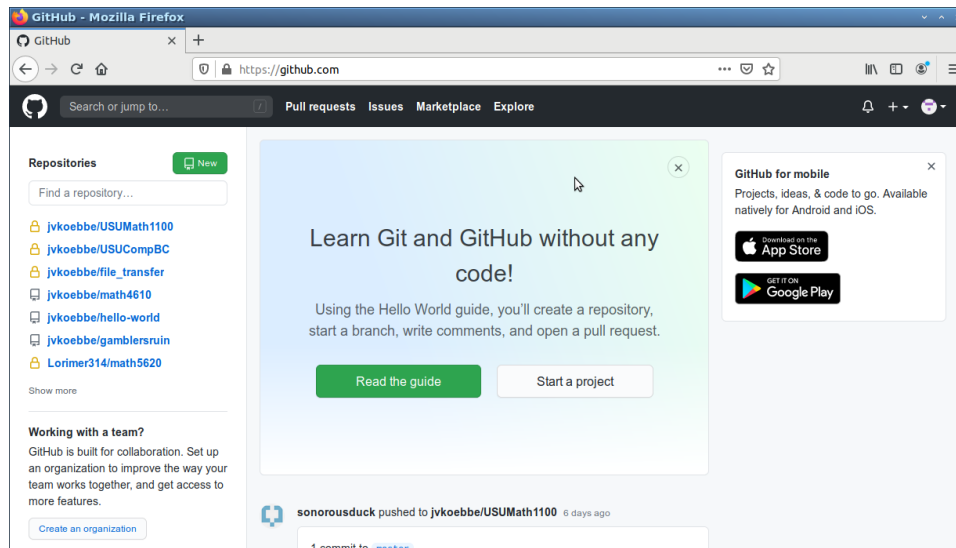


Figure 4: Home page for the instructor's Github account.

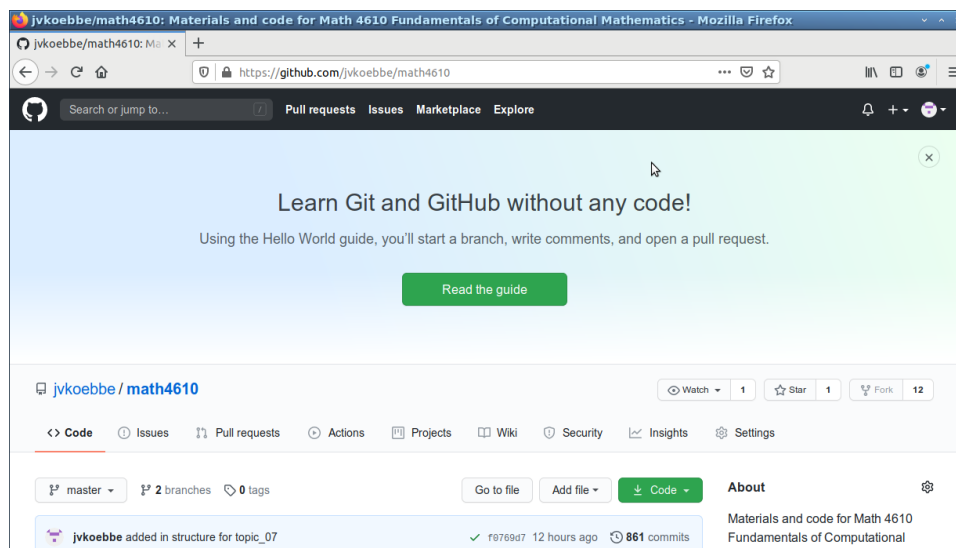


Figure 5: Math 4610 main page for the instructor's Github account. This page provides access to all course materials

Creating Your Own Repository for the Class

With the home page up and running on your Github page, you will need to create a repository to work on homework and other assignments. There is a hard and fast rule that you will need to observe on the repository. To minimize the amount of work in grading, you must name your repository the following:

`math4610`

Use only the 8 characters above and obey the following rules:

1. Use only lower case characters - github is case sensitive.
2. Do not put any blanks or other characters in the name of the repository.

Note that the instructor will use only this repository name in looking for your homework and other assignments.

How to Create a Repository

To build a repository, click on the + button in the upper right hand corner of the window and click on the New Repository item at the top of the drop down menu.

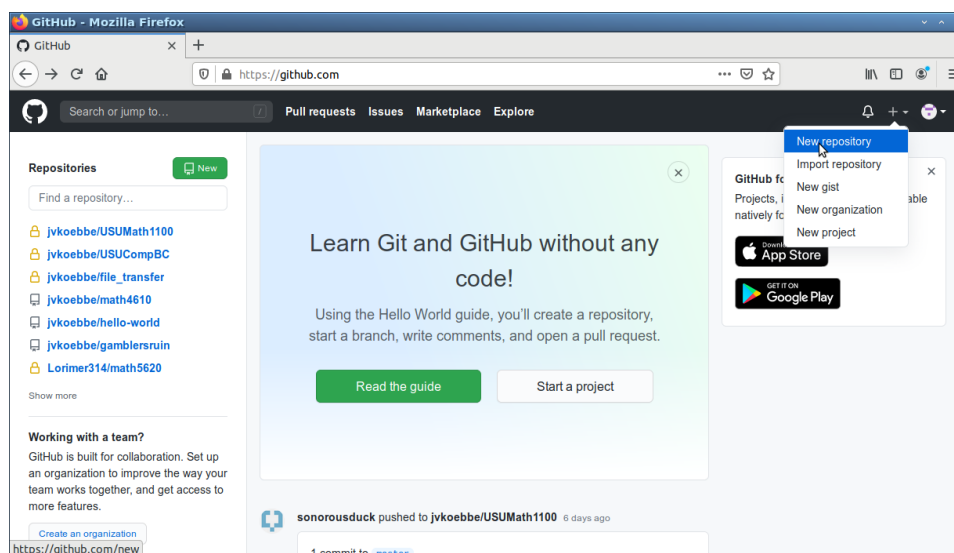


Figure 6: Starting a new repository for the course.

Start Page for a Generic New Repository.

After clicking on the New Repository item the following generic start page for the repository will appear. You should also see your user name under the Owner text box. The second figure below shows the same page with appropriate information. The information includes the name of the repository (temp_repo) for this example, a brief description, the Private radio button filled in, and finally a check put in to create a README file to start.

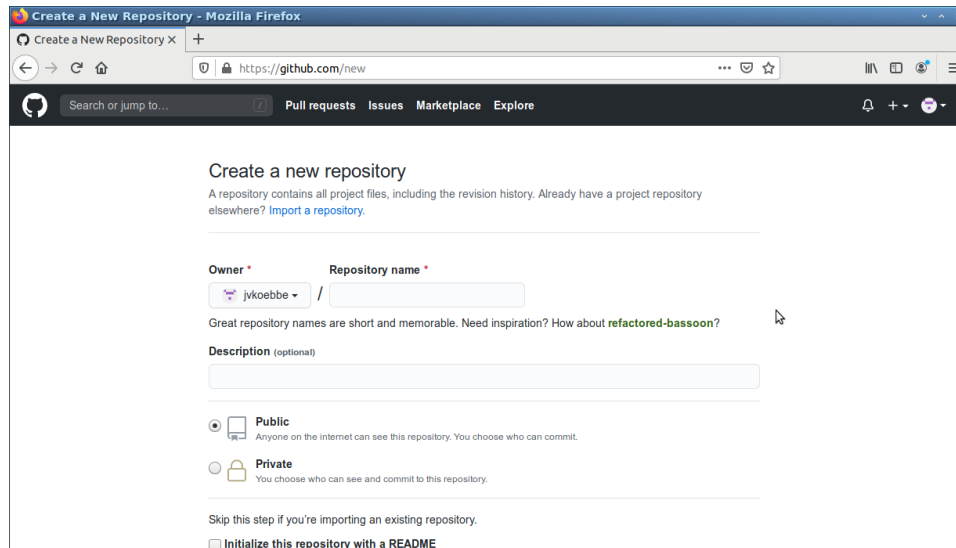


Figure 7: The generic start page for creating a repository.

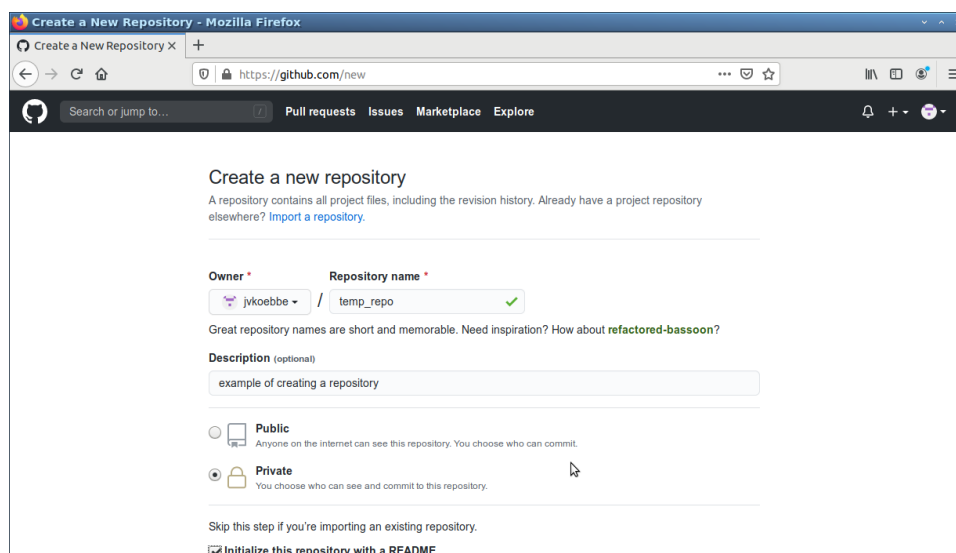


Figure 8: Page showing the information for the new repository being created.

The Last Step in Building a Repository.

The final thing to do in the creation of a repository is to click on the green commit button at the bottom of the page. There are a couple of notes to keep in mind in creating the repository. First, the repository in the example is not named math4610 - as yours should be. Since there is already a repository with that name, a different name has been chosen. Once the Create repository button has been clicked the repository is now available.

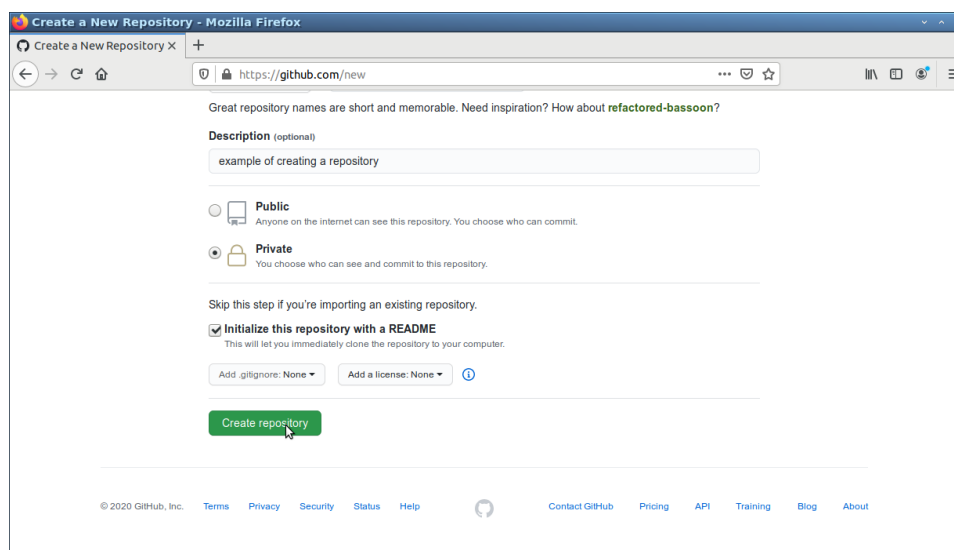


Figure 9: Making the final commitment to create the repository.

Deleting a Repository.

It is relatively difficult to delete/remove a repository. You have to actually answer some questions before this is done. The temporary repository that was created in this topic will now be deleted. If you have created a repository with the correct name, math4610, you do not need to do this step. If you used a different name, you may want to follow along. First, navigate to the location of the offensive repository, temp_repo. You should see the page shown in the first figure below. Then click on the Settings tool in the tool bar for the repository see the second figure below.

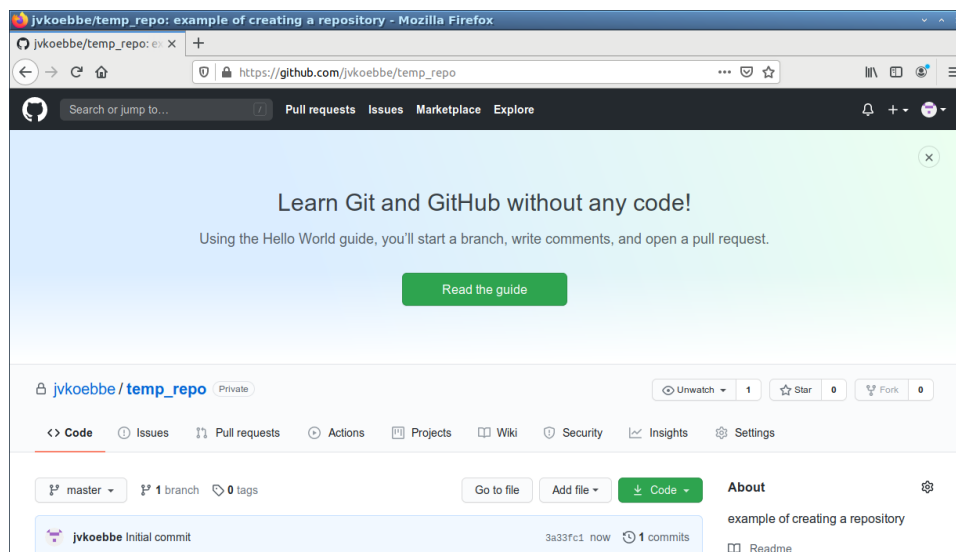


Figure 10: Newly minted temporary repository to be deleted.

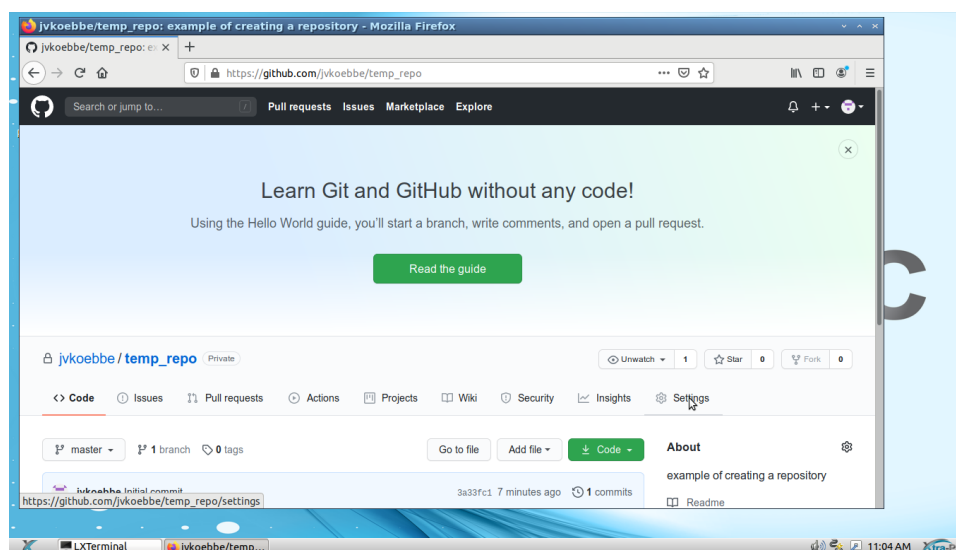


Figure 11: Click on the Settings in the tool bar.

Deleting the repository.

The Settings page will pop up as shown in the first figure below. Scroll to the bottom of the Settings page. When you click on the delete button a popup window will appear with a final check.

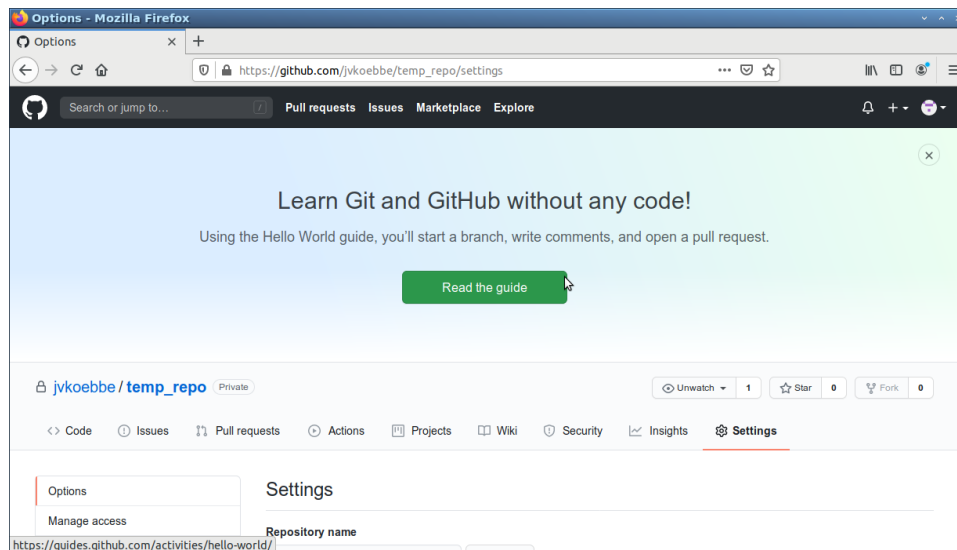


Figure 12: The Settings page for the repository.

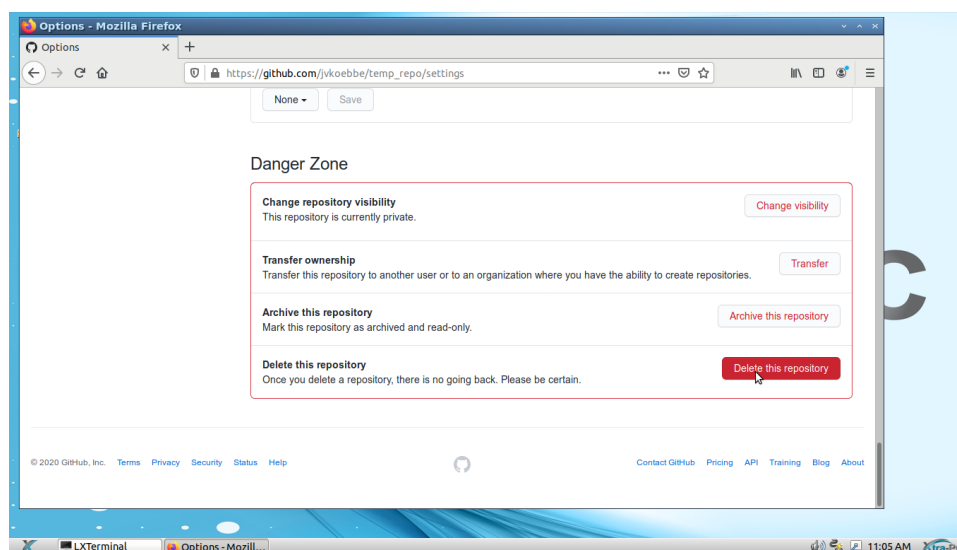


Figure 13: Click on the Delete this Repository button in the lower right hand corner in the Danger Zone section.

The Final Step in Deleting a Repository.

To make the change permanent, you need to enter the name of the repository into the text box on the popup and then click on the “I understand the consequences...” button in order to finalize the deletion. Once this has been completed there is absolutely no way to retrieve a repository on Github. If you are using git to work on repositories locally on your computer, the local version of the repository will not be deleted. We will see how to work with git in topic for the course within the next few lectures.

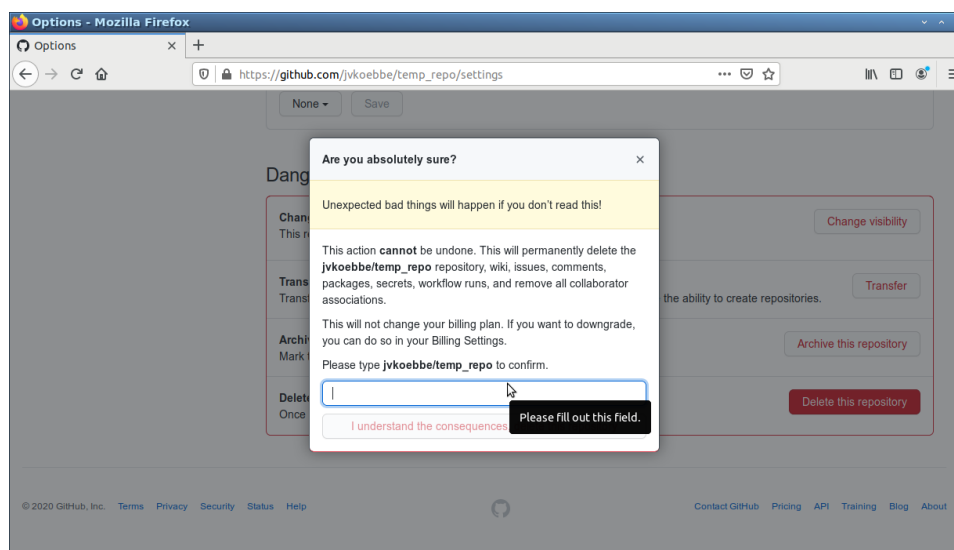


Figure 14: Click on the Delete this Repository button in the lower right hand corner in the Danger Zone section.